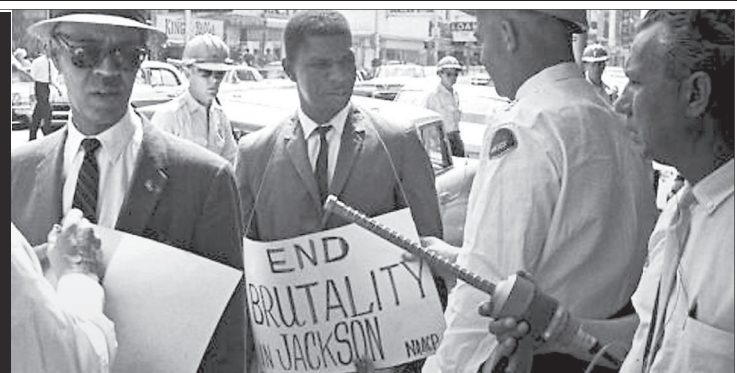


When you hate, the only person that suffers is you because most of the people you hate don't know it and the rest don't care.

— Medgar Evers —



“After Medgar, no more fear!”

You are guilty, regardless of what you think

A Mississippi-produced great organizer, the state’s first NAACP field secretary

By Ayesha K. Mustafaa
Special to The Mississippi Link

MEDGAR WILEY EVERS, a Native Son, martyred June 12, 1963, gave rise to the phrase: “After Medgar, no more fear!”

The river ran deep in Medgar’s DNA, and he absorbed into his own being his people’s living and suffering. He was appalled by the poverty, the destitution surrounding the African-American population in rural Mississippi.

Born in Decatur, Mississippi, in 1925 to James and Jessie Evers, when he was 12 years old, a family friend was lynched and his bloody clothes left hanging on a fence as a sign of intimidation. (Medgar Evers College/CUNY archives 1970)

He joined the army at age 17 and was sent to the European battlefields of World War II. In Europe, he experienced the same racism with segregated field battalions, just as he’d left in Mississippi.

After three years of “distinguished military service,” he was honorably discharged and went back to complete his high school education. Afterwards he enrolled at Alcorn College (University), majoring in business administration.

He met his life partner Myrlie Beasley at Alcorn; they married Dec. 24, 1951. Soon they moved to Mound Bayou, Mississippi – a town with the distinction of tracing its origin to freed African Americans coming out of Davis Bend, Mississippi.

The area Davis Bend was started by planter Joseph E. Davis in 1820 – the elder brother of confederate president Jefferson Davis.

The all-black town, Mound Bayou in the Yazoo Delta of Northwest Mississippi, was established in 1887. There were 12 pioneers who survived falling agriculture prices, natural disasters along with hostile race relations. Yet it was a township “promised to African Americans” where the residents showed a love for self-help, race pride, looking for economic opportunities and social justice.

Think of this environment feeding into the soul of Medgar. It was a “self-segregated community designed for blacks to have minimum contact with whites until integration was a viable option to black freedom.” (<https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/mound-bayou-1887/>)

Experiencing this life fed Ed-



gar’s discontent which drove him to join the NAACP. While Medgar accomplished much, his true measure is only seen by tallying up the years of “overcoming” and preparation to see his full greatness.

In 2013, the Mississippi State Conference of the NAACP presented “The Life and Legacy of Medgar Evers.” This was the 50-year commemoration of the assassination of the “most noted Civil Rights Leader.”

The fate that sealed him in our memories occurred June 12, 1963, shortly after midnight when he pulled into his driveway in Jackson, stepped out of his Oldsmobile carrying a package of shirts that read “Jim Crow Must Go.”

A sniper’s bullet hit Medgar in the back, the only way a coward would shoot a great man. His wife Myrlie rushed out of their house to find her husband bleeding in the driveway. He was taken to University Hospital’s emergency room where he died within the hour. He was 37 years old.

Medgar had lived the experiences of several lifetimes and accomplished great feats in courage. He knew and lived with danger; he knew what he was facing. He knew people like the sniper who fired that single shot from a high-powered rifle that kept him “forever young.”

Perhaps the great injury was that it took 30 more years – almost the stretch equal to Medgar’s lifetime – to bring the Ku Klux Klan member to justice. Remember, there is no statue of limitation on murder.

As the field secretary for the NAACP in the most racist deadly states in the Union – Ground Zero Mississippi – Medgar led boycotts on white-owned businesses that refused service to Black customers. Messing with people’s money is always dangerous.

According to the Medgar Evers College (CUNY) archive, Medgar’s “organizational skills allowed him to bring together isolated groups of disillusioned individuals and meld them into a unified force.”

He held voter registration drives for the state’s black residents – knowing that others had been murdered for pushing for equal rights of African Americans. In the Medgar Evers College archives (City University of New York 1970), it is written:

He knew you could be killed in Mississippi simply for “being black” (eg Emmett Till), yet he took on the task and filled the role to represent his people. Myrlie said that Medgar was “constantly aware that he could be killed at any time.” Earlier in the year 1963, the Evers home was fire-bombed. Yet, he continued on the task.

He was in the struggle to overturn segregation of public spaces – no more WHITES ONLY anything. He was a magnet for hostile attention from White supremacists, according to Myrlie moving him up to No. 1 on the “Mississippi to-kill list.”

But Medgar openly talked

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By Emmitt Hayes, Jr.
Guest Writer



The New York Fraud case fined \$355 million plus interest. Guilty.

Defamation and Sexual Assault. Guilty. Now, the Hush Money Trial, 34 counts, Guilty.

There are at least 3 more cases to go and he says he is innocent. He has even convinced many of his supporters that this is all political. Many of his supporters know he is lying but they still support him this man who shows over and over again his propensity to commit crimes.

As the old song goes, “What Kind of Fool Do You Think I Am?”

Let’s quickly examine the sycophants and supporters who help to perpetuate this dangerous criminal’s success in his politics. So, as human beings perceive reality, we receive raw data, and use cues presented of how to interpret the data. We filter these cues through our values, beliefs, attitudes, paradigms, language, philosophies, that we get from family, education, religion, peers, environments, age, talent, birth order, geography and so on...Then we make assumptions based on this filtering process, resulting in behavior or how we respond to the data.

So, many of us do not have the exact same experiences and education so the filtering is different. Simply put, a left-handed person will see a baseball flying toward home plate differently than a right-handed person. Then they react to the pitch. Got it?

Now, Criminal thinking styles are used in the criminal justice system to help address how to help a criminal change behavior. To know what to change you must first work to understand the thinking.

A scale adapted from the Psychological Inventory of Criminal Thinking Styles, developed by Glenn Walters; Walters (2013), is a standard in understanding the thought processes and crimi-

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nal thinking errors. Examine this sample of the scale which relates to criminal thinking:

- May have a simplistic world view (strong or weak)
- They try to control their surroundings by dominating activities and people, to counteract their feelings of impotence or powerlessness.
- Motivated by immediate gratification and interpersonal control
- External control – (power)
- Internal control (self-discipline); they put themselves in an “up” position and feel better about themselves by putting another person down.
- When people get away with most of their crimes they can engage in a criminal lifestyle for months, sometimes years, before experiencing the negative consequences of their lifestyle.
- An attitude of invulnerability develops due to escaping the physical, psychological, and legal consequences of habitual criminality.
- They convince themselves that they will escape consequences.
- However, this only makes their eventual fall that much more dramatic.
- They distort their thinking to deny behavior is self-destructive and/or harmful.
- Rather than making excuses because of perceived injustices (mollification), instead sentimentality involves justifying their actions by emphasizing the positive things they have done.
- When these elements of behavior are applied to Donald J. Trump and his followers, understanding the behavior, the comradery behind criminal behavior is explained. While there are still more court dates for Trump, the Republicans have disregarded years of the law and order foundation they have stood on.
- They now are attacking the very law and order they say they stand for but you have to still ask, “What Kind of Fool Do You Think I Am?”

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Preserve your natural teeth with these tips

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HOPE expands executive leadership team

Positioning for growth, HOPE adds Chief Program Officer and Chief Digital & Technology Officer

Mississippi Link Newswire

HOPE (Hope Credit Union, Hope Enterprise Corporation and Hope Policy Institute), one of the nation's leading community development financial institutions, announces the appointments of Chloe Dotson as Chief Program Officer and Gopal Narasimhan as Chief Digital & Technology Officer.

As Chief Program Officer, Chloe Dotson leads HOPE's Community and Economic Development (CED) team, which focuses on strengthening community infrastructure that increases economic mobility, affordable housing, healthcare and education. The CED team places a priority on collaborating with anchor institutions in under-resourced communities such as local municipalities, nonprofit organizations and Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Dotson has had both domestic and international work experience. In her previous role as the Director of Planning and Development for the city of Jackson, MS, Dotson led and managed a 150-person planning and development team to implement and update the city's comprehensive plan. She also served as the Director of Real Estate Development for Come Dream Come Build (CDCB) in Brownsville, TX where she advanced affordable housing opportunities in communities along the U.S. and Mexico border.



Dotson

"I have admired HOPE's work for quite some time," said Dotson. "I share the organization's commitment to expanding economic opportunity throughout the Deep South and look forward to contributing to this critically important work."

Gopal Narasimhan will lead HOPE's Data & Analytics, Information Technology and Strategic Technology teams. He comes to HOPE following a distinguished career of nearly two decades at FedEx where he held multiple roles within revenue management, marketing, product and data. Most recently, he served as Vice President, Product at FedEx Dataworks, where he created new revenue streams and transformed internal functions through innovative digital solutions. Over his tenure, Gopal's leadership across industry verticals, sensor based logistics, FedEx logistics and emerging markets have been key success factors in driving significant business growth for FedEx globally. Prior to his tenure at FedEx, he worked as an IT consul-



Narasimhan

tant and architect in the US, Germany and Singapore.

"In today's world, data and digital have the ability to change the trajectory of people's lives" said Narasimhan. "The ability to leverage technology with HOPE, to change outcomes in local communities is a once in a lifetime opportunity."

The executives bring vital capacity to HOPE's executive leadership team that fortify the organization for continued growth and impact.

"Opportunities to drive investment, and advance strategies that improve lives, strengthen infrastructure, and advance climate resiliency in historically under resourced communities have never been greater," said HOPE CEO Bill Bynum. "Chloe Dotson and Gopal Narasimhan bring to HOPE vital expertise and experience as we seize this moment by empowering thousands of families to reach their potential, and accelerating progress toward a Deep South economy that works for everyone."

Metro Jackson unites to help eliminate heart disease and stroke in women

The American Heart Association

This year, more than 500 people dressed in red will attend the Metro Jackson's 20th annual Go Red for Women Health and Wellness Expo/Luncheon to honor survivors, celebrate advancements in heart health and chart a new course toward a world free of cardiovascular disease, which claims the lives of 1 in 3 women.

The event will be held at the Jackson Convention Center Friday, June 7, from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and features a Health & Wellness Expo followed by a Heart Healthy Lunch, Woman of Impact Recognition, Open Your Heart Presentation, and Survivor Fashion Show.

One hundred years after its founding, the American Heart Association, devoted to a world of longer, healthier lives for all, looks to its premier women's movement, Go Red for Women®, to help usher in a second century of pioneering progress towards health equity for women.

"I chose to support this campaign to celebrate the progress we've made over the last 20 years, but more importantly, to inspire the Metro Jackson community to demand more," said Debra McGee, Metro Jackson Go Red for Women chair and Senior Vice President and Director of Minority Business Development at BankPlus.

"But we can't do it alone," she continued. "It's time to make



Debra McGee, Senior VP BankPlus

bold moves and support innovative solutions for women's cardiovascular health. Go Red for your mother, your daughter, your friends and yourself. Because when we come together, we can motivate, educate, support and help save each other."

