



Baptist Joint Committee stands against Christian Nationalism

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

Formed in 1936, in Washington, D.C., Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty “is the only national faith-based group solely focused on protecting religious freedom for all, they file briefs in pivotal Supreme Court cases, advocate for and against legislation, testify in Congress and unite with others across faiths to ensure that every American has – and always will have – the right to follow spiritual beliefs.”

More from their website, <https://bjconline.org>: “We are attorneys, Capitol Hill insiders, ministers and scholars who work in the courts, with Congress and in the community to defend the First Amendment’s guarantee of religious freedom for every person, including those who don’t claim a faith tradition.”

As we experience the chaotic political landscape in America today, it’s impossible to deny that many individuals, entities and organizations are willingly trading their principles to remain in or to acquire power. Nearly all these folks are European Americans. We see scores of law-and-order Republicans and scores of religious leaders hitching their wagons to a convicted former president; a fraudster, plain and simple, believing they can recreate America in their image, because after all, they believe this country is theirs.

In complete contrast, here is the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty working hard at every level of society to preserve the rights of religious freedom for all, not just some. Per a recent telephone discussion with BJC Communications Manager



2023 BJC Board and Religious Liberty Council Officers, including Executive Director Amanada Tyler (front center), BJC Board Chair Anyra Cano (front third from right) and BJC Board Vice Chair Sofi Hersher Andorsky (front second from right) GROUP PHOTO COURTESY OF BAPTIST JOINT COMMITTEE

Karlee Marshall, in July of 2019 they began a campaign, Christians Against Christian Nationalism, saying that “the threat of Christian nationalism is not new. But this movement, which promotes the idea that to be a real American you must be Christian, is growing with a dangerous intensity. It’s not only behind the push for bills that advance a revisionist historical view of the United States and promote government-sponsored religious exercise; it also has inspired religious hate crimes, arson and deadly attacks on houses of worship. The same thing is happening abroad. There’s no time to waste. We need a strong response from the Christian community. We must loudly denounce Christian nationalism as a distortion of our faith and a divisive force in our country – one that poses a threat

to religious freedom for all.”

Their campaign issued the following statement: “As Christians, our faith teaches us everyone is created in God’s image and commands us to love one another. As Americans, we value our system of government and the good that can be accomplished in our constitutional democracy. Today, we are concerned about a persistent threat to both our religious communities and our democracy – Christian nationalism.

Christian nationalism seeks to merge Christian and American identities, distorting both the Christian faith and America’s constitutional democracy. Christian nationalism demands Christianity be privileged by the State and implies that to be a good American, one must be Christian. It often overlaps with and provides cover for white supremacy

and racial subjugation. We reject this damaging political ideology and invite our Christian brothers and sisters to join us in opposing this threat to our faith and to our nation.

As Christians, we are bound to Christ, not by citizenship, but by faith. We believe that:

People of all faiths and none have the right and responsibility to engage constructively in the public square.

Patriotism does not require us to minimize our religious convictions.

One’s religious affiliation, or lack thereof, should be irrelevant to one’s standing in the civic community.

Government should not prefer one religion over another or religion over nonreligion.

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President Biden’s address to nation after Trump shooting



Tonight, I want to speak to what we do know: A former president was shot. An American citizen killed while simply exercising his freedom to support the candidate of his choosing, – Pres. Biden

By Stacy M. Brown
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President Joe Biden
My fellow Americans, I want to speak to you tonight about the need for us to lower the temperature in our politics and to remember, while we may disagree, we are not enemies. We’re neighbors. We’re friends, coworkers, citizens. And, most importantly, we are fellow Americans. And we must stand together.

Yesterday’s shooting at Donald Trump’s rally in Pennsylvania calls on all of us to take a step back, take stock of where we are, how we go forward from here.

Thankfully, former [President] Trump is not seriously [injured]. I spoke with him last night. I’m grateful he’s doing well. And Jill and I keep him and his family in our prayers.

We also extend our deepest condolences to the family of the victim who was killed. Corey was a husband, a father, a volunteer firefighter, a hero, sheltering his family from those bullets. We should all hold his family and all those injured in our prayers.

Earlier today, I spoke about an ongoing investigation. We do not know the motive of the shooter yet. We don’t know his opinions or affiliations. We don’t know whether he had help or support or if he communicated with anyone else. Law enforcement professionals, as I speak, are investigating those questions.

Tonight, I want to speak to what we do know: A former president was shot. An American citizen killed while simply exercising his freedom to support the candidate of his choosing.

We cannot — we must not go down this road in America. We’ve traveled it before throughout our history. Violence has never been

the answer whether it’s with members of Congress in both parties being targeted in the shot, or a violent mob attacking the Capitol on January 6th, or a brutal attack on the spouse of former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, or information and intimidation on election officials, or the kidnapping plot against a sitting governor, or an attempted assassination on Donald Trump.

There is no place in America for this kind of violence or for any violence ever. Period. No exceptions. We can’t allow this violence to be normalized.

You know, the political rhetoric in this country has gotten very heated. It’s time to cool it down. And we all have a responsibility to do that.

Yes, we have deeply felt strong disagreements. The stakes in this election are enormously high.

I’ve said it many times that the choice in this election — that we make in this election is going to shape the future of America and the world for decades to come. I believe that with all my soul. I know that millions of my fellow Americans believe it as well.

And some have a different view as to the direction our country should take. Disagreement is inevitable in American democracy. It’s part of human nature. But politics must never be a literal battlefield and, God forbid, a killing field.

I believe politics ought to be an arena for peaceful debate, to pursue justice, to make decisions guided by the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution. We stand for an America not of extremism and fury but of decency and grace.

All of us now face a time

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Mississippi must move quickly on a court-ordered redistricting, say voting rights attorneys

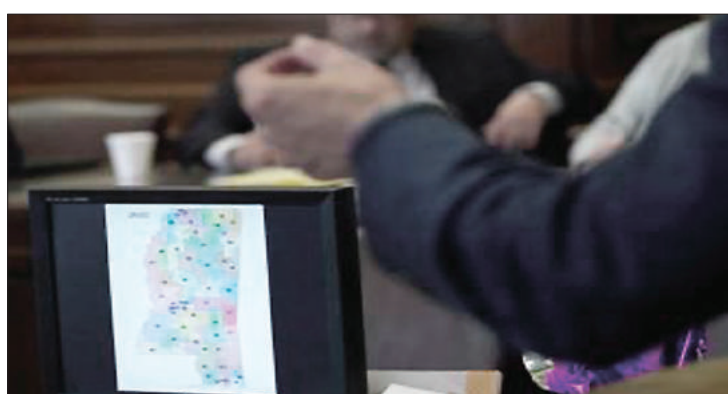
By Emily Wagster Pettus
The Associated Press

Mississippi should work quickly to fulfill the court-ordered redrawing of some legislative districts to ensure more equitable representation for Black residents, attorneys for voting rights groups said in a new court filing Friday.

The attorneys also said it’s important to hold special elections in the reconfigured state House and Senate districts on Nov. 5 — the same day as the general election for federal offices and some state judicial posts.

Having special legislative elections in 2025 “would burden election administrators and voters and would likely lead to low turnout if not outright confusion,” wrote the attorneys for the Mississippi NAACP and several Black residents in a lawsuit challenging the composition of state House and Senate districts drawn in 2022.

Attorneys for the all Republican state Board of Election Commissioners said in court papers filed Wednesday that redrawing some legislative districts in time



A version of a proposed Mississippi Senate redistricting map is displayed on a computer monitor at the state Capitol in Jackson, March 29, 2022. Three federal judges Tuesday, July 2, 2024, ordered Mississippi legislators to redraw some state House and Senate districts, finding that the districts adopted in 2022 diminished Black voting strength in parts of the state. AP PHOTO/ROGELIO V. SOLIS, FILE

for this November’s election is impossible because of tight deadlines to prepare ballots.

Three federal judges on July 2 ordered Mississippi legislators to reconfigure some districts, finding that the current ones dilute the power of Black voters in three parts of the state. The judges said they want new districts to be drawn before the next regular legislative session begins in January.

Mississippi held state House

and Senate elections in 2023. Redrawing some districts would create the need for special elections to fill seats for the rest of the four-year term.

The judges ordered legislators to draw majority-Black Senate districts in and around DeSoto County in the northwestern corner of the state and in and around Hattiesburg in the south, and a new majority-Black House district in Chickasaw and Monroe counties in the northeastern part

of the state.

The order does not create additional districts. Rather, it requires legislators to adjust the boundaries of existing ones. Multiple districts could be affected.

Legislative and congressional districts are updated after each census to reflect population changes from the previous decade. Mississippi’s population is about 59% white and 38% Black.

In the legislative redistricting plan adopted in 2022 and used in the 2023 elections, 15 of the 52 Senate districts and 42 of the 122 House districts are majority-Black. Those are 29% of Senate districts and 34% of House districts.

Historical voting patterns in Mississippi show that districts with higher populations of white residents tend to lean toward Republicans and that districts with higher populations of Black residents tend to lean toward Democrats.

Lawsuits in several states have challenged the composition of congressional or state legislative districts drawn after the 2020 census.

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Interior Department prepares to nominate U.S. Civil Rights Movement sites for World Heritage List: Medgar and Myrlie Evers' home in Jackson, MS included

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Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced Tuesday that she has authorized the National Park Service to prepare a potential nomination for 11 U.S. Civil Rights Movement sites in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Mississippi, Virginia and Washington, DC to be added to the UNESCO World Heritage List.

The Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home, in Jackson, MS is included in the list.

If designated, the sites would join other cultural and natural sites of universal importance, such as Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona, the Taj Mahal in India, and the Galápagos Islands in Ecuador on the World Heritage List. The Department has also authorized the National Park Service to prepare a possible nomination of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge in Georgia.

There are currently 1,199 World Heritage Sites in 168 countries, including 25 in the United States. The National Park Service manages all or part of 19 of the 25 U.S. sites.

"The U.S. sites that mark the civil rights movement are integral in help-



Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument in Jackson

ing us tell a full and complete story of American history," said Secretary Haaland. "We are honored to be entrusted with the responsibility of preserving these stories as part of our enduring effort to pursue a more perfect union. A nomination of these sites to the World Heritage List would further recognize the pain, redemption and healing associated with these historical sites and

honor the civil rights heroes who bravely sat, marched and fought to secure equality for all Americans."

The following are the 11 U.S. Civil Rights Movement Sites included in the proposed nomination. Nine are managed by the National Park Service:

- Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama
- Bethel Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama (part of Birmingham Civil Rights National Historic Site)

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- 16th Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama (part of Birmingham Civil Rights National Historic Site)

• Edmund Pettus Bridge, Selma, Alabama, (part of Selma to Montgomery National Historic Trail)

• Greyhound Bus Terminal, Anniston, Alabama (part of Freedom Riders National Monument)

• Little Rock Central High School, Little Rock, Arkansas (Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site)

• Ebenezer Baptist Church (Heritage Sanctuary), Atlanta, Georgia (part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historical Park)

• Monroe Elementary School, Topeka, Kansas (part of Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park)

• Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home, Jackson, Mississippi (Medgar and Myrlie Evers Home National Monument)

• Robert Russa Moton High School/Museum, Farmville, Virginia

• Lincoln Memorial and Grounds, Washington, District of Columbia (part of National Mall and Memorial Parks)

The Department will collaborate with partners and consult with the Federal Interagency Panel for World Heritage on the completed document before making a final decision on whether to submit the nomination for the Civil Rights Movement Sites to the World Heritage Committee. If submitted, the final decision on inclusion on the list will be made by the World Heritage Committee, composed of representatives from 21 nations elected from the members of the World Heritage Convention, and advised by the International Council on Monuments and Sites.

The National Park Service is the principal government agency responsible for implementing the World Heritage Convention on behalf of the Department and in cooperation with the Department of State. Inclusion of a site in the World Heritage List does not affect management of the sites, which remain subject only to U.S. law.

Detailed information on the World Heritage Program and the process for the selection of U.S. sites can be found at <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/internationalcooperation/worldheritage.htm>

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Religious instruction is best left to our houses of worship, other religious institutions and families.

America's historic commitment to religious pluralism enables faith communities to live in civic harmony with one another without sacrificing our theological convictions.

Confating religious authority with political authority is idolatrous and often leads to oppression of minority and other marginal-

ized groups as well as the spiritual impoverishment of religion.

We must stand up to and speak out against Christian nationalism, especially when it inspires acts of violence and intimidation – including vandalism, bomb threats, arson, hate crimes, and attacks on houses of worship – against religious communities at home and abroad.

Whether we worship at a church, mosque, synagogue or temple, America has no sec-

ond-class faiths. All are equal under the U.S. Constitution. As Christians, we must speak in one voice condemning Christian nationalism as a distortion of the gospel of Jesus and a threat to American democracy.”

At <https://www.christiansagainstchristiannationalism.org/statement> you can join well over forty-thousand others who have signed the statement and made their voice heard to condemn the divisiveness of Christian nationalism.

Biden

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of testing as the election approaches. And the higher the stakes, the more fervent the passions become. This places an added burden on each of us to ensure that no matter how strong our convictions, we must never descend into violence.

The Republican convention will start tomorrow. I have no doubt they'll criticize my record and offer their own vision for this country. I'll be traveling this week, making the case for our record and the vision – my vision of the country – our vision.

I'll continue to speak out strongly for our democracy, stand up for our Constitution and the rule of law, to call for action at the ballot box, no violence on our streets. That's how democracy should work.

We debate and disagree. We compare and contrast the character of the candidates, the records, the issues, the agenda, and the vision for America.

But in America, we resolve our differences at the [ballot] box. You know, that's how we do it, at the [ballot] box, not with bullets. The power to change America should always rest in the hands of the people, not in the hands of a would-be assassin.

You know, the path forward through competing visions of the campaign should always be resolved peacefully, not through acts of violence.

You know, we're blessed to live in the greatest country on Earth. And I believe that with every soul – every power of my being. So, tonight, I'm asking every American to recommit to make America so – make America what it I – think about it. What's made America so special?

Here in America, everyone wants to be treated with dignity and respect, and hate must have no safe harbor.

Here in America, we need to get out of our silos, where we only listen to those with whom we agree, where misinformation is rampant, where foreign actors fan the flames of our division to shape the outcomes consistent with their interests, not ours.

Let's remember, here in America, while unity is the most elusive of goal – goals right now, nothing is more – more important for us now than standing together. We can do this.

You know, from the beginning, our founders understood the power of passion, and so they created a democracy that gave reason and balance a chance to prevail over brute force. That's the America we must be, an American democracy where arguments are made in good faith, an American democracy where the rule of law is respected, an American democracy where decency, dignity, fair play aren't just quaint notions, but living, breathing realities.

We owe that to those who come before us, to those who gave their lives for this country. We that – we owe that to ourselves. We owe it to our children and our grandchildren.

Look let's never lose sight of who we are. Let's remember we are the United States of America. There is nothing, nothing, nothing beyond our capacity when we do it together.

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JSU's Margaret Walker Center celebrates the 109th birthday of its late founder



Jackson State University's Margaret Walker celebrated the 109th birthday of the late Margaret Walker. The archive museum and Black Studies Institute founded in 1968, hosted a Jubilee picnic in the COFO Civil Rights Education Center Thursday, July 11.

Special to The Mississippi Link

Margaret Walker, born in Birmingham, Alabama, on July 7, 1915, lived in Jackson, Mississippi, for 49 years and worked as a professor for 30 years.

The center she founded honors her academic, artistic and activist legacy. Its mission is to preserve, interpret and disseminate African-American history and culture for a local and global community of students, scholars and supporters.

MS Votes brought dozens of students from its inaugural Summer Youth Policy Institute to the celebration to learn about Alexander and COFO, and mingle with the JSU community. JSU alumnae and MS

Notes advocacy and outreach coordinator Maisie Brown saw the event as an amazing opportunity to expose the students to her alma mater.

"It was really important for us to come to this event because a lot of the students do not know who Margaret Walker is, some have never been on the campus of Jackson State," Brown shared. "We thought it was a good idea to bring them to an event while the campus is lively so they can fellowship and get a feel for JSU."

Brown said the students were excited about their visit and were very engaged and eager to learn more about Margaret Walker and the university's historic legacy.

During her tenure as director of the

Institute for the Study of the History, Life, and Culture of Black People, now the Margaret Walker Center, Walker organized several conferences that were the first of their kind.

Two of her most notable conferences were the 1971 National Evaluative Conference on Black Studies and the Phillis Wheatley Poetry Festival in 1973.

After thirty years of teaching, Walker retired as professor emerita and donated her literary and administrative papers to the institute she founded. The Margaret Walker Center houses nearly 40 significant manuscript collections and an oral repository with nearly 1000 interviews.



Director of the Margaret Walker Center, Robert Lockett, Ph.D., said, "Everything we do at the Margaret Walker Center is meant to engage the community. We want to be engaged and make sure people know that the work we do is for them."

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Mississippi State Hospital honors employees for years of service

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Mississippi State Hospital recently honored employees with anniversary dates for their years of service. Service Awards are given to employees in the month of their date of hire, beginning with one year and followed by every fifth anniversary year.

Employees receive a Certificate of Appreciation and a Service Award Pin. The program is sponsored by Friends of Mississippi State Hospital Inc.

Jennie Miner of Jackson was recognized for providing 40 years of service to the hospital. Miner serves as a custodian supervisor in Environmental Services and has been employed at MSH since 1984.

Sonia Yvette Louis-Juste of Jackson was recognized for providing 20 years of service to the hospital. Louis-Juste serves as a food service team lead in Jaquith Nursing Home Food Services and has been employed at MSH since 2004.

Vera M. Knight of Pearl was recognized for providing 30 years of service to the hospital. Knight serves as a laundry worker team lead in Environmental Services and has been employed at MSH since 1994.

Shemecka Williams-Johnson of Brandon was recognized for providing 20 years of service to the hospital. Williams-Johnson serves as an admin support assistant IV in Clinical Services and has been employed at MSH since 2004.

Michael Gordon of Clinton was recognized for providing 20 years of service to the hospital. Gordon serves as a psychologist I in Behavioral Health Services at Jaquith Nursing Home and has been employed at MSH



Jennie Miner



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since 2004. MSH, a program of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, was founded in 1855 and facilitates improvement in the quality of life for Mississippians who are in need of mental health, chemical dependency or nursing home services by rehabilitating to the least restrictive environment utilizing a range of psychiatric and medical services that reflect the accepted standard of care and are in compliance with statutory and regulatory guidelines. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission.



Michael Gordon

A Mississippi judge removes 1 of Brett Favre's lawyers in a civil case over misspent welfare money

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

A Mississippi judge has removed one of the attorneys representing retired NFL quarterback Brett Favre in a state civil lawsuit that seeks to recover welfare money that was supposed to help some of the poorest residents in the U.S. but went to projects pushed by wealthy and well-connected people.

Favre is still represented by other lawyers in the case that the Mississippi Department of Human Services filed in 2022 against him and more than three dozen other people, groups and companies.

Hinds County Circuit Judge Faye Peterson wrote Thursday in her removal order that one of Favre's New York-based attorneys, Daniel Koevary, had violated rules for Mississippi civil court procedures by repeatedly demanding hearings "for matters unrelated to and not within the jurisdiction of this Court to resolve." Peterson also wrote that she deemed the behavior "an attempt to manufacture discord."

The Associated Press sent email messages to Koevary on Friday and



Hinds County DA Faye Peterson

Monday asking for his reaction to Peterson's decision.

Mississippi Auditor Shad White said in 2020 that Favre, a Pro Football Hall of Fame member who lives in Mississippi, had improperly received \$1.1 million in speaking fees from a non-profit organization that spent welfare money with approval from the Missis-

siippi Department of Human Services. The welfare money was to go toward a volleyball arena at the University of Southern Mississippi. Favre agreed to lead fundraising efforts for the facility at his alma mater, where his daughter started playing on the volleyball team in 2017.

Favre repaid \$500,000 to the state in May 2020 and \$600,000 in October 2021, White said in a court filing in February that Favre still owes \$729,790 because interest caused growth in the original amount he owed.

Favre is not facing any criminal charges. Former Mississippi Department of Human Services director John Davis and others have pleaded guilty to misspending money from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

White has said more than \$77 million of welfare money was misspent from 2016 to 2019, including \$160,000 for drug rehab for a former pro wrestler and thousands of dollars for airfare and hotel stays for Davis, who led the Department of Human Services during those years.

Jackson mayor, city council 'give the Boom their roses' with proclamation

The Jackson City Council and Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba recently honored Jackson State University's Sonic Boom of the South. The City of Jackson presented a resolution supporting the band's participation in the 136th Tournament of Roses Parade, proclaiming July 19, 2024, as the official "Give the Boom Their Roses Day."



By Anthony J. Howard,
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Ward 4 City Councilman Brian C. Grizzell presented a resolution on behalf of the city council during their July 16th meeting.

"We're representing not just JSU,

but all HBCUs because we know what we have to offer to music education, our state and our nation," shared JSU Director of Bands Dr. Roderick Little.

On Friday, July 19, Jackson State University (JSU) will celebrate the inaugural "Give the Boom Their Roses" Day with a series of tributes in honor of the history and legacy of the Sonic Boom of the South.

All efforts are geared toward raising \$850,000 to support the student's travel and performance in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California, on January 1, 2025.

"Jackson State's Sonic Boom of

the South is this city's band. It is this state's band. It's this region's band, said Chair of JSU's Department of Music Dr. Lisa Beckley-Roberts.

Mayor Chokwe Lumumba stated, "Whether you went to Jackson State or not, it feels like our professional team. It feels like our institution. So we're excited for the Sonic Boom."

The show will kick off the morning of July 19 on the JSU social media platforms, including Instagram, Facebook, Twitter/X, and YouTube. Follow the HBCU at JacksonStateU.

Donations can now be made to support the Sonic Boom's performance in the 136th Tournament of Rose at www.jsums.edu/roses.

Long-unpaid bills lead to some water service cutoffs in Mississippi's capital city



Ted Henifin, head of JXN Water, the corporation that operates the water system for Jackson, Miss., demonstrates how to run a thin line of water from faucets during cold weather on Jan. 12, 2024. JXN Water announced Wednesday, July 10, 2024, that it was shutting off service to some apartment complexes with long-unpaid water bills. AP PHOTO/ROGELIO V. SOLIS, FILE

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

Water service is being shut off at some apartment complexes in Mississippi's capital city because of long-unpaid bills, the company that runs the Jackson water system said Wednesday.