Since 2004, the Go Red for Women movement has addressed the awareness and clinical care gaps of CVD (cardiovascular disease) for women. As the movement celebrates 20 years of making an impact, the association calls on all women to take charge of their health and make a lasting impact on the health and well-being of their community.

"Whether it's learning CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation), joining Research Goes Red, knowing your own risk factors, having an honest conversation with your doctor, or empowering another woman to prioritize her own health and well-being, there are so many ways to create a legacy of health

in our families and our community," said Jennifer Hopping, executive director, American Heart Association.

"Go Red for Women is here for women's health and well-being at every age, stage and season of their lives," she continued. "And by coming together and supporting the women in our community, we can make a lasting impact."

As women grow and change so does their risk for cardiovascular disease. CVD is the leading cause of death in women, claiming more lives than all cancers combined. Nearly 45% of women over age 20 are living with some form of CVD. In fact, it's the leading cause of maternal death in the U.S., or more simply put, heart disease is the No. 1 killer of new moms and pregnancy-related deaths are on the rise.

Yet, younger generations of women, Gen Z and Millennials, are less likely to be aware of their greatest health threat, including knowing the warning signs of heart attacks and strokes. That's why it's important for all women to take charge of their heart health and encourage others to do the same.

Go Red for Women is nationally sponsored by CVS Health.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, contact Katherine Byrd, Go Red director at katherine.byrd@heart.org or visit heart.org.JXNGoRed.

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about why he lived in Mississippi, writing a magazine article to that effect in 1958. He said, "It may sound funny, but I love the South. I don't choose to live anywhere else. There is room here for my children to play and grow and become good citizens - if the white man will let them." (NPR June 12, 2023)

The NPR tribute explained that Medgar applied to law school at the all-white University of Mississippi (Ole Miss) and was denied.

The year before his death, Medgar was instrumental in getting accepted into Ole Miss, James Meredith, who applied in October 1962 and had to be "guarded 24 hours a day by U.S. deputy marshals and army troops. Still a riot of angry white men broke out with two people being killed."

Medgar was remembered in the words of Bob Dylan in tribute at the Newport Folk Festival in 1963, "Only a Pawn in Their Game." Dylan later performed the song at the 1963 March on Washington led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dylan's point was "the sniper" was the "pawn;" there were many other guilty hands. His song pointed to and indicted the guilty "system." The sniper was white supremacist Byron de la Beckwith, whose fingerprints were found on a gun at the murder scene.

De la Beckwith was tried by all-white juries twice in the mid-1960s, and both times jurors failed to convict him. "On Feb. 5, 1994, a racially mixed jury found him guilty of the murder of Medgar and sentenced him to life imprisonment where he died of heart failure in 2001.

A decade+1 years later and still our beloved Mississippi native son is unmatched in his organizing skills (there were no computers, no cell phones, no social media). He organized, motivated and activated "the old fashion way" - man-to-man, woman-to-woman, church-to-church and plenty of shoe leather and hours on the clock.

At that 50-year celebration, June 12, 2013, the late Civil Rights activist Vernon Jordan said: "All this change you see in Mississippi is a tribute to Medgar's sacrifice and service and courage and smarts."

The late former Governor of Mississippi William Winter said, "What he (Medgar) did freed us white folks as well as black folks."

Sixty-one years later and we still remember and appreciated how Medgar planned, organized and enacted events aimed at restoring freedom and dignity to all African Americans impacted by Jim Crow laws, racist humiliations and as Medgar's is a testament - murderous rage.

At the 2013 tribute, Medgar's beloved widow Myrlie Evers-Williams closed the tribute simply saying, "We love you, Medgar." We all - as Gov. Winter said, blacks and whites owe Medgar with so much more than we can repay.

So, we too want to say, "We love you Medgar."



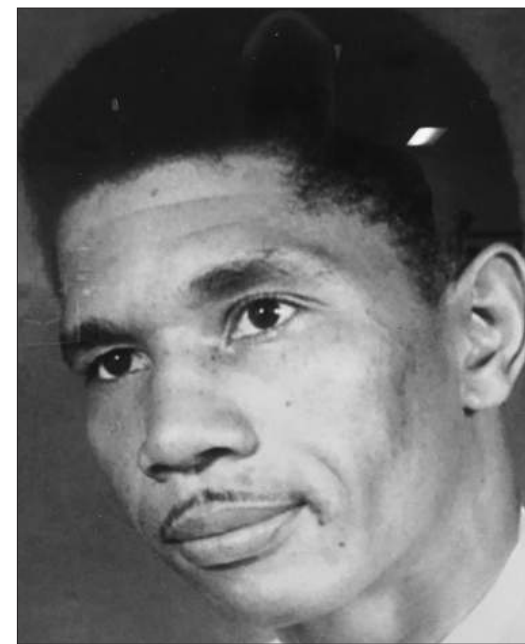
Bronze statue of Evers located at Medgar Evers Library in Jackson, MS



Evers' poster on display near statue June 2023



Myrlie Evers-Williams and daughter Reena Evers Everette



Evers as the first MS NAACP field secretary

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The return of Skinny's

By James Hampton III
Guest Writer

It is a beautiful space at 123 McTyere Avenue in Jackson, Mississippi. The artistic updates happened to the building too fast for Google Maps to keep up with the changes. As of the time of this writing, a new fenced-in patio area was added.

A celebration of its re-opening as a commercial establishment was celebrated on May 25th this year. It was a high energy affair, with live performances on the fenced-in patio area which is the size of a city block.

Skinny's, briefly known as 123 Depot, is open once again under its original name with an artistic flair that is hard to miss. Owner James Bailey says, "It started with him..." while gesturing toward artist and artistic consultant James "Poke" Hampton. "He got me to see things as an artist. An artist sees things differently. I can't draw it but you see I'm making it. And it's all recycled stuff, like he taught me."

The artistic use of materials that shape the urban eat, drink and be merry spot, known once again as Skinny's, is something that must be experienced to be appreciated. It is a quintessentially Jacksonian eatery located in what is known as the Midtown Arts District, but Skinny's was thriving as a night spot when the Midtown neighborhood was known more commonly as the North End.

In the Midtown Arts District, surrounded by businesses united in the Business Association of Midtown or BAM, Skinny's remains unaffiliated. Ironically, Skinny's stands out as one of the most vibrant and attractive spaces in the district.

Speaking about the grand re-opening, Bailey says, "I have had it like twenty-two years. I am inviting all the people that came here from the time when we were still young to see where we're at now; how it's evolved...it's like a baby, it keeps growing and getting older."

The grand re-opening was also a celebration of the anniversary of the birthday of the eatery's namesake.



Skinny's eatery celebrated its' grand opening May 25, 2024 PHOTOS BY JAMES HAMPTON III



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Hinds County announces MAS County Employee Scholarship recipients

Special to the Mississippi Link

At the June 3 meeting of the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, the Board presented Takorree Clowers with a \$500 check as the Hinds County recipient of the Mississippi Association of Supervisors 2024 County Employee Scholarship. "It is an honor for us as a group of supervisors to give young people an opportunity to further their educational pursuit," said Robert Graham, Board President, District One.

"I am elated to be able to recognize someone from District 2, this is a true testament to the hard work of this young man and his father who works daily in our district to ensure our citizens are taken care of," said Anthony Smith, Supervisor District Two.

This year the MAS County Employee Scholarship program awarded \$24,000 in scholarships to dependents of current or retired county employees around the state.

Derrick Surrette, executive director of MAS said, "the MAS County Employee Scholarship program is one way that our association can give back to the employees of our counties. We hope to have an even greater response to the program next year."

The Mississippi Association of Supervisors is a nonprofit support association for Mississippi's 82 counties. Since its in-



Scholarship recipient Takorree Clowers and Hinds County District 2 Supervisor Anthony Smith

ception in 1928, MAS has been committed to the improvement of county government across our state.

MAS members have been instrumental in implementing efficient and effective grass-

roots government that serves the general welfare not only of the counties themselves, but of the entire state.

For more information on MAS visit our website at www.mssupervisors.org



Scholarship recipient Takorree Clowers, his family and members of the Hinds County Board of Supervisor

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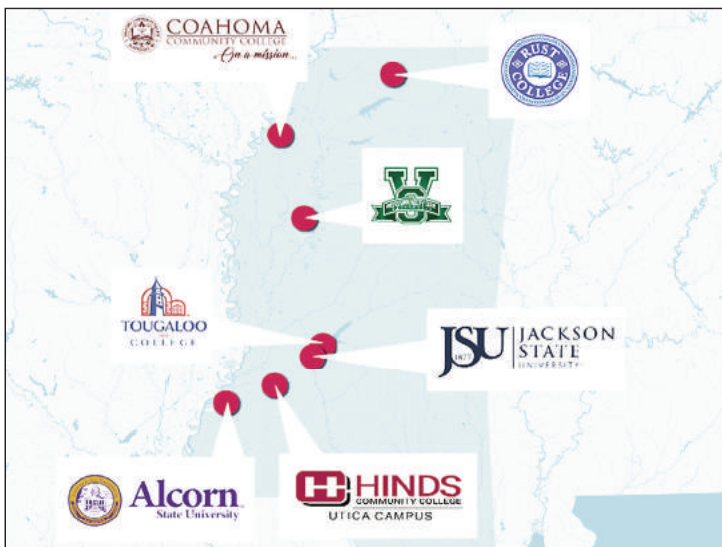
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"It's our privilege to support Mississippi's HBCUs as they prepare a new generation to take on the STEM challenges and opportunities of tomorrow," said Chandra Vasser, vice president and chief diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) officer, Nissan Americas, and an HBCU alumnus. "Many of Nissan's Canton employees are graduates of a Mississippi HBCU and are helping to shape the future of our business. We're proud to support the schools that have prepared them to make a positive impact, not only within our company but within the communities we serve."

The seven HBCUs receiving a Nissan donation are Alcorn State University, Coahoma Community College, Hinds Community College - Utica Campus, Jackson State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Rust College and Tougaloo College.

Among the funded projects are:

- Alcorn State University Applied Sciences Programs and Robotics and Automation Technology Enhancements is a two-part project that provides STEM learning opportunities for middle and high school students, including STEM camps and robotics competitions, that build interest and skills in technical career pathways and advancements to robotics laboratories.
- Jackson State University Student Robotics Lab and Program is a dedicated space for students to engage in activities related to robotics and advancing technologies. Activities in the lab support senior design projects, competition preparation and student innovations.
- Tougaloo College STEM Pipeline Project is an initiative



Continuing its long-time support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Nissan is donating \$250,000 to Mississippi's seven HBCUs to further STEM education. Since launching the Mississippi HBCU STEM Initiative in 2014, Nissan has invested a total of \$2.5 million to support and encourage innovative program development that serves Mississippi HBCU students, helping to build the tech workforce of the future.

...tive to create a pathway to educate and strengthen pre-college and college students' knowledge of advanced technology and innovation. Key activities include a research symposium, STEM workshop, and summer science and engineering program.

"As an alumnus of Alcorn State University, I am especially proud to be a Nissan employee today," said Victor Taylor, vice president, Manufacturing, Nissan Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant.

"I was well prepared by my alma mater to take on a STEM career in the automotive industry and to advance Nissan's vehicle electrification endeavors. HBCUs are a major pipeline of talent for us, and we're thrilled to support the STEM learning opportunities they offer their student body."

Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant

For two decades, employees at Nissan Canton have as-

sembled high-quality, award-winning vehicles. The plant's opening in 2003 brought automotive manufacturing to Mississippi for the first time, and has since contributed to the state's economic development. Building on that rich history, Nissan Canton is undergoing a transformation to become a center of U.S. EV manufacturing that will bring all-new, all-electric models to the U.S. market.

Nissan Canton has become a central institution in Mississippi, creating more than 25,000 jobs statewide, contributing more than \$20 million to local nonprofit organizations and logging more than 12,000 volunteer hours to help build stronger communities. The plant employs more than 5,000 people and currently produces the Nissan Altima, Frontier and TITAN.