JXN Water said in a statement that it has made "major strides in improving the consistency and reliability" of water flowing to customers in the city of about 144,000 residents.

"To maintain our progress in improving the system, everyone must pay their fair share," said the company, which is headed by Ted Henifin, an administrator who was appointed by a federal judge in 2022 to oversee the water system.

About 25% of Jackson residents live in poverty, and the city struggled for years with water quality problems and understaffing at its water treatment plants. The water system nearly collapsed in August and September 2022, leaving tens of thousands of people without water for drinking, bathing, cooking or flushing.

Henifin has said inconsistent billing and unpaid bills have exacerbated the system's financial problems.

JXN Water said that before shutting off service, it contacted apartment management companies multiple times

and gave notice of disconnection. The cutoffs were announced as temperatures in central Mississippi topped 90 degrees Fahrenheit (32.2 degrees Celsius).

"We understand the impact on residents who may not be directly responsible for the non-payment," the JXN Water statement said. "We encourage residents in affected properties to engage with their property management company immediately to understand the steps being taken to restore service."

WAPT-TV reported that water was shut off for part of Tuesday at Gardenside Apartments, where residents' rent payments are supposed to include water service. JXN Water told the station that Gardenside Apartments managers had last paid water bills in 2017, and the complex's overdue amount was more than \$148,000.

The Associated Press called the complex management Wednesday, but the call went to a voicemail box that was full and could not take additional messages.

Audwin Reese, a military veteran who lives in Gardenside Apartments, told WAPT that he was checking on neighbors who were without running water, including a 93-year-old woman.

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Delta innovator search seeking new ideas to improve health, economy in region

The Associated Press

Entrepreneurs, scientists, agricultural leaders and other innovators with ideas for advancing the health and economy of the Mississippi Delta region of Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana are encouraged to enter the inaugural Delta Innovator Search.

The Rural Innovation Alliance, a multistate initiative committed to transforming the Delta region into a thriving, diversified and integrated economic driver, will accept applications for the search through July 30 at ruralinnovationalliance.org.

The search, part of a planning process launched in May 2023 and funded by the National Science Foundation's Regional Innovation Engines program, will identify new solutions that have the potential to advance the region's economy and contribute to better health outcomes for Delta residents. Solutions could include new goods or products, scientific or technical innovations, services, business models, financial strategies or other projects that help build the necessary infrastructure for resilient economic growth in the Delta. Projects should align with at least one of three target categories:

- Scientific or Technical Innovations – New approaches that address the Delta's unique

needs and opportunities, ranging from non-traditional rural health delivery to agricultural innovations such as specialty crop developments or resilient farming practices.

- Economic or Financial Innovations – New business models or financial strategies designed to strengthen the region's economic base by engaging and empowering Delta residents and communities.

- Community Impact 2040 – Strategies thoroughly grounded within and committed to making a long-term, positive impact on local Delta communities, including advancements in economic resiliency and improvements in rural health outcomes.

"Our alliance believes that with dedicated support, it is possible to seed, incubate and translate these innovations into tangible outcomes that will have a positive economic and societal impact on the region," said Dr. Joe Thompson, president and CEO of the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement, one of the leading partners in the alliance. "This search is an integral next step in our planning process to outline a strategy that leads to the development of new businesses, innovative technologies, creative workforce development programs and inclusive wealth creation in the Delta."

Applicants selected as final-

ists will present their proposals to the Rural Innovation Alliance and its partners at a showcase and awards banquet in September. At the showcase, innovators will be selected to receive awards of \$20,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 to support their initiative, in addition to gaining access to networking support and additional funding opportunities – including a pathway to participate in the upcoming \$160 million second-phase NSF Regional Innovation Engines grant application process.

Both individual and organization applications are welcome. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and residents of Arkansas, Mississippi or Louisiana or demonstrate authentic partnership with an organization from the area that serves residents.

"Rural health care access, sources of quality food, and other challenges the Delta faces are intertwined with economic resiliency," said Charity Hallman, Senior Vice President, Hope Enterprise Corporation. "This collaboration represents an opportunity to foster new ideas and innovative leaders from within our own communities with the clear understanding that their success makes the entire region stronger."

The Delta Innovator Search is part of the National Science

Foundation's Regional Innovation Engines program, Advancing Equitable Access to Food and Health Technologies in the Delta (AR, LA, MS). The program seeks to develop a plan to harness the region's strengths to address key disparities and lay the foundation in the region's communities for future innovation that will advance the local economies and improve health outcomes for residents.

About the Rural Innovation Alliance

With funding from the National Science Foundation's Regional Innovation Engines program, the Rural Innovation Alliance works to support the discovery, innovation, and development of the entrepreneurial solutions necessary to sustainably and equitably transform the Mississippi Delta's regional economy. Leading partners include the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement, the Arkansas Rural Health Partnership, the Mississippi-based Delta Health Alliance, Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana based HOPE (Hope Enterprise Corporation, Hope Credit Union, and Hope Policy Institute), the Louisiana Public Health Institute, and the Louisiana-based Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

Learn more at: ruralinnovationalliance.org

Kamala Harris and JD Vance have talked, but they're yet to agree on terms for a VP debate



Republican J.D. Vance

VP Kamala Harris

By Zeke Miller And Jill Colvin
Associated Press

Vice President Kamala Harris and Republican JD Vance on Tuesday had their first chat since the Ohio senator became the GOP vice presidential nominee, but the two sides are still working on terms for participating in a debate, according to three people familiar with the matter.

Harris has agreed to a debate on CBS News on either July 23 or Aug. 13. Two months ago, former President Donald Trump agreed to those same dates, or one later in the calendar, on behalf of his then-identified running mate – but for a debate on Fox News, which Biden's team has indicated it would reject.

The people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal conversations about the debate, said there had been no progress at bridging the disagreements on the network partner and format, but they expect discussions to begin now that Trump has selected Vance, a first-term senator from Ohio.

"Obviously, we want to debate Vice President Harris because it's important for the American people to see the contrast," Vance told Newsmax on Tuesday evening.

Harris, in her congratulatory voicemail to Vance on his selection on Monday, urged him to accept the CBS debate, according to one of the people familiar with the discussions. Vance returned Harris' call on Tuesday and the pair exchanged pleasantries, that person said. A second person said they shared a desire to debate, but didn't discuss specifics.

Vance told Newsmax that Harris was "was very gracious, very cordial" on the call.

Last month's debate disaster for President Joe Biden, Saturday's attempted assassination of Trump, and the ages of both men atop their respective tickets could raise the stakes for the running mates' potential faceoff.

"Vice President Harris is prepared to debate JD Vance," Biden campaign spokesman TJ

Ducklo told reporters Monday after Vance was added to the GOP ticket. "We have accepted the proposal from CBS News – I think as folks are aware – to participate in that debate, and we feel very good."

Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren told reporters on a Biden campaign call, "The V.P. will take it to JD Vance."

"The debate is going to have two parts to it," she continued. "It's how strong our vice president is and how good her economic issues are. I'm looking forward to this debate."

Finding someone would could perform well against Harris was among Trump's considerations as he assessed the field of potential candidates. And on that measure Vance stood out.

Vance had first captured Trump's attention during his campaign for the Senate in 2022 – a viciously nasty primary in which the candidates often seemed to be competing more for Trump's endorsement than for Republican votes.

Trump's campaign did not respond Tuesday when asked whether Vance would agree to one of the two proposed CBS dates.

Trump had said he hoped Harris and his eventual running mate would meet at Virginia State University, which is where Fox proposed holding its event.

The university was originally scheduled to host a debate put on by the nonpartisan Commission on Presidential Debates, and it would have been the first time a historically Black college or university hosted one.

Virginia's two senators, Democrats Tim Kaine and Mark Warner, have urged the candidates to still hold a debate at the school.

CBS would host the debate in one of the network's studios, which is the Biden team's preference.

Colvin reported from Milwaukee. AP writers Seung Min Kim, Michelle L. Price and Jonathan J. Cooper contributed.

What if Crooks had been a Black man?

By Hazel Trice Edney
Trice Edney News Wire

Can you imagine what would have happened to a Black man who showed up at a Donald Trump rally acting "suspiciously" around the metal detectors?

It is no secret to any conscious American why the 20-year-old shooter of former President Trump was not stopped although police and security deemed him to be acting "suspiciously" around the metal detectors at the entrance of the July 13 Trump event in Butler, Pennsylvania.

There is a reason that the 20-year-old Crooks was reportedly not interrogated for identification. He was not chased, not followed; not heavily surveilled as he climbed to the roof of a building and aimed an AR-15 styled rifle only about 130 yards away from where former President Trump was speaking.

It is evident by only a brief review of recent American history that the reason Crooks was not stopped at the gate and caught before he pulled the trigger was because he was White. Period. Once again, it was the lone White male syndrome.

There is no question that had Crooks been a Black man, he would have been commanded to show identification. Had he not concurred, he would have been wrestled to the ground and likely shot dead or choked to death like D'Vontaye Mitchell, who was killed by hotel security June 30 right there in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where the Republican National Convention is being held this week.

Unlike Trayvon Martin, 17, out for Skittles and ice tea in Florida; Tamir Rice, 12, with a toy gun in Ohio; or Airforce Senior Airman Roger Fortson, 23, in his own apartment in Georgia, among dozens of other household names, Crooks was somehow given the benefit of the doubt, allowed to slide on by.

It ultimately ended with Crooks shooting and wounding former President Donald Trump in an assassination attempt, killing firefighter husband and father Cory Compechello and critically injuring two other people before he was killed by a police



Thomas Matthew Crooks

COMMENTARY

sniper.

As authorities now intensely investigate, the debacle has been described as an "epic failure" of security, mainly the Secret Service. But we all know what it really was. The failure of security was catastrophic because Crooks was White.

As President Joe Biden quickly took authority, met with Homeland Security, the FBI and Secret Service and promised the nation a thorough investigation.

But, Americans have witnessed this all too familiar scenario many times before. When thousands of predominately White Confederate flag-waving Trump supporters headed for Washington, D.C. on January 6, 2021, none of the federal law enforcement agencies responded with the appropriate level of force, resulting in the violent January 6 attack and insurrection.

Clearly, had those rioters been Black, the Capitol Police and other security agencies would have been prepared in advance with military force, dogs and high-powered rifles. They were unprepared for the destruction that occurred that day for the same reason that they were unprepared for the attack on former president Donald Trump's life in Butler, Pennsylvania. They have yet to become fully sensitized to the danger of

the loan White male syndrome. The spirits of racism and White supremacy in America have trained authorities that the Black man should be treated as a threat and the White man should be given a pass.

Fortunately, the would-be Trump assassin did not succeed although a family man took the bullet and died. Donald Trump, shot across the top of his right ear, escaped serious injury and was given a hero's welcome at the Republican National Convention this week. In an iconic photo seen around the world, he pumped his fist seconds after the shooting, shouting to the crowd, "fight, fight, fight!"

But fight for what?

Ironically, it has been Donald Trump himself who has been a ringleader in fanning the fumes of racism and White supremacy in America.

He implied that the Central Park Five, Black and Latino men who were ultimately exonerated of rape after a wrongful conviction, deserved the death penalty. Trump has never apologized.

He led the birther movement claiming President Barack Obama was not born in the U. S.

He called Haiti and African nations "sh*thole countries."

He called football players protesting wrongful police killings of Black men and women "sons of bitches."

During the Charlottesville "Unite the Right" rally that drew White supremacists from across the country in 2017, Trump said there were "very fine people on both sides."

And most recently, during the CNN debate against President Biden, he referred to "Black jobs," apparently espousing a stereotype that he has yet to explain.

Thankfully, Donald Trump survived the assassination attempt. But the fact is that the so far unrepentant former president was nearly killed by the same evil that he has helped to perpetuate.

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Should you become a Guinea Pig?

By Vince Faust
Tips to Be Fit

Almost every modern prescription medicine we have today has been studied in hundreds and often with thousands of people in a clinical trial. Participating in a clinical trial can be a rewarding experience, but it's essential to approach it with knowledge and awareness. Your decision to take part is personal. But being part of a clinical study can make a difference in the lives of other people. A lot of effective treatments that we used today, such as chemotherapies, blood-thinning drugs and vaccines and cognitive-behavioral therapies would not exist without research participants.

Clinical trials are research studies that test a medical, surgical or behavioral intervention in people. Trials progress through phases (I to IV), each serving a specific purpose. Many people express willingness to participate in clinical trials, yet enrollment targets often remain unmet. Trials are the primary way that researchers determine if a new form of treatment or prevention, such as a new drug, diet or medical device is safe and effective for people.

Often clinical trials are designed to learn if a new treatment is more effective or has less harmful side effects than existing treatments. You have to remember the primary intent of research is to advance medical knowledge and not to advance the welfare of the patient.

Placebo drug treatments are routine in experimental research. When part of the group being tested takes a sugar pill, scientist can judge the effect of the real drug without bias. But because any type of surgery especially on the brain can be risky, placebo surgery is a controversial practice that raises questions about the ethics of research and how far we are willing to go to obtain research data. Researchers defend the

practice because it is a vital tool for fetal cell transplant and a very powerful way to demonstrate the true difference between a transplant group and a control group. If you get the placebo you're not getting any treatment and if you get the treatment medication it's new, so no one knows if it's going to do you any good. In fact, the new treatment could turn out to be worse than getting nothing at all.

The research boom is straining the system. A report issued by the Inspector General of Health and Human Services (HHS) concluded that ethical review boards that are responsible for overseeing the design and safety of studies "now review too much, too quickly with too little expertise."

If you're considering joining a clinical trial the following tips can help you make an informed decision.

Get it in writing

Researchers must provide potential volunteers with specific information about the project and what it will entail. They should also put the information in a written letter or document, which a volunteer will sign.

Take your time

Never feel pressured to sign the agreement to participate. Not everyone decides to enroll. In fact, studies have shown that those who delay signing have a greater chance of declining. Feel free to take the document home first to discuss it with your family, friends, a doctor or nurse who is not involved in the study.

Ask questions

Don't hesitate to raise questions and discuss concerns at any point before, during and after the study.

Here are some questions potential study volunteer need to ask.

Why is the study being done?

Why am I a good candidate?

Will I receive any direct medical benefit from participating?

Who is the sponsor?

Do researchers receive any financial bonus if I enroll and complete the study?

Do they get a bonus if I sign up today instead of later?

How will the study results and patient safety be checked?

What standard therapy is the research treatment being compared with?

What safety and effectiveness has the test drug procedure already shown?

What efforts will be made to keep my information confidential?

Who will have access to my data?

What test procedures and treatment will be done during the study?

Will the study hurt?

What are the experimental parts of the study?

What screening test will certify my eligibility to participate?

Who will be in charge of my care?

What happens if I decide I can't continue with the study?

What happens if I become ill or injured from the trial during and afterward?

What costs does the study pay for?

What cost can I expect to pay?

Have insurance covered these cost for other volunteers?

Are there resources available to help cover cost?

Would my medical care cost less or give me a greater benefit if I saw my doctor instead of enrolling?

Will I be paid for participating? When? How much if I leave the study?

Will I be notified of the studies findings, including my own results at the study conclusion? Can I get my results?

Can I continue treatment even after the trial ends?

Remember, even after you sign an informed consent form, you can change your mind and leave the study at any time for any reason.

Sheila Thorne of Multicultural Healthcare Marketing Group tackles cultural deficit

The National Newspaper Publishers Association newswire

Since 2003, Multicultural Healthcare Marketing Group has been changing the healthcare narrative for People of Color, striving for inclusivity, informed diagnoses and culturally competent treatments. With a clear vision and personal resources, Sheila Thorne founded the Multicultural Healthcare Marketing Group (MHMG) in 2003.

Dedicated to bridging the gaps in healthcare and combating racial disparities, she became a trusted voice in the industry, driven by an unwavering desire to provide equal opportunities, raise awareness, and bridge marginalized communities with global pharmaceutical companies.

With over 25 years of experience in healthcare marketing, including roles as a senior executive for several of the world's most influential healthcare marketing and communications companies, Sheila is equipped with the knowledge and skills that drive change from grassroots to grass tops.

Throughout her experience, she noticed the global lack of adequate healthcare services for people of color and the widespread deficit of impactful sustainable campaigns that help communities take lives into their own hands.

What statistics tell us is that black people's life expectancy is nearly five years shorter compared to white people, with 72.8 and 77.5 years, respectively even among the middle class and insured. These challenges bleed into the lives of children and their mothers. With an over two times higher mortality rate for black infants



Thorne

compared to their white counterparts. These numbers paint a dire picture that has persisted and been ignored. Calling for immediate action and effective solutions.

With that mission in mind, Sheila created MHMG. She says, "My goal is to ensure that everyone, regardless of race, age, or origin, can access quality healthcare. People of color often die prematurely from preventable, manageable, and curable illnesses. It's about time we change that."

According to Sheila, some of the contributing factors include financial challenges, racial biases, and lack of health education. From impactful campaigns to changing the clinical trial landscape and offering insights about disease symptoms and results, MHMG is leading the much-needed systemic change. As a seasoned healthcare marketing expert, Sheila recognizes the essential aspects of effective strategies. During her experience, she identified a striking void in the industry – most marketers lack a profound understanding of the deeply rooted challenges of Black, Latino, Asian, and other populations of color.

Among the most prominent issues within the healthcare space, Sheila highlights the apparent racial differences between PoC and white patients for type 2 diabetes. According to recent data, Black African, African Caribbean and South Asian communities are at the highest risk of developing type 2 diabetes from the age of 25. This is significantly younger than the white population, for which the risk increases after 40. Racial challenges, access to healthcare, and financial barriers propel the issue, lowering the probability of treatment. Similarly to type 2 diabetes, Black people are more likely to develop hypertension at an earlier age, with the average systolic blood pressure being 2.9 mmHg and 1.6 mmHg higher for Black boys and girls compared with white children.

She embarked upon a twelve-city campaign dedicated to educating African Americans on the dangers of untreated hypertension, offering culturally competent advice and tangible community-based solutions. This marked the beginning of her profound impact in that sphere, reinforcing her motivation and mission.

What started as a one-person operation in 2003 turned into a powerful movement driven by Sheila's unyielding commitment to fostering an equitable healthcare system. "After leaving my previous job as an educator, MHMG started as me in a shared office space. Thankfully, the connections I made over the years helped me create the company that MHMG is now – a dedicated team of passionate people of color who won't stop until racial disparities disappear," she adds.

Start the school year strong and prevent illness in children

StatePoint

The excitement of a new school year unfolds each year when families flood the superstore aisles to buy classroom supplies, tape afterschool schedules on the fridge and organize carpools with friends.

Common to each family is a desire for children to remain healthy, active and ready to learn.

To prepare children and teens to be at their best – physically, mentally, socially and emotionally – the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends regular visits with the pediatrician, as well as immunizations that help keep all family members healthy. Recent outbreaks of measles, a highly contagious disease, have shown how quickly some infectious diseases can spread within a community.

"The best way to strengthen a child's immune system and keep them healthy is by getting them vaccinated," said pediatrician, Dr. David M. Higgins. "An illness like measles can keep children home and away from school and activities for days. Immunizations allow children to enjoy learning, playing and getting together with friends and



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family."

As of June 13, 2024, a total of 151 U.S. measles cases were reported this year-to-date in 21 different states, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These recent measles outbreaks have affected unvaccinated people. Choosing to not vaccinate your children not only leaves them susceptible to measles, but also exposes other children to this potentially serious disease. This includes in-

fant who are too young to be vaccinated and those who are unable to be vaccinated due to other health conditions.

"Everyone in our community deserves to be healthy, and part of being healthy means getting immunized for all illnesses, including influenza and COVID-19 and, if eligible, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). It benefits all of us if every child in our community is vaccinated, because it means that all of us

are more likely to be healthy," says Dr. Higgins.

Families can also stop the spread of infection by encouraging hand washing with children throughout the day. Help or remind them to wash their hands:

- Before eating (including snacks)
- After a trip to the bathroom
- Whenever they come in from playing outdoors
- After touching an animal, like a family pet
- After sneezing or coughing if they cover their mouth
- When someone in the household is ill.

The AAP calls for the immunization of all children and adolescents according to its policy, Recommended Immunization Schedules for Children and Adolescents Aged 18 Years or Younger, United States.

"Your pediatrician can answer any questions about recommended vaccines and when your child needs them," Dr. Higgins said. "There is a schedule for their recommended timing because that is when research has shown they are most effective during a child's development."

More information can be found at healthychildren.org

July is UV Safety Awareness Month

SPM Wire

July is UV Safety Awareness Month, a great opportunity to brush up on ways to protect your skin and eyes from ultraviolet exposure.

UV rays can cause sunburns, eye injuries and cancer, making protection critical.

This summer be sure to:
Wear sunscreen: Wear sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher every day, not just on the days you are heading to the beach or pool. Consistently reapply it every two hours, and whenever your skin is exposed to

water or sweat.

Wear sunglasses: Protect your eyes with sunglasses that are labeled as offering UV protection.

Wear a hat: Wear a hat to protect your scalp and to offer your face and eyes additional sun protection. A wide-brimmed hat is best, though any hat offering shade is better than nothing.

Choose shade: When dining or lounging outdoors, choose shade. Always sit under umbrellas, awnings or trees.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT ZONING CASE NO. 4260

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 DeAngealo Barrett has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for the placement of a manufactured house within a R-2 (Single & Two-Family) Residential District on property located at 0 Rand St. (Parcel: 707-107), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

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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, July 24, 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 hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. 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 JULY 17, 2024.

WITNESS my signature this 27TH day of June 2024.

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

7/4/2024, 7/18/2024

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RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
RUTH PITTMAN TAYLOR, DECEASED CAUSE NO. P2024-31 G/2

PETITIONER: MELVIN HAMILTON
SUMMONS
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF RUTH PITTMAN TAYLOR, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Melvin Hamilton Petitioner, seeking the adjudication of heirs of Ruth Pittman Taylor, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 1:30 o'clock p. m., on the 20th day of August, 2024, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hinds County before Honorable Tiffany Grove, Chancellor. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 3rd day of July, 2024.