For more information about Nissan products, services and commitment to sustainable mobility, visit nissanusa.com



Hinds Community College gathered for lecture



Cohoma Community College students that participated in the last program



Alcorn students conducting experiments



Hinds CC students with project overview



Rust College students in the Nissan Research Tinker Lab



MVSU students collaborating



Nissan North America's 2024 HBCU STEM GRANT



JSU students studying



Tougaloo College students making presentation

How compounding pharmacies can help patients get needed care

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Most consumers know how a traditional pharmacy works. Far fewer are aware of an alternative option: a compounding pharmacy. Here's everything you need to know about these specialized healthcare facilities, and how they have the potential to improve your wellness.

What is a compounding pharmacy? A compounding pharmacy employs the art and science of creating personalized medications based on a patient's specific requirements, ensuring an individualized approach to healthcare.

"The conventional, mass-produced, one-size-fits-all approach to medication unfortunately does not work for all patients. Compounded medications however can help ensure patients get the therapies they need safely," says Shaun Noorian, CEO and founder of Empower Pharmacy, a compounding pharmacy that specializes in men's health, women's health, dermatology, hormone replacement, weight management, IV therapy, longevity, sexual wellness, mental health and gender affirming care.

Why is this important? Compounded medications are crafted to address individual requirements, such as allergies to certain ingredients, dosage adjustments, or the need for alternative forms of medication (for example, needing a liquid instead of a pill form). In short, compounded medications deliv-



er therapy required for individuals to live healthier, happier lives in a form that can optimize their care. These medications can also play a vital role in addressing challenges related to FDA-approved prescription medication shortages.

How common are compound pharmacies? Compounding pharmacies make up 2% of the current pharmaceutical market, but that figure is growing as more patients and providers grasp the benefits that compounded medicines provide.

How does this change the role of the pharmacist? Pharmacists have always been an important part of patients' care teams, dispensing medications and offering advice on side effects and dosing. At a compounding pharmacy, that role also includes producing customized prescription drugs for patients, most often from raw ingredients.

Are compounding pharmacies within reach for regular patients? Some compounding pharmacies

are working to prioritize access. Empower Pharmacy, for example, provides medications at an affordable cost in an effort to ensure everyone has access to the treatments they need. And because the pharmacy operates online, patients with mobility and transportation issues are able to fill their prescriptions from the comfort of home.

Are there any safety issues to be aware of? Compounded medications are not FDA-approved, making it important for patients to stick to trustworthy pharmacies that use safe compounding practices. Be sure your pharmacy has Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board (PCAB) accreditation.

"We believe that understanding the nuances of compounding, its benefits, and its role during FDA-approved shortages helps equip patients to make informed decisions about their healthcare," says Noorian.

To learn more, visit empower-pharmacy.com

Preserve your natural teeth with these tips

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While having a tooth pulled may seem like the easiest option when you have tooth pain from an infection or disease, saving your natural teeth is best.

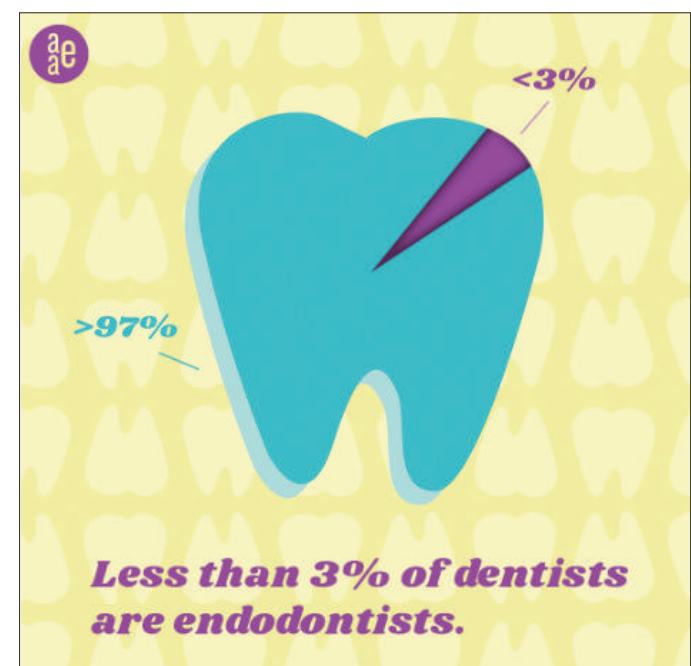
According to the American Association of Endodontists (AAE), a missing tooth can impact your quality of life and self-confidence, cause other teeth to shift, affect your ability to chew properly, and lead to more problems down the road – and a lot more cost.

Tooth extraction is often more painful than the infection itself, and replacing an extracted tooth with an artificial one requires additional dental visits that can quickly add up.

"Modern endodontics offers advancements in technologies, procedures and materials, giving you many treatment options to save your natural teeth. It's important to understand your choices and how they'll impact both your tooth and your future dental health," says Dr. Natasha M. Flake, president of the AAE.

Unfortunately, there are a lot of misconceptions about what to do when you are experiencing tooth pain or infection. That's why the AAE is offering these teeth-saving tips:

- While the phrase "I'd rather have a root canal" may be meant as a joke, it's actually good advice. When



given a choice between tooth extraction and root canal treatment, always opt for a root canal. Not only is root canal treatment from an endodontist virtually painless, no denture, bridge or implant will look, feel and function as well as a natural tooth. In short, the beginning of a root canal procedure means the end of tooth pain.

- Act immediately when you experience symptoms of swelling or pain. Most endodontists can accommodate emergency cases, even on weekends, ensuring you'll be seen quickly.

- If your dentist recommends tooth extraction, ask whether having a root canal is an option.

- If you're told a root canal is not an option, ask why and

request a referral to an endodontist, or use the AAE's Find My Endodontist search tool at findmyendodontist.com to find a practice near you. Endodontists are specialists in saving teeth. They can evaluate your condition and provide the best treatment plan to help you save your teeth for a lifetime.

"In a disposable era, some things are worth preserving. It's always best to retain your natural teeth whenever possible and endodontic treatment, which helps you maintain your natural smile, continue eating the foods you love and limits the need for ongoing dental work, should be your first choice for the best health and cosmetic results," says Dr. Flake.

Don't kiss anyone you're not going to marry

By Vince Faust

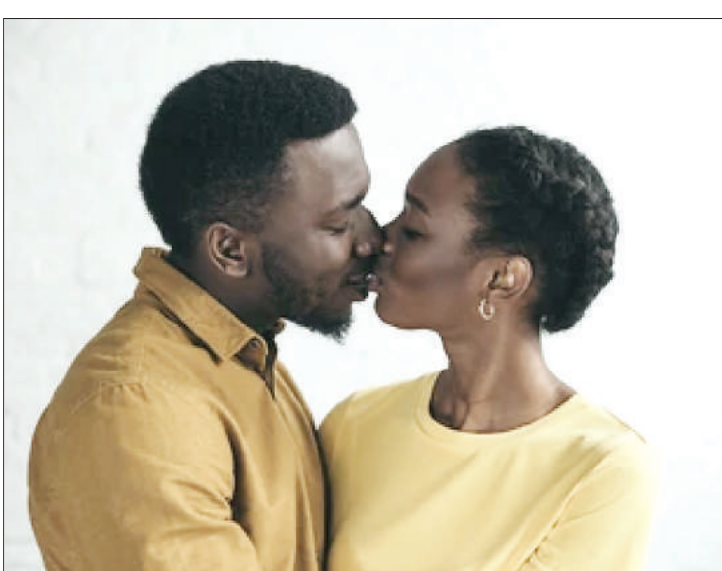
Tips to Be Fit

Every culture exchanges kisses in their greeting, saying good-bye, showing affection, for luck and love. People pucker up for all kinds of reasons. But, is a kiss just a kiss? Is there any science on kissing? Just think pressing your lips against someone else has some science behind this strange but enjoyable behavior.

Kissing has been studied a lot. There are physical and psychological changes that happen when humans kiss. There are a number of theories about how kissing originated and why we do it. Most scientists believe that kissing is a learned behavior. Roughly 10 percent of humans don't kiss at all. Others believe kissing is instinctual and rooted in biology.

Kissing causes a number of chemical reactions in our brain. This includes oxytocin. Oxytocin is often called the "love hormone" because it stirs up feelings of affection and attachment. According to a 2013 study, oxytocin is particularly important in helping men bond with a partner and stay monogamous.

When we kiss our brain goes into overdrive. Our lips have a disproportionate amount of space for sensation in comparison to our other body parts. When we kiss, our lip



sensitivity causes our brain to create a chemical cocktail that sometimes gives us a natural high.

This cocktail is made up of three chemicals, which are designed to make us feel good and crave more. The combination of dopamine, oxytocin and serotonin has an array of side effects. The combination of these three chemicals work by super charging our 'pleasure centers' in our brain. Dopamine released during a kiss will stimulate the same area of the brain activated by heroin and cocaine. We will experience feelings of euphoria and addictive behavior. Oxytocin, sometimes called our 'love hormone,' helps to give us a feeling of affection and attachment. Oxytocin is the same hormone that is released

during childbirth and breastfeeding.

The levels of serotonin present in our brain when we kiss look a lot like those of someone with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. Our memory of a good kiss can stay with us for years.

A capsule look of a kiss

The chemistry of kissing:

Oxytocin: Often called the "love hormone." Oxytocin surges during kissing. It fosters emotional bonding and attachment between partners.

Dopamine: Kissing triggers a release of dopamine, creating feelings of pleasure and reward. It's like a natural high, leaving us craving more.

Serotonin: This neurotransmitter contributes to feelings of happiness and well-being. Kissing elevates serotonin

levels, enhancing our mood.

The brain's response:

When lips meet, our brain lights up. The somatosensory cortex (the brain region responsible for touch) devotes a significant portion of neural tissue to lips and tongue. This heightened sensitivity allows us to sense intricate details during a kiss.

Pressure and temperature:

Lips are rich in nerve endings. When they touch, we feel pressure and warmth, intensifying the connection.

Taste and smell:

Our mouths contain taste buds and olfactory receptors. Kissing allows us to savor each other's unique flavors and scents.

Texture:

Lips vary in softness, moisture and texture. Exploring these differences adds to the sensory experience.

The emotional impact:

Intimacy: Kissing fosters emotional closeness. It communicates desire, affection and vulnerability.

Trust:

A kiss can reveal trust and comfort. We expose our vulnerability, believing the other person won't harm us.

Desire:

Passionate kisses ignite desire. They convey longing, lust and primal instincts.

Adverse affects of kissing:

Kissing can transmit bacteria and viruses. Regular den-

tal hygiene is crucial. Kissing someone with oral herpes can lead to cold sores, even if not visible.

Although rare, HIV transmission via kissing is theoretically possible if both partners have open sores or bleeding gums

Kissing can have some health benefits, including:

Emotional bonding: Kissing can help maintain a sense of togetherness and love.

Stress reduction: Kissing releases neurotransmitters that soothe the mind and reduce stress levels.

Foreplay: Deep kissing can lead to sexual intercourse.

Metabolic boost: Kissing burns calories.

Healthier mouth: Saliva contains substances that fight bacteria, viruses and fungi.

Natural high: Kissing causes the brain to create a chemical cocktail that can give us a natural high. This cocktail is made up of three chemicals, all designed to make us feel good and crave more: dopamine, oxytocin, and serotonin.

Endorphins: Kissing leads to the body producing endorphins or happiness hormones, meaning that both the kisser and the one being kissed feel happy and relaxed.

Motivational: Kissing triggers a cascade of neural messages that transmit motivation.

Your moment of bliss sparked by that kiss can silence your world. When you kiss someone you love, you're focused on the present. You're bound to be excited. You are captured in a moment of awe. Nothing matters but you and your partner. You become more aware of emotions and physical sensations and all your worries and anxieties dissipate. You may even get a nervous belly, rapid heart beat and sweaty palms.