EDDIE JEAN CARR
CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI

7/18/2024, 7/25/2024, 8/1/2024

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TERMINAL ADVERTISEMENT PROGRAM AT THE JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT JMAA PROJECT NUMBER 061-24

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is requesting proposals (each, a "Proposal") to provide related services (the "Services") to JMAA in connection with the Terminal Advertisement Program at JAN, JMAA Project No. 061-24.

JMAA will receive sealed electronic or printed submissions only. All submissions of Statement of Qualifications to perform the Services will be accepted until Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on (the "Deadline"). RFP shall be accepted electronically, by mail, or by hand delivery as follows:

Electronically jmaabids.com
By mail or hand delivery JMAA's Administrative Office, Suite 300
Main Terminal Building
Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers
International Airport 100 International Drive,
Jackson, Mississippi 39208

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA via JMAA's website at: www.jmaabids.com.

After evaluation in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP, JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent ranked first on the list. If such negotiations fail to produce an agreement, in form and content, satisfactory to JMAA, within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the ranked Respondent. In that event, JMAA will follow the same process with the other Respondents, in the order of their ranking, until a Respondent agrees to and enters into an agreement satisfactory to JMAA.

JMAA has established a DBE contract goal of 0% for the Services solicited by this RFP. However, twenty (20) points are potentially available to Respondents submitting an acceptable minority participation proposal for the Services.

7/18/2024, 7/25/2024

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RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
BOBBY LAZELL CARSON, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 2024-242 W

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BOBBY LAZELL CARSON, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Bobby Lazell Carson Petitioner, seeking the adjudication of heirs of Bobby Lazell Carson, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 8:45 o'clock a. m., on the 30th day of August, 2024, in the Chancery Courtroom of Madison County before Honorable James Walker Chancellor. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 17th day of July, 2024.

RONNY LOTT
CHANCERY CLERK OF MADISON COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI

Ronny Lott

7/18/2024

LEGAL

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT ZONING CASE NO. 4258

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 Capitol Magnolia, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for the conversion of an office building into multifamily apartments of up to twenty (20) units within a C-2 (Limited) Commercial District on property located at 2625-2639 Ridgewood Rd (Parcel: 542-230), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LELIA STREET AND SOUTHERLAND STREET IN JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, RUN THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 59 MINUTES EAST 478.0 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHERLY MARGIN OF LELIA STREET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG THE SOUTHERLY MARGIN OF LELIA STREET SOUTH 88 DEGREES 59 MINUTES EAST 29.85 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES WEST 298.48 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 35 MINUTES WEST 134.17 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 01 MINUTES EAST 201.81 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 59 MINUTES EAST 100.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 01 MINUTES EAST 100.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS 0.68 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, ALL OF WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

LESS AND EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LELIA STREET AND SOUTHERLAND STREET IN JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, RUN THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 59 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 478.00 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHERLY MARGIN OF LELIA STREET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG THE SOUTHERLY MARGIN OF LELIA STREET SOUTH 88 DEGREES 59 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 29.85 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 12 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 59 MINUTES WEST A DISTANCE OF 31.3 FEET TO THE SOUTHEASTERN CORNER OF THAT CERTAIN PARCEL 1 AS DESCRIBED IN WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN BOOK 6890 AT PAGE 61; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 01 MINUTES EAST A DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS 0.07 ACRES, MORE OR LESS BEING LOCATED IN THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

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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, July 24, 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 hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. 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.

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WITNESS my signature this 28TH day of June 2024.

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

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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, August 13, 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.

There are two (2) options in which RFP proposals may be obtained. Download from Central Bidding website at www.centralbidding.com for a small fee of \$49.99 or visit JPSD website at www.jackson.k12.ms.us and download. Vendors must be registered with Central Bidding in order to electronically upload RFPs proposals at no cost. For any questions concerning the process, or how to register, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

All hand-delivered proposals must be delivered before the opening time (local prevailing time) and the date the bid is scheduled to open. These deliveries are to be made to the Business Services Office at 662 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

7/18/2024, 7/25/2024

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION ZONING CASE NO. 4257

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 Tracy T. Willis has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Special Exception to allow for a private kennel for up to five (5) dogs within a R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 301 Sewanee Dr. (Parcel: 119-105-1), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 11, Block H, North Sunnyside Additions, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Court of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book #1, page 69 reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

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, July 24, 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 hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. 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.

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WITNESS my signature this 27TH day of June 2024.

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

7/4/2024, 7/18/2024

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI SIGN VARIANCE FOR AMAZING INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH

THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SIGN VARIANCE FOR AMAZING INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH TO RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 219 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MS, 39201. INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. PLEASE CONTACT THE SIGNS & LICENSE DIVISION (601) 960-1154 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT ZONING CASE NO. 4259

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 Raad Mudhis Gobah has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for a Tobacco Paraphernalia Store within a C-3 (General) Commercial District on property located at 4886 Highway 18 West (Parcel: 831-101), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Being all of Lots 1 and 2 of the 903 Subdivision as platted and recorded in the Office of the Chancery Clerk, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at an iron pin at the Northwest corner of Lot 1 of the 903 Subdivision as platted and recorded in the Office of the Chancery Clerk, Hinds County, Mississippi and use as the POINT OF BEGINNING, said Northwest corner also being on the South Right-of-Way of Mississippi Highway No. 18. From said POINT OF BEGINNING run North 41 degrees 08 minutes 04 seconds East along the said South Right-of-Way for a distance of 87.55 feet, to an iron pin; thence South 41 degrees 48 minutes 00 seconds East along the said South Right-of-Way for a distance of 2.15 feet to an iron pin; thence North 42 degrees 33 minutes 10 seconds East along the said South Right-of-Way for a distance of 80.79 feet, to an iron pin; thence South 68 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds East along the said South Right-of-Way for a distance of 51.50 feet, to an iron pin at the Northwest corner of Lot 2 of the said 903 Subdivision; thence South 47 degrees 03 minutes 07 seconds East for a distance of 41.36 feet, to an iron pin; thence North 42 degrees 54 minutes 33 seconds East for a distance of 16.05 feet, to an iron pin; thence South 47 degrees 08 minutes 37 seconds East for a distance of 32.00 feet, to an iron pin; thence South 68 degrees 20 minutes 00 seconds East for a distance of 68.13 feet to an iron pin; thence East for a distance of 50.51 feet, to an iron pin at the Northeast corner of Lot 2 of the said 903 Subdivision; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 39 seconds West for a distance of 140.81 feet, to an iron pin at the beginning of a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 100.00 feet and a chord bearing South 09 degrees 33 minutes 40 seconds West for a distance of 33.73 feet; thence along said curve to the right for an arc length of 33.90 feet, to an iron pin; thence South 19 degrees 29 minutes 03 seconds West for a distance of 98.37 feet, to an iron pin at the Northeast corner of Lot 1 of the said 903 Subdivision; thence South 19 degrees 27 minutes 36 seconds West for a distance of 141.36 feet, to an iron pin at the Southeast corner of Lot 1 of the said 903 subdivision, said Southeast corner also being on the North Right-of-Way of Chadwick Drive; thence North 70 degrees 33 minutes 41 seconds West along the said North Right-of-Way for a distance of 388.57 feet, to an iron pin; thence North 30 degrees 29 minutes 55 seconds West along the said North Right-of-Way for a distance of 43.81 feet, to an iron pin at the Southwest corner of Lot 1 of the said 903 Subdivision, said Southwest corner also being on the South Right-of-Way of Mississippi Highway No. 18; thence North 44 degrees 47 minutes 47 seconds East along the said South Right-of-Way for a distance of 16.99 feet to an iron pin; thence North 50 degrees 12 minutes 39 seconds East for a distance of 115.82 feet, to an iron pin; thence South 47 degrees 23 minutes 03 seconds East along the said South Right-of-Way for a distance of 1.99 feet, to an iron pin; thence North 50 degrees 12 minutes 57 seconds East along the said South Right-of-Way for a distance of 35.60 feet, to an iron pin; thence North 42 degrees 30 minutes 22 seconds East along the said South Right-of-Way for a distance of 32.04 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. Said parcel being all of Lots 1 and 2 of the 903 Subdivision as platted and recorded in the Office of the Chancery Clerk, Hinds County, Mississippi, and contains 2.92 acres.

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, July 24, 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 hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. 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.

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WITNESS my signature this 28TH day of June 2024.

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

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY RELATED TO THE PURCHASE OF AUDIO AND VIDEO EQUIPMENT JMAA PROJECT NO. 062-24

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is seeking bids related to the purchase of Audio and Video Equipment at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the "Work").

Sealed bids to perform the Work will be accepted by JMAA until 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on Thursday, August 22, 2024 (the "Bid Deadline"). Bids shall be accepted electronically, mail, or hand delivery as follows:

Website: www.jmaabids.com
By mail or hand delivery: JMAA's Administrative Office, Suite 300 Main Terminal Building Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208

JMAA will publicly open and read all bids on Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. (CST) (the "Bid Opening"), in the Community Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

Questions and communications regarding this project's bidding procedure and schedule should be directed to: Eric Williams, Procurement Director, ewilliams@jmaa.com, and 601-360-8622.

JMAA will not consider any submissions, including bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received after the Bid Deadline for any reason whatsoever.

JMAA will award the Work to the lowest successful bidder as determined by JMAA in accordance with the criteria set forth in the information for Bidders.

JMAA reserves the right to amend the plans and specifications for the Work by Addendum issued before the Bid Deadline; to reject any and all bids; to waive technicalities in the bid proposals.

The Information for Bidders and bidding documents for the Work can be found at (<https://jmaabids.com>).

7/18/2024, 7/25/2024

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY RELATED TO THE PURCHASE OF VxRail PRODUCTION SERVERS JMAA PROJECT NO. 063-24

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is seeking bids related to the purchase of VxRail Production Servers at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the "Work").

Sealed bids to perform the Work will be accepted by JMAA until 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 (the "Bid Deadline"). Bids shall be accepted electronically, mail, or hand delivery as follows:

Website: www.jmaabids.com
By mail or hand delivery: JMAA's Administrative Office, Suite 300 Main Terminal Building Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208

JMAA will publicly open and read all bids on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. (CST) (the "Bid Opening"), in the Community Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

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RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
LARRY COLEMAN, DECEASED CAUSE NO. P2024-244 H/3

PETITIONER: JEANETTE COLEMAN

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LARRY COLEMAN, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Jeanette Coleman Petitioner, seeking the adjudication of heirs of Larry Coleman, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 1:30 o'clock p. m., on the 19th day of September, 2024, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hinds County before Honorable Tamerice E. Hodges Lindsey, Chancellor. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 12th day of June, 2024.



EDDIE JEAN CARR
CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI

BY: K. Howard

7/18/2024, 7/25/2024, 8/1/2024

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
LOIS CHAMBERS, DECEASED CAUSE NO. P24-62 T/I

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executor upon the Estate of Lois Chambers, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probation and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 19th day of June, 2024.

Veronica Chambers
Veronica Chambers
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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

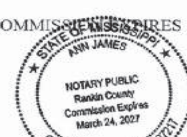
Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named, Veronica Chambers and Donna Chambers, Co-Administrators for the Estate of Lois Chambers, deceased, who having been by me first duly sworn, states that the above Notice to Creditors is true and correct as therein stated.