That extra adrenaline can make you feel hot. That bright glow you have after a kiss is due to your elevated heart rate. Your kiss will leave you feeling exhilarated, which can cause a rise in your body temperature. This will go down as your heart rate settles to a natural rhythm.

Science has actually proven that kissing can help you find your life partner. A group of genes inside of you called MHC makes up a part of your immune system and give you your natural scent. When you kiss someone, you take in every part of them, even their scent. Your MHC is working behind the scenes to get you feeling all warm and fuzzy. If your kissing partner's MHC is the opposite of yours, you may be a perfect match.

If you have a fitness question or concern you would like addressed send to: tipstofit@gmail.com

Mr. Trump has been found guilty on 34 felony counts in a New York court. What's next for him?

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Donald John Trump was found guilty last Thursday in what was called the hush money trial. He was found guilty on 34 felony counts of falsifying business records and conspiring to influence the outcome of the 2016 election. His sentencing date will be July 11th which will be days before the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee. Will he go to prison? I don't think he will. This will be the first time in American history that a former president has become a convicted

felon. America, let that sink into your thinking. Mr. Trump has called the trial rigged and a disgrace.

The 12-person jury deliberated roughly 12 hours to reach this unanimous verdict. Trump supporters like Senator Marco Rubio and Senator Mitch McConnell have voiced their strong opposition to the guilty verdict. However, Alvin Bragg, Manhattan District Attorney, said, "We follow the law without fear or favor. I did my job."

This guilty decision has most Republicans in an uproar and foaming at the mouth. The former president has been saying for months he did nothing wrong. He has been spouting these words

for so long that he has millions of people believing him.

This rhetoric has given rise to a smorgasbord of untruths and unethical behavior. The Trump folks ignore best practices, and they bypass the truth. This has become standard operating procedure for them.

Republicans are lining up to tout his greatness. Recently, Dr. Ben Carson, a renowned surgeon said, "I would carefully and prayerfully consider an invitation to run as vice president with Mr. Trump." If you recall, he served as the secretary of Housing and Urban Development in his administration.

Some years ago, I had a reading group that consisted of six

elementary school boys. One of the books that we read was Gifted Hands which is about the life of Ben Carson growing up in Detroit.

If you recall according to verified records, he led a group of surgeons in 1987 to separate conjoined twins joined at the back of the head. Dr. Carson was a role model for many aspiring doctors and healthcare professionals. There is no debate there.

However, the question on the operating table is what happened to Dr. Ben Carson? How in the world did he get mixed up and tangled up with Donald Trump? That sentence is a bit crude for a man of Dr. Carson's fame. Ben Carson born with a little and Donald

Trump born with a lot. One gave hope to others while the other created divisiveness.

Mr. Trump practices one-sided loyalty. You are loyal to him, but he is not loyal to you. Many have fallen victim to his reckless and selfish behavior. Any rational thinking person realizes he was responsible for the January 6th insurrection. He has also caused Steve Bannon, Michael Cohen and Paul Manafort to go to prison on his behalf. The former president is now a convicted felon and that doesn't sound good by any measure. House Majority Leader Steve Scalise said in a statement, "Extremist Democrats have undermined democracy by weaponizing the courts and abusing the

judicial system to operate like a banana republic that targets their political opponents." These sentiments come from a Republican in Louisiana. His home state is last in almost every quality-of-life category.

Mr. Trump held a post-guilty news conference Friday at Trump Tower. He blasted everything and everybody having anything to do with the trial. His lawyers will certainly appeal the sentence. Remember, he has three other court cases coming up. Mr. Trump will be the Republican nominee for president.

In the 24 hours after the trial, he raised over 58 million dollars. However, the only way to beat him is at the polls in November.

The death of America as we know it

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By now most Americans, but not all, have either heard of Project 2025 or seen some reference to it. But too many still don't know how this radical blueprint will change life in this country as we know it. The sad truth of the matter is the plan is hidden in plain view where we all can see it, but few are paying attention other than those who have planned the changes.

The plan is called Project 2025 known as the Presidential Transition Project. This project will make widespread changes across our entire government in economic and social policies and the role of the federal government and its agencies.

The main idea behind these proposed changes as put out by the Heritage Institute, is what is called an Executive Theory which asserts that the president has absolute power over the executive branch of our government under what is called "A Unitary Executive Theory" interpretation of Article II of the Constitution of the United States.

This plan is designed for a "Republican president" such as seen with the Donald Trump presidential candidacy for 2025.

Under this plan the following changes would take place, some immediately: (1) Slashing funding for the Department of Justice (DOJ); (2) Dismantling the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS); (3) Eliminating the Department of Commerce and ending the independence of various federal agencies such as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC); (4) Abolishing the Department of Education. (5) Removal of protections against discrimination based on sexual or gender identity and (6) Termination of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) programs as well as affirmative action

Project 2025 advises the future president to immediately deploy the military

for domestic law enforcement and to direct the (DOJ) to pursue Trump's adversaries by invoking the Insurrection of Act of 1807. It recommends the arrest, detention and deportation of undocumented immigrants across the country. It promotes capital punishment and the speedy "finality" of such sentences.

Although the project does not promote a specific candidate, many contributors have close ties to Donald Trump and his presidential campaign. This project is proposed under what the Heritage Foundation calls its "Mandate for Leadership" and has been publishing this list of proposed changes to run parallel with each presidential election since 1981. It calls this mandate its "Policy Bible."

Project 2025 has been developed in collaboration with over 100 partners. The Heritage Foundation president, Kevin Roberts, established Project 2025 in 2022 to provide the 2024 Republican presidential nominee a personnel database and ideological framework after civil servants refuse to support Trump during his attempt to institute a Muslim travel ban, and his effort to install a new attorney general to help with his efforts to overturn the 2020 election.

Clearly the issue is not just Donald Trump, but those who would use him or like-minded candidates for the presidency to overthrow the United States government as it now exists with a constitutionally based separation of powers.

The only safeguard against this concrete plan to destroy America, as it now exists, is for "We the People" to prepare now to vote in the November election. We can no longer count on the United States Supreme Court which appears to have abandoned the very rule of law it was empowered to protect. It appears we can no longer depend upon the United States Congress which appears to have abandoned its legislative duties and oath of office by which the Republican members swore to "protect and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic" and substituted that oath with a commitment to a convicted felon.

The question is what can we do, and for what will we fight?

You're fighting the wrong person

By LaShunda Calvert, Ph.D.
Tips for a Good Marriage



Have you and your spouse ever gotten into a heated argument, major disagreement, and/or a major fall out about something? Who won? Did you blame

your spouse for the fight, or did you blame yourself?

Most, if not all, couples have fought at some point in their marriage. If you and your soulmate haven't fought – stay married. It is essential that spouses understand who and what they are fighting. Imagine fighting – you're swinging but your punches are mounting to nothing; energy is being zapped and although you are giving it your all – you still find yourself defeated again and again.

Nevertheless, this is the situation for many married couples today. Many spouses are utilizing so much effort to fight each other that it ultimately leads to separation and divorce. Why is this happening?

Do you find yourself having the same fight with your spouse yielding the same results? In other words, the same fight but no change and worse results. One of the main reasons that married couples are constantly defeated even by small stuff is because they are fighting the wrong person. Your spouse is not your enemy, and you are not your spouse's enemy. In fact, you both share the same enemy.

Ephesians 6:12 states: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Let's break the word wrestle down based on the Greek meaning from this New Testament Scripture:

Wrestle – a struggle, fight, conflict, contest

Unfortunately, many couples have no clue that they are in a struggle, conflict and contest with the wrong person. Ephesians 6:12 makes it clear – we do not wrestle against flesh and blood (human beings: husbands/wives). In other words, something (principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of

this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places) is behind the bickering, gaslighting, arguing, starting fights, physical altercations, accusations, verbal attacks, nagging, spouse neglect, prodigal spouse, spouse abandonment, infidelity and so much more.

Your spouse may act and sound like an enemy, but they are not your enemy. They are being used by the enemy to bring destruction, division, corruption, conflict, turmoil and, ultimately, death to your union. If the enemy destroys your marriage, then he has your home and children too. Therefore, spouses stop letting the enemy use you. And spouses stop letting the enemy win.

How do spouses fight each other?

- blame game
- verbal attacks
- yelling/screaming
- pick and nag
- gaslighting
- silent treatment _ stop listening – tune each other out
- withhold intimacy – can create even more issues – imagine being thirsty and mad

What are the underlying root causes of couples fights?

- stress
- exhaustion
- work stresses
- disappointments
- unforgiveness
- Miscommunication
- Misunderstanding
- Misinterpretations
- fear
- mistrust
- unresolved conflict
- little to no communication
- lack of empathy
- lack of understanding

What do spouses typically fight about?

- money
- children
- intercourse
- family
- work/job obligations
- politics
- technology usage – cell phones, video games have replaced spouses
- social media – time dedicated to indulging in social media
- lack of quality time
- lack of affection

What small stuff do couples fight about?

- GPS – nothing can get a good argument started like getting lost especially when Mr./Mrs. Know It All didn't listen 50 miles ago about the turn he/she was supposed to take (mostly husbands)

- simple chores – leaving dirty dishes in the sink
- not completing laundry tasks
- cooking – lack of cooking/how something is cooked
- Not taking trash out
- being late for an event
- didn't buy everything on grocery list

- darn toilet seat – come on husbands

- Passenger seat driving – this one can spark a serious feud

In conclusion, spouses, it can't be said enough – your spouse is not your enemy. Please stop fighting each other and fight your shared enemy together. You already know the enemy's goals: steal, kill and destroy.

So, what are you going to do about it? How do you fight the enemy?

Communicate about everything; confess your faults to each other for the sake of healing; pray for each other – don't let the sun go down on your wrath – remember that a soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger; be patient; be empathetic; reflect on vows; forgive; listen; be intimate.

Remember there is no perfect spouse. Seek marital counseling from pastor, marriage ministry and professionals. However, most importantly, you fight the enemy through prayer – pray without ceasing for you, your spouse, marriage and family.

Remember, if you find yourself fighting each other – you are fighting the wrong person and will lose every time.

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Guilty! Guilty! Guilty! Former President Trump convicted on all 34 felony counts

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In a historic and dramatic moment, the jury in New York delivered a resounding verdict Wednesday, finding former President Donald Trump guilty on all 34 felony counts of falsifying business records. This unprecedented decision marks the first time in American history that a former president has been convicted of criminal charges.

A hush fell over the courtroom late in the afternoon as the jury handed Judge Juan M. Merchan a note. “We the jury have a verdict. We would like an extra 30 minutes to fill out the forms if that’d be possible,” the note read. The jury had deliberated for 9.5 hours over two days after a three-week trial.

The twice-impeached, four-times indicted, and now convicted Trump faced charges connected to a \$130,000 hush-money payment made to porn star Stormy Daniels in the days leading up to the 2016 election. The trial featured weeks of tawdry testimony about tabloid



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deal-making and the alleged sexual encounter between Trump and Daniels. Prosecutors argued that Trump engaged in a fraud against the American people by falsifying records related to the reimbursement of his former lawyer, Michael D. Cohen, who paid Daniels out of his own pocket.

The courtroom was silent as the jury’s verdict was

read aloud: “Guilty, Guilty, Guilty...” repeated 34 times, solidifying the former president’s fate.

Trump, who is the presumptive Republican presidential nominee for 2024, now faces a potential sentence ranging from probation to four years in prison. His legal team has already indicated plans to appeal, a process that could extend

over several years.