Ann James

NOTARY

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President Joe Biden is the Democratic nominee: Let's move on to the convention

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Weeks have turned into months as some Democrats ponder removing President Joe Biden from their ticket. The Democrats, if they don't look out, are on a collision course with themselves.

The debate held a few weeks ago has made some Democrats question Mr. Biden's fitness for office. My response is "ye of little faith." These same naysayers have watched the economy grow, more people have jobs, and he is managing two wars in Israel and Ukraine.

He didn't perform well at the debate and now the faint-hearted want to throw in the towel and jump ship. They go negative based upon 92 minutes.

The Democrats, some would say, are in trouble. They have a strong candidate in President Biden however the media has painted a different picture with inflamed rhetoric. This is my opinion.

There are some polls that have his opponent ahead and other polls that have President Biden ahead. Polls are not reliable and cannot be trusted all the time. I have been around long enough to know that as a fact.

There are reports about Mr.

Biden dropping out of the race. However, he has said that he will not. Who do you believe the media or the president? Who do you believe his Democratic critics or him? I believe him when he says that he is in the race and not going anywhere.

It is my opinion that reporters should stop asking him that question because they are getting the same response from him.

He is also being quizzed about his mental fitness for the job. I believe that he is mentally capable of doing the job. So do most Americans.

However, there are over 25 Democratic lawmakers who want President Biden to set

aside and let someone else run for the office of president.

Congressman Mike Quigley of Illinois said, "Mr. President, your legacy is set. We owe you the greatest debt of gratitude. The only thing that you can do now to cement that for all time and prevent utter catastrophe is to step down and let someone do this." Congressman Quigley, who is that someone else?

Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill of New Jersey also wants him to step away. She said, "The stakes are too high, and the threat is too real to remain silent." She wants President Biden to lead them through the process of selecting another candidate.

Those wanting him to step down haven't stepped up with a strong candidate. Names mentioned include Gavin Newsom, governor of California and Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan. Reports say they have zero interest in assuming that role.

The wayward Democrats, in my opinion, should be focusing on his opponent, Donald Trump. During the debate, the former president told over 20 untruths. There has been little mention of his ability to lie on the spot.

Mr. Trump and the Republicans have a plan that will drastically cut social security and increase the retirement age to 69 along with cutting disabil-

ity benefits. He has already stated he will help the richer get richer and those on the margins will suffer even more.

Have you read the Republican plan put forth by some of them called Project 2025? Read it and you will probably go to the polls early so that you can vote for President Biden. If this plan gets traction, this type of America will become a living nightmare. Don't get put in a position where because you didn't vote, you live in regret.

As November draws closer, let's be clear about what is at stake. Rights and privileges that we currently have will be erased. Let's get out to vote because our votes will matter.

Invitations matter

Let's be sure not to overlook an invitation or an opportunity to extend one

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

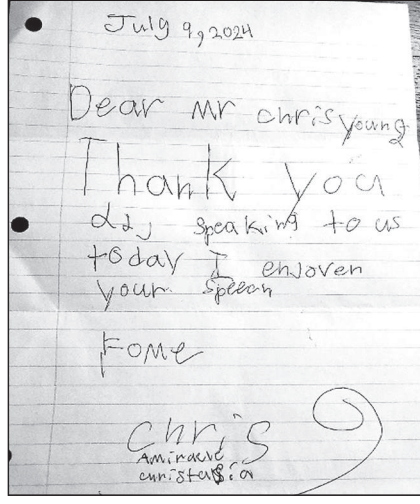


Invitation. A noun. The act of inviting. A request for the presence or participation of someone at a specified time and place. Its synonyms include encouragement, incentive, inducement and catalyst – so says Merriam-Webster. The opposite, or antonym in dictionary language – is disincentive. Every so often, experiences present themselves in our lives, that cause us to truly reflect at a deeper level.

Maybe if we're lucky or blessed, these experiences can be life-altering, and often these experiences are the result of an invitation. Perhaps the invitation was extended to you, then again, maybe it was you who extended the invitation to someone else. Not all invitations are accepted.

Eight months after moving to Mississippi for retirement, I sent a letter to then Speaker of the Mississippi House of Representatives, Philip Gunn, sharing about a recent visit to The Two Museums, with special emphasis on Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, and adding an invitation in the final paragraph: "While I don't possess your pedigree of graduating from prestigious institutions, and now rising to the Speakership, I will nonetheless offer a suggestion. That is that you, as Speaker, lead a day long Legislative Retreat at The Two Museums. Yes, taxpayers would foot the bill, yet you would be demonstrating your belief that all Legislators (and maybe their staffs as well) could better serve ALL Mississippians through a day of reflection and perhaps, education." Care to guess what his reply said? There was no reply.

Another example: A few months later, I received an invitation from Jackie Hampton, publisher of *The Mississippi Link* newspaper. She asked if I had ever been to Selma – to the historic Edmund Pettus Bridge? I told her I had been there a thousand times in my mind, but never in person. She said, I'd like you to go there for the upcoming Bloody Sunday Anniversary and write an article about your experience. I accepted her invita-



tion. That article, published March 10, 2022, was my first for *The Link*. Saying that the article required editing would be an understatement. She took up time with me. She encouraged me. She mentored me. Her invitation became a catalyst for change. I've never stopped writing articles each week. My life has a deeper purpose because an invitation was provided, and I accepted the invitation.

Another example: Recently I received a call from Meredith Coleman MaGe. Meredith is a community advocate, and she stays very busy. She is an accomplished writer, author and entrepreneur. She loves the arts in all its forms. She has an affinity for children, their welfare, development and success. She's currently hosting a summer camp focused on literacy, along with Vickie Jenkins, and she invited me to come and speak to the children about being a writer – 15 minutes she said. Upon arriving with a box of Popsicles, copies of the latest issue of *The Mississippi Link* newspaper, and a new pack of 3x5 cards, I had the total joy to meet and shake hands with Chris (9), Christasia (7) and Amira (6) – brothers and sisters from a much larger Jackson family.

We started with the basics, you know, number of boys in the family, number of girls in the family, name of school, favorite teachers, etc. Then we moved on to writing, much emphasis of course on stories, what their favorite stories are, a story that they could tell or write down, and then on to the newspaper. They

asked great questions as they turned the pages on the tables in front of them. I noticed little eyes kept darting to the pack of index cards and eventually I asked the children if they ever struggled to remember things. Their answers were amazing and gave me the chance to introduce the index cards after confiding that when I was their age and even into high school, I struggled with reading comprehension and had to be tutored. One of the things I learned was that keeping an index card and pen in my pocket, I could write down important things to reinforce my memory. They were fascinated and all three of these beautiful, smart, inquisitive, polite, caring children started writing things down on their cards.

The handshakes I received upon entry had changed to hugs upon my exit nearly an hour later, and I received an envelope of thanks (see photo above).

Driving home I reflected on the invitation I received, the opportunity to meet and share with these terrific children, and then it hit me. These pure perfect children only have so long to go before they start to run into Mississippi's special brand of racism. The day will come when it will be obvious to them that far too many people don't see them as wonderful, intelligent, curious, thoughtful and kind. Too many people will just see them as black. This is the horrible ungodly hell we live with, and only we can change it.

I've long believed that God gives us what we need to do what is needed – yet here we are in 2024, still struggling, still divided, still not even close to being fully integrated. Not because we don't have the tools, but because far too many of us don't have a colorless heart – far too many of us simply refuse to use the tools.

"Love one another" has no caveat attached, but far too many of us attach one anyway. We all suffer as a result, including innocent children.

What invitations could you or will you extend today? What invitations will you accept today? We have no idea what an invitation could lead to, or how it could potentially change our life and thereby those around us, giving our lives meaning or a deeper purpose.

How we must overcome the Trump Presidential Campaign

By Dr. John Warren
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The timing could not be greater for the Republican Party. Their candidate survives a head shot; the Florida judge throws out the Classified Documents case on a procedural move and, with the help of Clarence Thomas from the Supreme Court, it looks like no trial before the November election even though sentencing on the 34 felony convictions in New York might come in September.

As if these things were not enough, Democrats, with the aid of the media, are making all discussions center on replacing Joe Biden rather than rallying to support him and keeping the spotlight on the Project 2025 plan for a Trump Presidency which looks more likely everyday.

News Flash! The Trump Presidential Train can be stopped. How? Every person in America who is of voting age and able to register and vote, can help stop the Trump Train.

The votes that we are able to cast must be laser focused on getting democrats and independents running for office, and also republicans elected to replace those who are a part of the Trump movement.

We need a democratically elected majority in the U.S. House of Representatives to ensure that the House has a democratic majority. Such a majority will ensure that the Speaker is democratic and therefore guarantee that the Electoral College counting of the votes for the presidency allows the transition of power intended by the Constitution. This is necessary even if Biden is re-elected.

We must likewise look closely at one third of the U.S. Senate which is up for

election. The democratically controlled Senate is within one or two votes of becoming Republican controlled. It was a Republican controlled Senate that twice failed to convict former President Trump, even though he was impeached on two separate occasions. It is both the House of Representatives and the Senate that can reverse the arbitrary and counter Constitutional Decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court on issues like presidential immunity while committing crimes in office, the overturning of Roe vs. Wade, and the Chevron Decision impacting regulatory agencies carrying out their legal responsibilities.

There are more of us in America who believe in our democracy and the rule of law than there are those who would replace what we have with a Project 2025 Authoritarian form of government. The real issue is not the age of President Joe Biden, with whom we have the safeguard of the 25th Amendment to the Constitution if he should become disabled to serve. The real issue is the damage that a Trump presidency would do.

Race is at the core of both the Republican Project 2025 and the Democrats seeking to replace Biden when he and Harris are the duly elected standard bearers for a democratic victory. Any discussion of finding someone to replace Biden other than Vice President Harris is racist and a violation of the process laid out in the 25th Amendment as mentioned above.

The time to register and prepare to vote, wherever you live, is now. The time to look at who is running for office in your city, state, or congressional district of the Senate, is now. Your vote counts as much as those that will be cast at each convention and in November. If you don't participate, then don't complain. A "non" vote is the same as a vote for the Trump campaign. Where do you stand?

Let's think about what we say and do

By Jannie Johnson
Caring n' Sharing



Listen... listen do you hear what I hear: there is no place for violence in America; it will not be tolerated; it is not condoned and it is un-American? We want peace; we need unity; we

must work together. Let's stop the violence.

True... there is no place for violence in America. But... violence isn't taking a place in America. Violence is filling an empty space we made when we chose to remove the source of peace and unity from the public square. Then we chose to make laws to keep that space empty.

Remember? Now we are feeling a need for peace, unity and a spirit of co-operation. From what source we're to get these invisible benefits? We need the Invisible One, God, to fill that empty space.

The assassination attempt on Former President Donald J. Trump on Saturday, July 13, 2024, is proof positive that the

security we have is insufficient. Something is missing most definitely. A lone twenty year old was able to penetrate all, a-I-I, our sophisticated security and heavy presence of the law enforcement. Need I say more?

"Violence is sick." Yes, but our sick conditions have caused violence and causing the rise in violence. My truth and your truth

won't lead to peace. We need The Truth, God's truth; we must seek it; respect and practice it.

In Jonathan Swift's fable, *Gulliver's Travels*, he describes the country of Houyhnhnms. The horses are endowed with reasons and virtue but not human.