The conviction has drawn sharp reactions from political figures. Shasti Conrad, chair of the Washington State Democratic Party, declared, “Today’s verdict out of New York affirms what the Washington State Democratic Party has been saying for more than eight years – Convicted Felon Donald Trump is wholly un-

fit to lead our nation,” Conrad stated. “His conviction today by a jury of his peers demonstrates the lengths Convicted Felon Trump will go to and the laws he will break to get what he wants – another four years of power at the expense of hard-working Americans. The Washington State Democratic Party will never stop fighting for a more perfect union, which is why we will continue to resist Donald Trump’s campaign of lies, grift and autocratic desires with every fiber of our being every minute of every day until the election is over and we have prevented the end of democracy...again.”

This criminal case is one of four Trump is currently facing, but it is likely the only one that will go to trial before Election Day. Trump faces as much as four years in prison, but because he’s viewed as a first-time offender and the convictions are on low-level felonies, he’ll likely receive probation.

“Today, the criminal justice system worked,” National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) Chair Bobby

Henry stated. “As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. alluded to, the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice,” Henry said.

The NNPA is the trade association of the 250 African American-owned newspapers and media companies that comprise the Black Press of America.

“The NNPA congratulates the Manhattan District Attorney, Alvin Bragg, who stood up triumphantly against the criminal acts of former President Trump,” NNPA President Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., stated.

“In America, no one should be above the equitable rule of law. In particular, Black America knows too well the horrors of inequity and injustice. In the historic case of New York v. Trump, it now appears that in New York City, finally after centuries of racial oppression, the gavel of justice has now come down on one of the nation’s most zealous criminals who unrepentantly desires to return to the White House in 2024,” said Chavis.

MLB integrates Negro Leagues stats, elevating long-overlooked stars to Major League status



Major League Baseball (MLB) has taken a historic step to rectify a long-standing oversight by officially incorporating Negro Leagues statistics into its historical record. Starting today, the achievements of approximately 2,300 Negro Leagues players will be recognized alongside those of MLB legends like Babe Ruth and Ty Cobb.

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For decades, Babe Ruth and Ty Cobb were celebrated as the greatest figures in baseball, with Ruth hailed as the best player and Cobb as the premier hitter.

However, these narratives often excluded African-American athletes whose contributions were underreported or dismissed. This exclusion persisted despite the talents that led to Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in 1947 as the first Black player in the modern Major Leagues.

MLB Commissioner Robert Manfred announced this significant change three years ago, emphasizing the league’s commitment to correcting a historical wrong by elevating the Negro Leagues to “Major League” status.

John Thorn, an MLB historian, and the Negro Leagues Statistical Review Committee have been responsible for the meticulous process of officially incorporating Negro Leagues stats into MLB records. The

team has been reviewing thousands of box scores and other historical data to integrate the statistics of the seven Negro Leagues into MLB’s database.

Josh Gibson, a standout in the Negro Leagues, will now lead multiple batting categories. His career batting average, slugging percentage and OPS surpass those of Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth. While some of Gibson’s legendary feats, such as the nearly 800 home runs mentioned on his Hall of Fame plaque, will not be included, many of his official stats will now be recognized.

Thorn hailed the decision as “not only righting a social, cultural and historical wrong, it’s defining baseball as a game for Americans without exclusion.” He emphasized that baseball is a sport of tradition, but its capacity for profound change is equally significant.

To honor the Negro Leagues, MLB will host a tribute game on June 20 at Rickwood Field in Birmingham, Alabama – the oldest professional baseball park in the U.S. Players will don period uniforms and

pay tribute to legendary center fielder Willie Mays, an Alabama native.

With the integration of these statistics, players like Buck Leonard, Buck O’Neil, Cool Papa Bell, Doc Sykes, Monte Irvin, Leroy Satchel Paige and Gibson will finally receive their due recognition. Fans will now appreciate the true scope of their talents and achievements.

Sean Gibson, the great-grandson of Josh Gibson and executive director of the Josh Gibson Foundation, expressed the family’s excitement over this acknowledgment. “We always considered him a major leaguer; he just didn’t play in the major leagues,” Sean Gibson told NBC Sports. He is eager to see how his great-grandfather’s stats compare to those of other MLB legends.

Reflecting on this milestone, he added, “If Josh Gibson was alive right now, he’d be honored. He’ll probably wonder why it took so long. He’ll be happy for all the other baseball players, and more importantly, he’ll be excited for his family to carry on his legacy.”

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee faces the battle of her life after cancer diagnosis

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Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee has fought tirelessly for groundbreaking legislation throughout her career. She authored the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, creating the first new federal holiday in nearly four decades, and fervently championed the Violence Against Women Act, ensuring its passage for the first time in almost ten years. Now, the stalwart Texas representative is facing the battle of her life after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

In a statement posted to X Sunday, the 74-year-old congresswoman disclosed her diagnosis and treatment. “My doctors have confirmed pancreatic cancer, and I am currently undergoing treatment,” Jackson Lee shared. “I am confident that my doctors have developed the best possible plan to target my specific disease. The road ahead will not be easy, but I stand in faith that God will strengthen me.”

Jackson Lee has represented Texas’ 18th District in the U.S. House of Representatives since 1995. Now in her 15th term, she serves on the House Committees on the Judiciary, Homeland Security and the Budget, and is the first female Ranking Member of the Judiciary Subcommittee for Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, a subcommittee she chaired during the 117th Congress.

Her legislative achievements are extensive and impactful. Jackson Lee has spearheaded the Sentencing Reform Act, the George Floyd Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act, and the RAISE Act. She has also introduced crucial bills like the Fair Chance for Youth Act, the Kimberly Vaughan Firearm Safe Storage Act, and Kaleif’s Law. An unwavering advocate for women and children, she fervently supports the Paycheck Fairness Act and the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act and has championed outreach to minority- and women-owned businesses in the commercial space industry. Additionally, she authored the Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Research and Education Act.

Recognized as one of the 50 most effective Members of Congress by ‘Congressional Quarterly’ and among the ten most influen-



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tial legislators in the House by ‘U.S. News and World Report,’ Jackson Lee’s influence extends beyond legislation. She is a founder, member and chair of the Congressional Pakistan Caucus and the Congressional Children’s Caucus, as well as chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Energy Braintrust and co-chair of the Justice Reform Task Force.

Educationally, Jackson Lee holds a B.A. in political science from Yale University and a J.D. from the University of Virginia Law School. She is married to Dr. Elwyn Lee, an administrator at the University of Houston. She has two children: Jason Lee, a Harvard graduate, and Erica Lee, a Duke graduate and member of the Harris County School Board. She is also the proud grandmother of twins Elison Bennett Carter and Roy Lee Carter III.

Despite her diagnosis, Jackson Lee remains resolute in her commitment to her congressional duties. “I am committed to working with our Congressional leadership, including Leader Hakeem Jefferies and the Speaker of the House, to serve this nation and be present for votes on legislation that is critical for the prosperity and security of the American people,” she affirmed.

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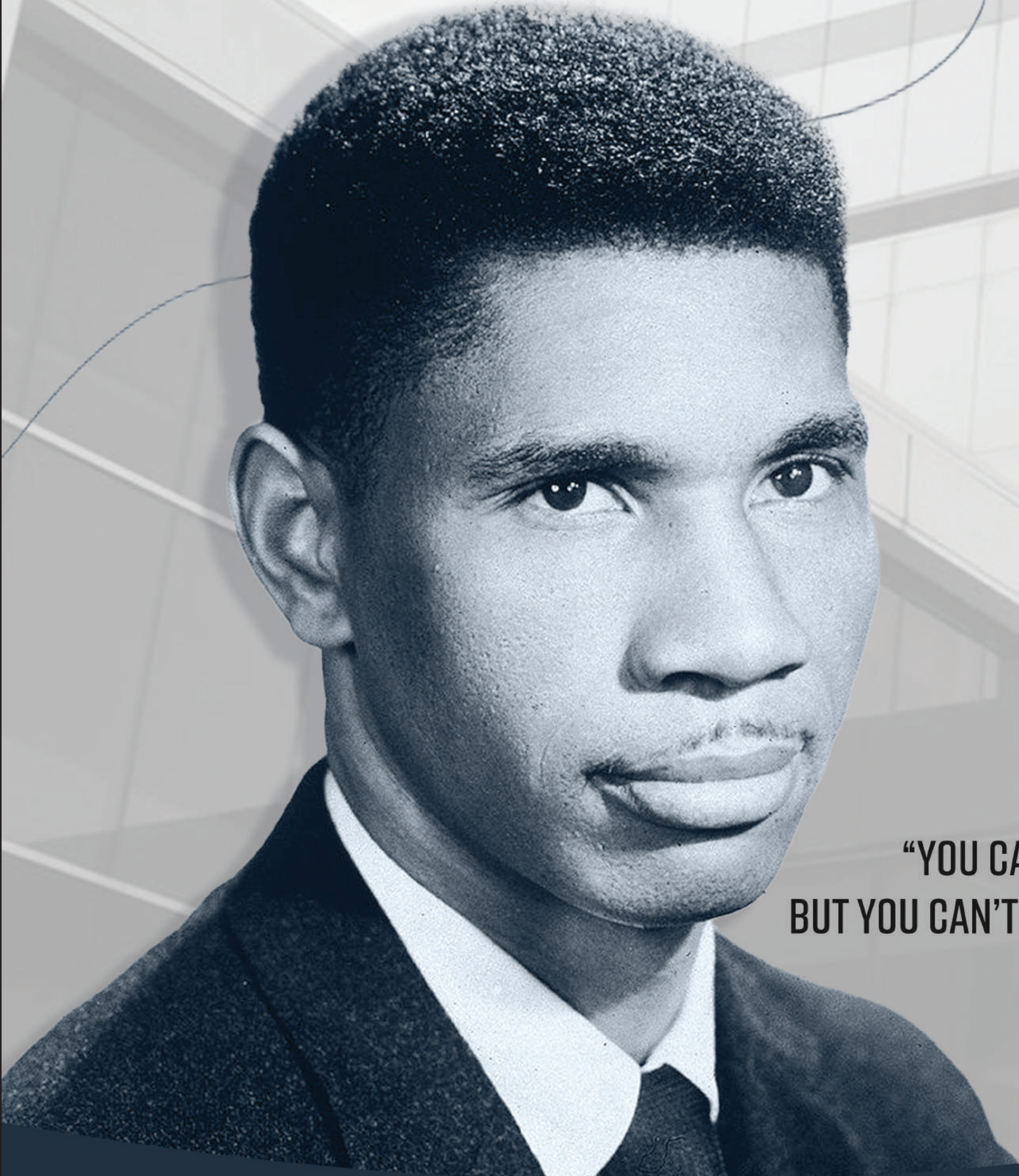
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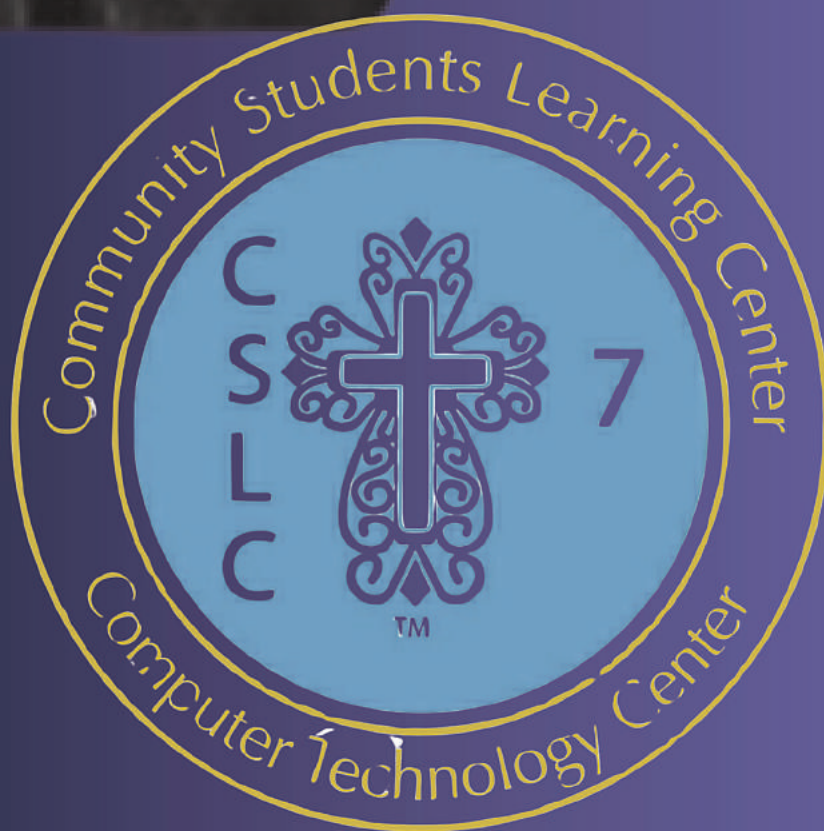
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P R E S E R V E D

Becoming a fruit inspector

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



Considering our current chaotic political environment, the question that has been on my mind lately is how should Christians respond to things like the conviction of Donald Trump on 34 felony counts?