The Houyhnhnms demonstrate that human is not sufficient

for conduct of life. Man needs divine intervention in his affairs.

Fellow Americans, our realities say we do need divine intervention lest we destroy ourselves in the name of progress, freedom and our rights.

From my experience, I have learned that when all is said and done, usually more is said than done.

P R E S E R V E D

Free your mind and your faith will follow

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



You either live your dreams or you live your fears. This statement from the introduction of bestselling author Dr. Dennis Kimbro's 2014 book *The Wealth Choice* that made me stop and think. Even though his book is an excellent resource full of dynamic success secrets of 1,000 Black millionaires, I thought about how the book's strategies can also apply to anyone's life whether you are a millionaire or work at Walmart. For example, the quote about living your fear was a simple statement but one that made me take a step back and look at my life.

I wondered how many times I have lived my fear. Like so many of you, I know

I can always rely on the truth in the scriptures like 2 Timothy 1:7 - "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." However, even though we embrace the truth of that and other scriptures, we still find ourselves fearful.

So how do you overcome that kind of fear?

According to Dr. Kimbro and *The Wealth Choice*, one way to overcome fear about your finances is to change your mindset about money. If you have a poor mentality, you will be poor much like Proverbs 23:7 says, "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he."

Having faith is a big part of overcoming any fear, but you have to change your thinking first. I was talking to a friend about that same thing a few weeks ago. We were sharing about life goals. Even though we had very different goals,

there was a common factor: once we'd made up our minds to achieve our goals then it was easier to achieve them.

For instance, for years I struggled about going back to school to work on another degree. It took me nearly 4 years to decide to go back. Why? There were friends, co-workers and even my supervisor who encouraged me to go back to school.

I didn't want to do it because I couldn't wrap my mind around having to read tons of books, do homework again and pay tuition. Even though I had moments where I convinced myself that I could do it, I would always go back to the mindset where I just couldn't see myself going back to school.

However, one day I had one of those "moments." I asked myself what was the real reason why I didn't want to go back to school. It boiled down

to one thing: I was afraid. Afraid that I would fail and afraid that I would never be able to overcome the fear of failing.

Things really changed once I changed my mind about the fear of failure and decided that I would rather live my life knowing that I tried and failed than not having tried at all. In other words, once I freed my mind, my faith followed. And following my faith took me on an amazing journey where I took a few detours but eventually made it to my destination of completing my PhD.

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Cast off every weight

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



Hebrews 12:1 states, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

You need to cast off anything that is dragging you down spiritually. If Jesus has shown you that you need to get rid of something, I plead with you, do not continue on the path that you are traveling. Jesus has made a way of escape, but woe to you if you continue in your own way. Wow, calamity, despair, and grief will be your companions. It does not have to be that way.

Backslider, you have been away from the goodness of God for too long. Nothing in sin can please your soul like Jesus Christ. It is time for you to come back home, but woe to you if you continue to go your own way.

What happens to individuals when a spirit of self-righteousness and self-confidence comes over them? They believe they are invincible and that the Lord will excuse their actions. Friend, you cannot do wrong and get by. The Lord knows all about you.

In the Bible, you can read of an individual who knew better than to do what he did, and you can also read of the penalty that he suffered.

Daniel 5:1-6 reads: "Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his

concubines, might drink therein. Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone. In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another."

As you can see, nothing is written about their praising God. Idol worship will get you in trouble every time. Today, people are worshipping things that they ought not to be worshipping. God has a way to shut down the party early.

Those individuals were making a mockery of God and His ways and the things of God. Friend, you cannot make light of the truth or make fun of God's man or His people without God taking notice of your actions. No matter who you are, if you make a mockery of God's precious Word, you are walking on treacherous ground.

When God came on the scene, King Belshazzar's fun time was over. The laughter stopped, and the king's countenance changed. When God wants to get your attention, your countenance will change.

Friend, if God has shown you a need in your heart you should not wait until you are lying in a hospital bed in serious condition to try to get right with God; then it might be too late.

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NASA program gives three UM students opportunity to design satellite

By Clara Turnage
Special to The Mississippi Link

Designing a satellite just larger than a Rubik's Cube may seem daunting to some, but for four Mississippi college students, it's just rocket science.

Three University of Mississippi students and one from Jackson State University are spending their summer designing a small satellite that is composed of three 4-by-4-inch units through NASA's 2024 Mission Concept program, sponsored by the University Nanosatellite Program. The program offers budding engineers an opportunity to collaborate and solve real-world problems.

"Here, we teach them on paper, but they don't build the products," said Mustafa Matalgah, professor of electrical and computer engineering, who is leading the Mississippi cohort. "In this CubeSat, they're going to learn how to design, build from A to Z, from scratch, a product that's working, that's going to be in space."

The Ole Miss students are:

- Mohammed Alqodah, a UM doctoral electrical engineering student from Irbid, Jordan

- Jesus Delgado, a UM senior electrical engineering major from Maracaibo, Venezuela

- Logan Stockham, a UM senior electrical engineering major from Knoxville, Tennessee.

Johnathan Johnson, a senior computer science major student at Jackson State University, is the team's other member.

The students spent one week at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida and will spend seven weeks in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where they will design their satellites. The program is a part of the long-term CubeSat Launch Initiative, in which NASA partners with educational institutions to design,



University of Mississippi students and a JSU student are spending the summer designing a satellite.

build and launch cost-effective satellites.

The Mississippi cohort's assignment is to create a satellite that can communicate more quickly than current models by using a higher frequency.

"We are tackling some problems in satellite communications, especially in the Ka-band spectrum," Alqodah said. The Ka-band is a portion of the electromagnetic spectrum used for satellite communications.

"We'll use machine learning and some communication techniques to enhance the system performance and to increase the overall speed rate of the satellite communication."

Alqodah said the team will

also have to consider factors such as weather patterns in their calculations, all while keeping their design inside the cube.

The final product will be a small, low-orbit satellite that can transmit information quickly.

"We are just in the beginning," Matalgah said. "This is going to be a great learning experience for our students."

He also said, "These smaller satellites provide low-cost access to space for educational institutions and can be launched from ground as secondary payloads on a launch vehicle, as opposed to larger satellites that must be ferried by a rocket into

orbit. The smaller satellites also cause less orbital debris and are easier to replace."

At the end of the summer, each team will have their design on paper and ready for production. Following the summer sessions, NASA and UNP will call for proposals again for the second phase of the program.

If chosen, the students will begin bringing their designs to life. In the third phase, they will launch their satellites.

"So, for the whole process from scratch to launching the satellite, you need about four, six years," Matalgah said. "But by the end, the ultimate goal is that Ole Miss will launch its own satellite."

Jackson Public Schools announces historic pay increase for teachers and staff



Mississippi Link Newswire

The Jackson Public Schools Board of Trustees has approved a significant increase in the local supplement added to the State of Mississippi's minimum pay for school teachers, alongside a notable pay raise for hourly-paid staff. This decision reflects the district's commitment to investing in its human capital and enhancing the quality of education.

For the 2024-2025 school year, teachers and other certified staff on the teacher salary schedule will see an increase in their local supplement. The impact will vary based on individual experience and certification levels.

The new supplement minimums are as follows:

- Teachers with 0-20 years of service: \$5,000
- Teachers with 21-30 years of service: \$5,250
- Teachers with over 31 years of service: \$5,500

This adjustment represents the largest increase in Jackson Public Schools' local supplement history. The local supplement is added to the state-mandated minimum salary, with each district establishing and maintaining its own rates. This increase has been made possible by the \$18 million in additional revenues from the state legislature's new funding formula, as well as savings from

the District's Optimization for Equity Plan.

"I'm very excited to provide such significant salary increases for JPS team members," said Superintendent Dr. Errick L. Greene. "As we continue to strive for excellence in education, and to hold ourselves to even higher standards of service and outcomes for scholars, it is imperative that we pay our people competitive wages. We must treat them with respect, and one of the clearest demonstrations of that respect is in the way that we compensate them."

"We are grateful to the Legislature for recognizing the need to increase school funding," said Earl Burke, JPS chief operations officer. "These additional dollars will directly enhance the quality of instruction and service in our District."

The increased local supplement positions JPS teachers as the highest-paid in the Jackson metropolitan area. Additionally, the JPS Board has approved increased hourly wages for classified staff, with a minimum raise of \$2.00 per hour and skilled laborers or licensed positions receiving up to \$7.00 per hour more.

Jackson Public Schools remains committed to attracting and retaining high-quality educators and support staff, ensuring the best possible educational outcomes for its scholars.

Green Elementary acquires MAC Artist in Residence

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Students at Green Elementary participated in an Artist in Residence Project made possible through a grant by the Mississippi Arts Commission. Local artist and illustrator Chuck Galey served as the Artist in Residence at Green. He provided a two-week arts residency that included 50-minute arts integrated lessons for scholars in grades K-5, exposing them to the artistic process and providing them with real-world visual arts experiences to strengthen their knowledge of the art form.

The students at Green developed their artistic skills through a hands-on project creating a mosaic art piece. Through the experience, students also developed a greater appreciation for artists and the work that they can do as author/illustrators of children's literature. Additionally, teachers learned best practices and strategies to incorporate visual arts in classroom instruction.

Galey's interactive programs keep students and teachers captivated through his unique qualifications as an author/illustrator of chil-

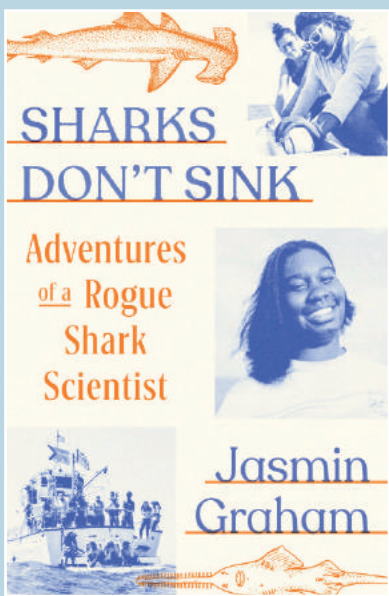
dren's literature. He has presented workshops in classrooms and libraries all over the south-east.

Mississippi Whole Schools, a program of the Mississippi Arts Commission, is Mississippi's first comprehensive statewide arts education program, which uses the arts as a vehicle for promoting high-quality instruction and learning for scholars in all core content areas.

Fifth-grade teacher Chesmond Jordan served as on-site project facilitator.



Children's book author/illustrator Chuck Galey leading a lesson for students at Green Elementary.



BOOK REVIEW: SHARKS DON'T SINK: ADVENTURES OF A ROGUE SHARK SCIENTIST

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Oh, those teeth!
Your finger practically bleeds just looking at them: three rows of perfect, razor-sharp white triangles that you know are gonna hurt. They're inside a mouth made for swallowing you whole, that's obvious, but when you think about it – are sharks really as bad as they seem? As you'll see in the new book "Sharks Don't Sink" by Jasmin Graham, maybe dentism isn't the problem. In studying them, maybe racism is.

Growing up near the ocean by Myrtle Beach, Jasmin Graham fell in love with the water early in her life. She fell in love with the creatures there when she was ten, with her father, fishing – something her forebears had done on local piers for decades.

She knew then that she wanted to be a "shark scientist." She was eighteen when she first held a live shark, and that cemented her dream.