It's complicated to some and not as simple as supporting the candidate who uses the bible as a prop, wraps himself in scriptures and shows up at the most churches. Nor is it as simple as judging an authentic Christian based on how they stand on controversial issues like abortion, same sex marriage or support for Israel. Do we support them based on what they say or based on what the word of God says?

One way to determine how to respond is to look at the truth of Matthew 7:17-20 which says, "You will know them by their fruits... Even

so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore, by their fruits you will know them." In other words, we must become fruit inspectors.

Think about the fruit of the seeds planted during the Trump presidency: racial strife, economic uncertainty, and an uncontrollable global pandemic that has killed over 1 million people. Some could argue that the chaos during the Trump presidency was a result of the Republicans 8-year strategy of negative rhetoric and obstruction against the Obama presidency.

Republicans are now faced with a presidential candidate/likely nominee who is a recently convicted felon accused of other crimes including mishandling classified documents as well as stirring

up an insurrection while attempting to overturn the results of the last presidential election.

Unlike most criminal defendants who strike a more somber tone after conviction that includes admitting and apologizing for their behavior, Trump maintains his innocence even declaring that he is a victim of a political witch hunt. Even more interesting, at least ten of his former campaign aides are now also convicted felons charged with various crimes including lying under oath, fraud and contempt of Congress.

The truly sad part is that Trump maintains record high support among white evangelicals who have excused and even justified his most irresponsible behavior. Oddly, it seems like the worse his behavior becomes, the stronger their support becomes. As a result, Christianity is perceived as a religion that compromises God's truth and is full of hypocrites. This makes me wonder if these

shocking behaviors (and unwavering support) are a contemporary example of harvesting bad fruit.

Christians should not support a candidate or vote for one based on an outward display of religiosity or promises of a renewal of moral values especially when there is no evidence of Christ-like behavior. Instead, we should support those who pass the "fruit inspection" and ask which candidates best exemplify the words of Galatians 5:22: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." Then we should pray.

Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth-based author of "Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends" and "Writing to the Beat of God's Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers." Email her at preserved-bypurpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.

Seeking God makes the heart live

By Pastor Simeon R. Green III
Special to The Mississippi Link



How many times have we seen heart, spirit, mind and thoughts in the same context? Is it not what we want in this relationship with God? We want our hearts to live. What is it that makes it live? It is the Spirit of God energizing it because of the close communion.

A biblical example of this is when Moses went up on the Mount to be with God for forty days and forty nights. While he was gone, the Israelites made the golden calf. When Moses came down from that close association with God, he came with his face glowing shining, reflecting the glory of God through close communion with Him all those days.

This situation is a form of what the psalmist means about the lost communion with God. Seeking Him, dressing and keeping the relationship, and submitting to Him are what make the heart live because His Spirit is flowing into it. When that happens we are living the life He lives – what the Bible calls "eternal life." Eternal life is to live as God lives.

We are seeking to have a relationship with one who is not far from us. He is close to us – in us by His Spirit – and He delights to pour Himself into our hearts and minds. We seek Him through desire. Do we really want this One to be our husband? Do we really want to be like this One we are to marry? If we do not desire Him, He will not reciprocate with any

zeal, and the relationship will just sputter.

We seek Him by turning our thoughts to Him by communion in prayer and in Bible study. We read in Psalm 69:32-33, "When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts revive. For the Lord hears the needy and does not despise His own people who are prisoners."

The desire to be like Him in every way drives our submission to Him in obedience. We are in the midst of a courtship. Can there be any passing of spirit when one is so far from the other that desire is completely absent? Desire rises when we know Him so well that we are constantly thinking about all His wonderful attributes.

Are we attracted enough to Him to be affectionate toward Him? Spending time in fervent communion with God in prayer, Bible study, meditation and occasional fasting all lead to a pure submission to Him. It enhances the closeness. It is essentially the same process that brings human beings together – talking and experiencing things together as we go through life.

A fervent attitude of sincerely wanting to be like God will bring a positive response. The principles are simple and are as old as the hills. They work because that is how spirit is transferred to create oneness. That is why people marry one another. The same principal and process work in our relationship with Christ.

Simeon R. Green, III, First Church of God, 6517 Walmsley Blvd., Richmond, Virginia 23224.



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SUMMONS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE PETITIONER FOR (DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE) (LEGAL SEPARATION) (PATERNITY) (CHILD SUPPORT) (CHILD CUSTODY) IN THE COURT INDICATED ABOVE.

IF THIS SUMMONS IS ACCOMPANIED BY A NOTICE TO APPEAR OR NOTICE OF HEARING, YOU MUST APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT ON THE DATE AND TIME STATED ON THE ATTACHED NOTICE FORM. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR, EVIDENCE MAY BE HEARD AND A DECISION MAY BE MADE BY THE COURT IN YOUR ABSENCE. IF A PROTECTIVE ORDER OR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER IS ISSUED, IT IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON YOUR RECEIPT OR KNOWLEDGE OF THE ORDER.

IF YOU WISH TO RETAIN AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER, IT IS ADVISABLE TO DO SO BEFORE THE DATE STATED ON THE NOTICE FORM.

IF YOU TAKE NO ACTION IN THIS CASE AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS SUMMONS, THE COURT CAN GRANT A DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (LEGAL SEPARATION) AND/OR MAKE A DETERMINATION THAT MAY INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: PATERNITY, CHILD CUSTODY, CHILD SUPPORT, MAINTENANCE, VISITATION, PROPERTY DIVISION (REAL PERSONAL), ANY OTHER DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS AND DEBTS, ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS.

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Clerk of Allen Circuit and Superior Court

*Antonio Colbert
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(To be prepared by Party Preparing Notice)

SHERIFF shall serve this Notice of Hearing as follows:
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CLERK shall serve this Notice of Hearing as follows:
 regular mail
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SHERIFF'S RETURN OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS

I hereby certify that I have served this summons on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

1. By delivering a copy of the Summons and a copy of the complaint to the Respondent identified on the first page of Summons

2. By leaving a copy of the complaint at _____, which is the dwelling place or usual place of abode of and by mailing a copy of the Summons to the Respondent at the above address.

3. Other Service or Remarks _____

Sheriff's Name _____
By _____
Deputy _____

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on the _____ day of _____, 20____, I mailed a copy of this Summons and a copy of the Petition to the Respondent identified on the first page of the Summons by (regular mail) (certified mail) (publication) (other) requesting a return receipt, at the address provided by the Petitioner.

Clerk, Allen Circuit
By _____
Deputy _____

Dated: _____, 20____

RETURN ON SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY MAIL

I hereby certify that the attached receipt was received by me showing that the Summons and a copy of the Complaint mailed to the Respondent identified on the 1st page of this Summons was accepted by the Respondent on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

I hereby certify that the attached return receipt was received by me showing that the Summons and a copy of the Complaint was returned not accepted on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

I hereby certify that the attached receipt was received by me showing that the Summons and a copy of the Complaint mailed to the Respondent identified on the 1st page of this Summons was accepted by _____ on behalf of the Respondent on the _____ day of _____, 20____.

Clerk, Allen Circuit
By _____
Deputy _____

5/23/2024 5/30/2024 6/6/2024

LEGAL

ORDINANCE GRANTING KIMBERLY COURSE A REZONING FROM R-1A (SINGLE-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-1A (RESTRICTED) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR A COMMERCIAL CHILDCARE CENTER FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 451 MCDOWELL PARK CIR. (PARCEL #630-363), CASE NO. 4251.

WHEREAS, Kimberly Course has filed a petition to rezone property located at 451 McDowell Park Cir. (Parcel #630-363), in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District with a Use Permit to allow for a commercial childcare center; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has recommended the approval of the rezoning of the property at 451 McDowell Park Cir. (Parcel #630-363), from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District with a Conditional Use Permit to allow for a commercial childcare center; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Jackson City Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, April 15, 2024 to consider said change, based upon the record of the case as developed before the City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Jackson City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on March 7, 2024 and March 21, 2024 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on March 27, 2024, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board had not recommended the rezoning of the property located at 451 McDowell Park Cir. (Parcel #630-363), from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area that justifies rezoning the property and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with said application since any previous City Council action; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council, after having considered the matter, is also of the opinion that the proposed use is compatible with the character of development in the vicinity relative to density, bulk and intensity of structures, parking and other uses in addition to being harmony with the Comprehensive Plan and that a Conditional Use Permit be granted to allow for the operation of a commercial child care center within a C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District of the City of Jackson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. That the properties located in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows:

LOT 34, MCDOWELL PARK SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT THEREOF WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, IN PLAT BOOK 17 AT PAGE 24, REFERENCE TO WHICH IS HEREBY MADE IN AID OF AND AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the property located at 451 McDowell Park Cir. (Parcel #630-363), from R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District to C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District with a Conditional Use Permit to allow for a commercial childcare center. The Conditions of the Use Permit shall be that it is granted that it be granted on an annual basis; that it be granted to Kimberly Course, the owner/operator of the commercial child care center; that subsequent owners or operators of a commercial child care center at this location must apply for and receive a new Use Permit; and compliance with adopted Property Maintenance, Building, Fire, Law Enforcement & Zoning Codes be maintained at all times. However, that before any structure is erected or use thereof on the said properties, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

SECTION 2. That the cost of publication of this Ordinance shall be borne by the petitioner.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and after publication of same by the petitioner.

President Banks moved adoption; Council Member Lindsay seconded.

Yeas - Banks, Foote, Hartley, Grizzell, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.
Nays - None.
Absent - None.

ATTEST:
Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Zoning Council Meeting April 15, 2024 and recorded in Minute Book "6Z, Pgs. 100-101".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 30th day of May, 2024.

Angela Harris
Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

6/6/2024

LEGAL

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING WITH USE PERMITS ZONING CASE NO. 4256

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Roy L. Dixon, Jr. has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-4 (Limited Multi-family) Residential District to C-1A (Restricted) Commercial District with a Use Permit to allow for a neighborhood restaurant for property located at 1254 Macon St. (Parcel 40-11-1) and a Use Permit to allow for an accessory automobile parking lot on Parcel 159-177-1 within a R-4 (Limited Multi-family) Residential District in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Parcel 159-177-1

PT LOTS 16 & 18 E OF C/L LYNCH CREEK ALL IN BLK 17 COLLEGE SUB SY & A STRIP OF & ADJ * JD1*

Parcel 159-173

Lot Fifteen (15), Block Sixteen (16), College Suburb Survey, less the North Twenty (20) feet thereof, a subdivision in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, State of Mississippi, according to the map or plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Book 1 at Page 66 thereof, reference to which is hereby made

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO OR IN PERSON WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO JUNE 19, 2024.

WITNESS my signature this 31st day of May 2024.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth
Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

6/6/2024, 6/20/2024

LEGAL

ORDINANCE GRANTING FAIRVIEW INN OF JACKSON, LLC A REZONING FROM R-2 (SINGLE-FAMILY & TWO-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO CMU-1 (COMMUNITY) MIXED-USE DISTRICT TO ALLOW FOR THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND TO CAPTURE THE CHANGING LAND USE DYNAMICS OF THE AREA FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 734 FAIRVIEW ST. (PARCEL: 12-45), CASE NO. 4244.

WHEREAS, Fairview Inn of Jackson, LLC has filed a petition to rezone the property located at 734 Fairview St. (Parcel: 12-45) in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi from R-2 (Single-Family & Two-Family) Residential District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District to allow for the sustainability of the subject property and to capture the changing land use dynamics of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the property from R-2 (Single-Family & Two-Family) Residential District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District to allow for the sustainability of the subject property and to capture the changing land use dynamics of the area; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, April 15, 2024 to consider said change based upon the record of the case as developed before the Jackson City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Jackson City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on February 8, 2024 and February 22, 2024 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on February 28, 2024, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board has offered the recommendation to rezone the above described property from R-2 (Single-Family & Two-Family) Residential District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District to allow for the sustainability of the subject property and to capture the changing land use dynamics of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area that justifies rezoning the property and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with the request in said application since any previous City Council action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1 That the property located in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows:

Twenty (20) feet off the East side of Lots 5 and 6 and all of Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, Block 5, Glenwood Place, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof, which is on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 1 at Page 85, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

LESS AND EXCEPT:
A parcel of land being Lots 15 and 16 and parts of Lots 11, 13, and 14 being situated in Block 5, Glenwood Place, a Subdivision according to a map or plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 1 at Page 85. and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Begin at the Southeast corner of Lot 16 and run Westerly along the South line of Lot 16 and Lot 14 a distance of 113.5 feet to a point which is the point of beginning of this description; run thence Easterly along the South line of Lot 14 and Lot 16 to the Southeast corner of Lot 16; turn thence left 75 degrees 08 minutes, and run Northerly along the East line of Lot 16 and Lot 15 to the Northeast corner of Lot 15; turn thence left 100 degrees 57 minutes and run Westerly along the North line of Lot 15, 13, and 11 for a distance of 157.75 feet to a point; turn thence left 88 degrees 36 minutes and run Southerly a distance of 269.0 feet to the point of beginning on the South line of Lot 14.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the of the property located at 734 Fairview St. (Parcel: 12-45) from R-2 (Single-Family & Two-Family) Residential District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District to allow for the sustainability of the subject property and to capture the changing land use dynamics of the area. However, that before any structure is erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

SECTION 2. That the cost of publication of this Ordinance shall be borne by the petitioner.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and after publication of same by the petitioner.

Council Member Lindsay moved adoption; Council Member Hartley seconded.

Yeas - Banks, Foote, Hartley, Grizzell, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.
Nays - None.
Absent - None.

ATTEST:
Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Zoning Council Meeting April 15, 2024 and recorded in Minute Book "6Z, Pgs. 93-95".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 30th day of May, 2024.

Angela Harris
Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

6/6/2024

LEGAL

LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NSD PROGRAM CONSULTANT, PROJECT # 1-2024

The City of Jackson's Department of Planning and Development is accepting Proposals for a Consultant to facilitate the Neighborhood Services Division (NSD) Community Cleanup Initiative and the Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program until 5:00 P.M. CST on June 26, 2024.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

The City of Jackson's Department of Planning and Development's Neighborhood Services Division (NSD) is accepting Proposals for a Consultant to facilitate NSD's Community Cleanup Initiative and the Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program. The Consultant shall meet the professional qualifications and demonstrate the ability to implement the goals, objectives, and tasks outlined in the NSD Community Cleanup Initiative and the Neighborhood Improvement Program.

COMMUNITY CLEANUP INITIATIVE

The objective of this Initiative is to help organize, promote, and support community-sponsored cleanup efforts that are designed to clean, beautify, protect the environment, and establish a sense of place and community camaraderie. Another objective of this initiative is to provide an imprinted garbage can to the elderly and low- to moderate-income individuals who live in an income-eligible neighborhood that is registered with the NSD.

NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The objective of this initiative is to encourage neighborhood pride, stability and sustainability by assisting with creating an organizational structure for the area. Neighborhoods have the potential to qualify for a nominal grant to assist with various community activities that align with the objective of the Program.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

Proposers shall submit one (1) original signed, six (6) copies of their response. For this RFP, all responses will be received by the Office of the City Clerk until 3:30 p.m., Central Time on June 25, 2024. Electronic responses can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic submission process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

Consultant firms interested in providing these services may so indicate by furnishing the City of Jackson a total of seven (7) copies, which should consist of the following:

Submissions shall be addressed to:

City Clerk's Office of Jackson—RFP
219 South President Street, 1st Floor
Jackson MS 39201

Print On Outside:
Company Name with Return Address
RFP: Neighborhood Services Division Consultant

Proposals submitted should indicate the following on the Coversheet:
Project Name: Neighborhood Services Division Consultant
Consultant's Company Name
Consultant's Contact Information: Phone Number and Email Address
Submission Deadline Date June 25, 2024
A list of consultant responsibilities is posted on the City's website at www.jacksonms.gov.

The City of Jackson reserves the right to accept and reject any proposals for a Consultant to facilitate the Office of Neighborhood Services' Community Cleanup Initiative and the Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program, discontinue Contract execution, and/or request additional information with any party at any time prior to final Contract execution.

EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY (EBO) PLAN APPLICATION

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each proposer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan with the proposal submission, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Executive Order. Failure to comply with the City's Executive Order shall disqualify a proposer from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact the Division of Equal Business Opportunity at 601-960-1055. Copies of the City of Jackson's Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications, and a copy of the program are available at the following location: 200 South President Street, Room 223, Jackson, Mississippi, or can be accessed on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity webpage.

INQUIRIES

Any inquiries, requests for an interpretation, or comments regarding the RFP must be submitted by email no later than 3:30 p.m., Central Standard Time, June 14th, 2024. Questions and comments will not be responded to over the telephone. Responses to inquiries and comments will be emailed to all solicitors after receipt of said questions or request for an interpretation or comments by the City by June 20th, 2024. Proposers shall rely only on written addenda provided by the City in submitting proposals.

5/30/2024, 6/6/2024

LEGAL

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON MS CREATING THE SEVERE LIMB AND TREE RISK ORDINANCE TO REMOVE OVERHANGING LIMBS, BRANCHES AND OR TREES THAT CAN AND WILL PRESENT AN IMMEDIATE DANGER ON MUNICIPAL ROADS AND OR STREETS DUE TO STRONG WINDS, HEAVY RAINS AND OR SEVERE STORMS, TORNADO OR ANY OTHER ACT OF GOD.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi acknowledges that there are overhanging limbs, branches and trees, that may present risk and danger during a storm for pedestrians traveling municipal roads and or streets; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi acknowledges the danger and risk to pedestrians traveling where overhanging limbs, branches and trees exist; and

WHEREAS, it is the aim of the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi to be proactive and to prevent such risks and dangers as loss of life, property, and damages to vehicles, before the outcome of a severe weather threat; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi acknowledges that strong winds, heavy rain, severe storms, tornados and such other acts of God can cause such limbs, branches, trees to cause damage and harm to pedestrians traveling.

THEREBY, The City council of Jackson creates the Severe Limb and Tree Risk Ordinance as stated.

Section 1 - Assessment

Monthly assessments to be performed by the Public Works department where there is reported, observed or any known risk of the falling and or breaking of limbs, branches and or trees that may present a danger or risk to pedestrians that travel the roads and streets of Jackson, Mississippi where such threat is present.

Section 2 - Findings

Upon the findings of any such threat to pedestrians based on assessment, the Department of Public Works may address and remove such danger on an emergency basis, consistent with the City's emergency procurement procedures.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi realizes and acknowledges the importance and preventing accident, loss of life, loss of property, and the obstruction of traffic before such emergency can become fatal.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi creates the "Severe Limb and Tree Risk Ordinance" to protect the health, well-being and safety of pedestrians that may be affected by the falling of a limb, branch and or tree, during strong winds, heavy rains, severe storms, tornadoes, and such other acts of God.

Yeas - Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.
Nays - None.
Absent - None.

ATTEST:
Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting April 23, 2024 and recorded in Minute Book "6Z, Pgs.121-123".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 31st day of May, 2024.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

6/6/2024

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ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, CREATING REGULATIONS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF DIGITAL SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEMS FOR PARKING LOT AND ENTRY/EXIT DOOR MONITORING OF CONVENIENCE TYPE GROCERY STORES AND SERVICE STATIONS AND PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR THE INCORPORATION OF SAID SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEMS INTO THE CITY'S EXISTING BLUE LIGHT CAMERA NETWORK – SAID ORDINANCE TO BE TITLED "CONNECT JXN – BLUE LIGHT SAFETY INITIATIVE".

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson (City) is tasked with protecting the health, welfare, and safety of its residents and visitors by ensuring the availability of crime free and safe convenience stores and gas stations within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City deems it to be in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, businesses, and visitors to provide safe environments for employees and patrons of convenience stores and gas stations located within the City; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of the City find that convenience stores and gas stations' parking lots and fuel pumping areas may expose people to the risk of abductions, robberies, and other similar criminal acts; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities find that convenience stores and gas stations are often the targets of robberies and/or attempted robberies, many of which occurrences have resulted in the death of a store employee and/or of a store patron; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities find that insufficient security standards and protocols at convenience stores and gas stations are significant threats to the health, safety, and well-being of citizens and visitors of the City; and

WHEREAS, a study conducted by the United States Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), has determined that there is a reduced level of fear amongst people who are aware they are under video surveillance, while also encouraging people to be more security conscious; and

WHEREAS, the above study also concluded that security camera systems may deter criminal activity, especially such activity that takes a longer time to commit, as the potential offender runs a greater risk of capture; and

WHEREAS, video surveillance cameras have proven to be an effective tool for law enforcement officers in the investigations of certain criminal activities and in the apprehension of criminal offenders; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities find that certain security standards, including the installation of security cameras to monitor the parking lots/fueling areas and entrance/exit doors of convenience stores and gas stations, should both improve the solvability of crimes in those areas and deter and prevent future crimes; and

WHEREAS, the threat posed to the City's citizens, visitors, and business owners by criminal actions occurring at convenience stores and gas stations located in the City is very significant and undermines the City's economic health; and

WHEREAS, by installing security cameras now, rather than after an incident takes place, owners of convenience stores and gas stations will not only protect their patrons and employees, but also help insulate themselves from potential civil liability and potentially incur lower insurance premiums; therefore

NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be titled "Connect JXN – Blue Light Safety Initiative."

Section 2. Recitals Adopted. The recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 3. Definitions. For the purpose of this Ordinance, certain words, phrases, and terms used herein shall be interpreted as stated in this Section. Any word, phrase, or term not defined herein shall be defined as found in the City of Jackson Zoning Ordinance. If a word, phrase, or term is not defined in this Section and not found in the City of Jackson Zoning Ordinance, its ordinary accepted usage applies.

(3.1) Convenience Type Grocery Store (found in Section 202.39 of the City of Jackson's Zoning Ordinance): A store of not more than 3,000 square feet of retail sales area, not counting storage, which deals in grocery items of a convenience nature, and/or the sale of on-site prepared food items. The food items will be sold in edible containers, or in paper, plastic, or other disposable containers for off-premises consumption. This type of use is also commonly referred to as a "drive-in" grocery store with self-service gasoline pumps and may include an automated drive-through car wash.

(3.2) Service Station (found in Section 202.151 of the City of Jackson's Zoning Ordinance): Any building, structure, or land used primarily for the dispensing, sale, or offering for sale at retail of any automotive fuels, oils, accessories, or other sundry items normally sold at service stations for the traveling public, but not including major repair work such as motor overhaul, body and fender repairs, or spray painting.

Section 4. Digital Security Camera Systems in Convenience Type Grocery Stores And Service Stations.

(4.1) Findings. The Jackson City Council finds that requiring the installation of digital security cameras to monitor convenience type grocery stores and service stations' fueling areas/parking lots and entranceways/exits to be in the best interests of the City of Jackson in that it will help protect the City's citizens, visitors, and business employees from abductions, robberies, and other similar criminal acts and will assist local authorities in the apprehension of the perpetrators of such crimes. The City Council also finds that the requirement of the installation of a digital security camera system is not unreasonable or overly burdensome for local business owners, as most convenience type grocery stores and service stations already have functioning digital security camera systems.

The City Council further finds that the installation and use of such digital cameras will act as a deterrent to future crimes. Further, the requirement that said digital security camera systems be connected to the City's "Blue Light Camera Network" will aid in protecting the health and safety of the City's citizens, visitors, and business employees by bolstering the Jackson Police Department's ability to respond to emergency situations quickly and safely by having access to real-time video footage of the location. Further, the "Blue Light Camera Network" ensures that video footage is stored safely encrypted in the "cloud" and will be easily accessible and quickly retrievable so that the City is able to investigate and more quickly and safely apprehend criminal suspects.

The City Council finds that such a system will also have the effect of greatly reducing police department labor-hours, thereby allowing those city funds to be spent elsewhere on things such as hiring new police officers and purchasing new equipment, that have been traditionally spent, after a crime has been committed at such a business, in contacting these businesses and attempting to coordinate a time to travel to the business to gain access to the camera system for the search and retrieval of video footage.

Finally, the City Council finds that this digital camera security system requirement will also greatly benefit the owners of convenience type grocery stores and service stations by increasing the number of customers, by assisting with lowering the number of people loitering on the premises, by protecting the business's employees, by greatly reducing the business's possible exposure to civil liability, and by possibly lowering liability insurance premiums.

(4.2) Intent. It is the City Council's intent to require all convenience type grocery stores and service stations located within the City of Jackson to install and properly maintain a digital security camera system that, at a minimum, provides video coverage of the fueling area/parking lot and the entry/exit to the building using a separate digital camera to cover each location. The digital cameras and resulting video footage should be of such a quality to enable the identification and distinguishing characteristics of people and vehicles located on the premises.

Convenience type grocery store and service station owners are required to purchase and install these digital security cameras and/or to ensure that the already existing digital security cameras can connect to the internet and that they meet the minimum requirements of this Ordinance (such as image quality requirements and location requirements).

The City Council further intends that all such digital security camera systems that are to be installed pursuant to this Ordinance (and all such digital security camera systems that have already been installed that meet the minimum requirements of this Ordinance) be incorporated

into the City's "Blue Light Camera Network."

The City Council intends for the owners of convenience type grocery stores and service stations to contact the City's Department of Planning and Development and complete an application and arrange payment for the networking gear that is required for connecting to the "Blue Light Camera Network." This equipment will be installed by the City or its designee. All such businesses should have a date scheduled for installation of the equipment within one hundred and twenty (120) days of passage of this Ordinance.

The City Council intends that the City's Department of Planning and Development will have the authority to enforce compliance with this Ordinance through whatever administrative measures and means that Department deems necessary, including, but not limited to the following: the requirement that convenience type grocery stores and service stations provide proof that they have complied with this Ordinance during their application for a yearly business license; adding the requirement for these security camera systems to the permits that must be obtained during the new construction/remodel of these types of businesses; and the possibility of the imposition of monetary fines for failing to comply.

The City Council intends that the City will provide signage, at no cost to the business, that states that the area is under video surveillance and that the cameras are a part of the City's "Blue Light Camera Network." These signs will be required to be installed in an area that is easily viewable and prominent. Further, as part of the store's payment for the networking equipment, each store will receive an actual blue light device that visually alerts customers and any potential criminal actors that the area is being monitored and that video is being taken and stored.

(4.3) Required Digital Security Camera System for Convenience Type Grocery Stores and Service Stations.

(a) Every convenience type grocery store and service station shall install, maintain, and operate a digital security camera system capable of connecting to the internet that produces easily retrievable digital video files that are of such quality as to make the distinguishing characteristics of patrons and vehicles easily identifiable, whether recorded during the day or at night, and storing them in such a way as to allow for the uploading of the video footage to the "Blue Light Camera Network's" cloud storage. For purposes of compliance with this ordinance, this requirement is the duty and obligation of the developer, owner, and/or lessor of the real property on which the convenience store and/or service station is located.

(b) The digital security camera system must be capable of identifying and distinguishing all vehicles entering and leaving the parking area/lot(s), identifying all vehicles making use of gasoline fuel pumps, and identifying all individuals entering and exiting the establishment. This will require the installation of a minimum of two digital security cameras covering the parking lot/fuel pumps and the entry/exit of the business.

(c) Specifications of the digital security camera system shall be:

(1) Camera: Digital cameras must be able to produce videos and images capable of identifying and distinguishing all vehicles entering and leaving the parking area/lot(s), identifying all vehicles making use of gasoline fuel pumps, and identifying all individuals entering and exiting the establishment, whether recorded during the day or at night.

(2) Video Resolution: All video recordings must have a resolution that is sufficient for identifying and distinguishing all vehicles entering and leaving the parking area/lot(s), identifying all vehicles making use of gasoline fuel pumps, and identifying all individuals entering and exiting the establishment, whether recorded during the day or at night.

(3) Recording Capability: All videos must be stored in such a way that they can be quickly uploaded to the "Blue Light Camera Network's" cloud storage. After the video files have been uploaded to cloud storage, business owners are then free to delete any video files still stored on their local security camera system.

(d) Recording Duration: every convenience type grocery store and service station covered by this ordinance shall operate its digital security camera system twenty-four hours per day.

(4.4) Implementation Schedule. Every convenience type grocery store and service station covered by this ordinance shall have a compliant digital security camera system installed and a date scheduled for the City, or its designee, to install the required networking equipment within one hundred and twenty (120) days of passage of this Ordinance. However, the imposition of any monetary fines and/or other penalties that might be created by the City's Department of Planning and Development for failing to comply with this Ordinance shall not begin being assessed until January 1st of 2025. Convenience type grocery stores and service stations covered by this Ordinance that begin operations after the effective date of this ordinance shall comply with the requirements of this ordinance prior to the commencement of operations and shall comply with any and all requirements established by the City's Department of Planning and Development.

(4.5) Signage Requirement. Every convenience type grocery store and service station covered by this ordinance will be provided with a sign from the City that gives notice that the area is under twenty-four-hour video monitoring and gives notice that the security cameras are connected to the City's "Blue Light Camera Network." This sign shall be posted in an area that is clearly visible and prominent.

(4.6) Permitting Fees Waived. The City shall waive all building permit fees associated with the initial implementation of this ordinance upon the permitting and installation of a complaint digital security camera system connected to the City's "Blue Light Camera Network."

(4.7) Exceptions. It shall not be a violation of this Ordinance if the security camera system is inoperable because of an act of God, including, but not limited to, weather conditions, if the security camera system is restored to operational capacity as soon as is reasonably possible.

Section 5. Penalties. The City's Department of Planning and Development shall be responsible for creating and enforcing any monetary and/or other penalties associated with failing to comply with this Ordinance. Any such penalties shall be published and made available to the public. All penalties created pursuant to this Ordinance shall be subject to an appeal and any and all persons/entities penalized under this Ordinance shall have the absolute right to an appeal. The City's Department of Planning and Development shall be responsible for establishing these appeal procedures.

Section 6. Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance shall, for any reason, be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this ordinance but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part. Specifically, should the requirement that all security cameras covered under this Ordinance be connected to the City's "Blue Light Camera Network" be found to be in violation of state and/or federal rules, laws, or regulations, or be found to violate either the Mississippi Constitution or the United States Constitution, it is the legislative intent that said requirement be stricken from this Ordinance without affecting the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance.

Section 7. Conflicts. All Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent of such conflict.

Section 8. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days from and after adoption.

Vice President Lee moved adoption; Council Member Hartley seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.
Nays – None.
Absent – None.

ATTEST:
Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting April 23, 2024 and recorded in Minute Book "6Z, Pgs. 123-127".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 31st day of May, 2024.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

6/6/2024

LEGAL

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING BLOCKED RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson, Mississippi, recognizes the serious safety hazards posed by blocked railroad crossings, including the potential for frustrated individuals to attempt dangerous maneuvers between stopped railcars and hindrance to emergency services' access to individuals and hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the federal railroad administration acknowledges the authority of local communities to address the issue of blocked crossings through regulations at the state or local level; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the city council of Jackson, Mississippi, to take proactive measures to ensure the safety and well-being of its residents and visitors;

NOW, therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi:

SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS

Blocked Railroad Crossing: any instance where a stationary train impedes the flow of motor vehicle or pedestrian traffic at a railroad crossing for a duration exceeding 5 minutes.

Section 2: Prohibition of Blocked Railroad Crossings

It shall be unlawful for any railroad conductor or operator to permit a blocked railroad crossing within the city limits of Jackson, Mississippi, for a duration exceeding 5 minutes, except in cases of emergency or operational necessity, as actively determined by Jackson Police Department, Jackson Fire department, and the Department of Public Works.

Section 3: Movement of Transitioning Trains

Trains transitioning from stationary status shall move no less than 100 feet before becoming stationary again, unless circumstances beyond the control of the railroad company or operator necessitate a shorter distance, as actively determined by Jackson Police Department, Jackson Fire Department, and the Department of Public Works.

Railroad conductors or operators shall immediately contact the Jackson's chief of police, fire chief, and public works director (or appointee) to notify each of the necessity transition the train to stationary status longer than 5 minutes.

Section 4: Penalties for Violation

Any railroad conductor or operator found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be subject to arrest and incarceration for a period of 15 consecutive days.

Additionally, violators shall be fined \$1,000 for each occurrence of a blocked railroad crossing exceeding the prescribed time limit.

Section 4: Enforcement

The Jackson Police Department and other relevant city authorities are hereby authorized to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

Upon receiving a report of a blocked railroad crossing, law enforcement officers shall promptly respond to the scene and take appropriate action to ensure compliance with this ordinance.

Section 5: Notification requirements

Railroad companies or operators shall be required to promptly notify the Jackson Police Department, Jackson Fire Department, and the Department of Public Works in the event of a blocked railroad crossing lasting longer than 5 minutes.

Section 6: Severability

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

Section 7: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately after its passage and publication as required by law.

Section 8: Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Council Member Grizzell moved adoption; Vice President Lee seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.
Nays – None.
Absent – None.

ATTEST:
Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting April 23, 2024 and recorded in Minute Book "6Z, Pgs. 198-199".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 31st day of May, 2024.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

6/6/2024

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Electronic RFP proposals for the above RFP will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time), Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject all RFPs, waive informalities, and withhold the acceptance of any RFP if approved forty-five calendar days from the date RFPs are opened.

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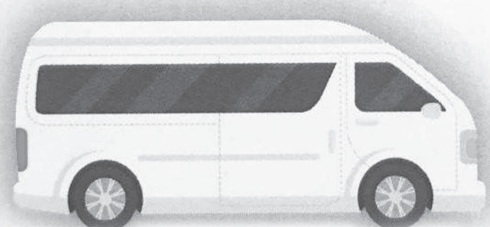
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Hinds County School District Weekly Update

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2024 5th GRADE SNEAKER BALL - GRI

Ashley Harris Hoskins and the Gary Road Intermediate School hosted a Sneaker Ball for 5th grade students. The students dressed in their best and showed off their sneaker wear for this fun event.



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The Curriculum Department of Hinds County School District acknowledged and recognized teachers who are a part of their New Teacher Network mentoring program. To show gratitude for their dedication and commitment, they were presented a certificate and lunch for participating in this program throughout the year. The activities for this program were support by one of the MPE Administrator Grants.