Not long afterward, though, Graham felt like she "had burned out completely." She'd been trying to make it in "a toxic, white,

male-dominated... environment laced with... casual and overt sexism and racism..." and it was harming her well-being. She was about to quit when she found a few other Black women who were shark scientists, too, and who were going through the same thing. Graham received instant support and it was life-changing.

Two weeks later, the new friends had decided to mobilize. They met a Miami investor who lent resources and who helped them found Minorities in Shark Science (MISS), an organization that gives BIPOC young women

an introduction to shark science. By then, Graham had decided to become a "rogue scientist" – one without academic backing, but whose research on sharks is essential in the field.

Sharks, says Graham, are not always the fearsome creatures that Hollywood wants us to believe. Yes, some sharks attack humans, but others are "kinda silly" sometimes, and some are "cutie-pies." And there's still a lot we don't know about them.

Says Graham, "So many questions. But that's where science begins: with questions."

Alright, here it is: the STEM book you can share with your young adult, a book that's not stuffy or academic but that'll teach you something truly interesting. Here: all the things you wanted to know about all kinds of sharks, in plain words that are friendly, thorough, smart, awed and easy-to-understand. Right here.

And if the shark science doesn't fascinate you enough, author Jasmin Graham uses "Sharks Don't Sink" to draw analogies between freedom and bias and between shark lives and Black

lives. That's done in the sweetest of ways, through Graham's own story and that of her ancestors who steadfastly, fiercely stood up to racism and big business through the years.

We also meet Graham's father, an easy-going man who makes you want to sit on a quiet front porch with some sweet tea and a church fan. Ahhhhh.

Find this book for yourself, loan it to your 14-to-18-year-old, and be sure to ask for it back. "Sharks Don't Sink" is the kind of book you'll want to bite into twice.

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From Biles to Sha'Carri, Team USA packed with star power heading into Olympic Games

By Pat Graham AP
Sports Writer

From Simone Biles to Sha'Carri Richardson and Diana Taurasi to Katie Ledecky, Team USA will provide some of the biggest star power at the 2024 Olympic Games.

And it will be the women leading the way as the U.S. looks to top the overall medal table for the eighth consecutive Summer Games.

The nearly 600 athletes going to the Paris Olympics include more than 250 returning Olympians and 122 Olympic medalists. Golfers Xander Schauffele and Nelly Korda, along with surfer Carissa Moore, are among the numerous Olympians set to defend their titles in France.

It's a loaded U.S. roster where the women outnumber the men 314 to 278 – at last count – and ages range from 16 to 59. The most decorated member of Team USA in Paris will be Ledecky, who's trying to add to her collection of 10 medals (seven golds).

Comebacks and redemption

Biles is back in action after pulling out of multiple gymnastics finals in Tokyo to protect her mental health and safety. There's Richardson making her Olympic debut after a much-debated absence three years ago because of a positive marijuana test.

The 27-year-old Biles leads a U.S. women's gymnastics team filled with familiar faces and



Simone Biles and the U.S. women celebrate as the 2024 team is named at the United States Gymnastics Olympic Trials on Sunday, June 30, 2024, in Minneapolis. AP Photo/Abbie Parr, File

looking for redemption in Paris. The team settled for silver three years ago behind the Russian athletes competing as the Russian Olympic Committee.

Richardson has become a media sensation for her speed, charisma and perseverance. The 100-meter world champion earned a spot for Tokyo in 2021 but was banned following her positive test for marijuana. It sparked an intense debate about whether she was being unfairly singled out for taking a sub-

stance that doesn't improve performance.

The 24-year-old Richardson, who graces the cover of Vogue magazine, said she was "overwhelmed with the emotions of just joy" after making the team.

Star power on the court

On the court, hoops royalty LeBron James and Taurasi lead their teams. And it's no surprise that the men's and women's basketball squads brimming with talent are heavy favorites to bring home the gold.

James, Joel Embiid, Kevin Durant and Steph Curry join forces to lead a U.S. contingent going for a fifth straight Olympic title. A'ja Wilson, Brittney Griner and Taurasi headline a women's squad that has won seven consecutive Olympic gold medals. Taurasi has been a part of five of them.

Who else is on the Team USA roster?

Decorated swimmers Ledecky and Caeleb Dressel are on deck to shine again in the pool, and

majors winners and world No. 1 golfers Scottie Scheffler and Korda take to the links.

"We're telling these stories – we're laughing, we're crying, we're cheering them on," said Lyndsay Signor, senior vice president of consumer engagement at NBC Sports. "So that really warrants both the combination of the athletes themselves and the celebrities we've partnered with."

NBC has been airing promotional Olympic material around the clock. There's Biles being interviewed by singer SZA. Other athletes featured in spots include Richardson, sprinter Noah Lyles, 400-meter hurdles world-record holder Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone, Ledecky and reigning Olympic all-around gymnastics winner Suni Lee.

The U.S. women's soccer team, led by new coach Emma Hayes, chases after its first Olympic gold since 2012 and Victor Montalvo – "B-Boy Victor" – will be a contender when breaking makes its Olympic debut in Paris. Coco Gauff is among the favorites to bring home a medal on the clay courts at Roland Garros, the site of the French Open.

Medal forecast

That abundance of star power is why Nielsen's Gracenote forecasts the U.S. hauling in 123 medals. That's ahead of China (87), Britain (62) and France (56). This could be the eighth straight Summer Games where

the Americans have topped the medal table.

"If American athletes win, that drives ratings and endorsements, and makes it attractive for American corporations to invest in the Olympic movement," said Dr. Yoav Dubinsky, an instructor of sports business from the Lundquist College of Business at the University of Oregon. "All part of the story of American lifestyle. Their successes, and at times failures or adversities, contribute to Brand America."

Olympic entertainers

NBC brought in Academy Award-winning director Steven Spielberg to narrate a short film titled, "Land of Stories," where the Olympics set a scene to tell tales.

Even more stars will participate in the network's coverage as celebrities Snoop Dogg, Kelly Clarkson, Peyton Manning, Colin Jost, Leslie Jones and Jimmy Fallon make appearances.

Snoop already is trotting out his tracksuits to get in some work. The 52-year-old hip-hop star ran a 200-meter race against Ato Boldon and Wallace Spearmon at the Olympic track trials in Eugene, Oregon, last month.

His time was 34.44 seconds. Usain Bolt's world record of 19.19 remains safe.

"(Snoop) has really brought a perspective that's not only fun and interesting," Signor said, "it's lovable as well."

Building Community: Nissan Foundation awards \$1.2 million in grants to 44 nonprofits celebrating the value of our differences

Special to The Mississippi Link

The Nissan Foundation is awarding \$1.2 million in grants to 44 nonprofits promoting cultural understanding that leads to acceptance and appreciation of our differences. This is the most the Foundation has awarded in a single grant cycle. Grant recipients are based in communities surrounding Nissan facilities in Southern California, Middle Tennessee, Central Mississippi, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Southeast Michigan, New York City, North Central New Jersey, and Atlanta.

The Nissan Foundation has awarded approximately \$17 million to more than 150 nonprofits since its founding in 1992. The Nissan Foundation was created as a direct response to the civil unrest that followed the Rodney King trial verdict. At that time, Nissan's then U.S. sales headquarters was based just blocks from the riot's epicenter.

"In the 32 years since the Nissan Foundation was created, it has helped organizations – big and small – develop and grow programming designed to increase understanding and acceptance of what makes us different," says Chandra Vasser, President of the Nissan Foundation and Nissan's first Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer. "It's an honor to uplift the important work of our grantees who are bettering our world by providing safe spaces to explore our similarities while cel-

32 For 32 years, the Nissan Foundation has supported organizations that promote cultural diversity.



The mission of the Nissan Foundation is to build community by valuing cultural diversity.

1992

The Nissan Foundation was created as a direct response to the violent civil unrest in South Central L.A. near Nissan's then U.S. sales and marketing operations. Soon after, Nissan established a \$5 million endowment to promote cultural diversity within southern L.A. neighborhoods.

1993

The first Nissan Foundation grants were awarded.

2023

For the first time, the Nissan Foundation awarded more than \$1 million in annual grant cycle.

2024

The Nissan Foundation awards the most grants in a single grant cycle.



40% of Nissan's customers in the U.S. are ethnically diverse.

GRANT RECIPIENTS

Nissan Foundation grant recipients include museums, public television stations, libraries, and other nonprofits, promoting the benefits that diversity brings to these local communities.

They serve communities surrounding Nissan's affiliate locations in: Southern California, Middle Tennessee, Central Mississippi, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Southeast Michigan, New York City, North Central New Jersey, and Atlanta.

Learn more at www.NissanFoundation.com



brating our differences."

The 2024 grantees include mobile education programs, museums, history centers, libraries, and other nonprofits promoting the many benefits that diversity brings to society. Each funded program aligns with the Nissan Foundation's mission of building community by valuing cultural diversity.

"I am thrilled that we're able to further the innovative programming of 44 grantees this year," said Ali Tonn, Nissan Foundation executive director.

"These organizations are continually coming up with ways to reach new audiences and share the benefits of living and working together in a diverse society."

Among this year's grantees is New York-based One to World. The Nissan Foundation supports the organization's global classroom program whereby international students enter the classrooms of elementary, middle and high school students across New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania

to share about their home country and culture. It's a connection that yields mutual benefits.

Another 2024 grantee is Nashville's Global Education Center whose Passports to Understanding school outreach program exposes youth to various cultural, ethnic and religious groups through concerts, museum presentations and performances. The program is designed to promote cross-cultural understanding and respect.

A third grantee is the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights

Museum. Its Upstander Speaker Series showcases individuals and organizations that stand up for human rights on a local, national or global level.

Amongst many other grantees throughout the country, Mississippi Foundation for Mississippi History, "Two Mississippi Museums School Visits Programs" is the recipient of (\$50,000) and GRAMMY Museum Mississippi, "Soul of the Movement Education Program" is also the recipient of (\$50,000)

How to apply for a 2025

grant

The 2025 Nissan Foundation grant cycle will begin in October. Nonprofit organizations working to bring diverse cultural perspectives, experiences and voices to communities across the country may be eligible to apply for a Nissan Foundation grant. These organizations must be based in one of the areas where Nissan has a significant operational presence: Atlanta, Central Mississippi, Dallas/Ft. Worth, Middle Tennessee, New York City, North Central New Jersey, Southeast Michigan and Southern California. Those applicants based in a Nissan affiliate market who can demonstrate that their programming increases understanding and acceptance of society's myriad cultural differences are invited to submit a Letter of Intent. Nissan will begin accepting those letters on October 1, 2024.

All Letters of Intent must be received by 5 p.m. EST/4 p.m. CST on November 4, 2024. The Nissan Foundation will announce 2025 grantees in July 2025.

For more information about the Nissan Foundation and its application process, visit the Nissan Foundation page. For more information about products, services and commitment to sustainable mobility, visit nissanusa.com. You can also follow them on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn and see all their latest videos on YouTube.

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



Hinds County School District Partner BankPlus Bank awarded four \$750 scholarships to students who met the requirements of Mississippi Scholars Criteria or Mississippi Scholars Tech Master Criteria. These scholarships were awarded by BankPlus President David Johnson at the monthly School Board meeting. Parents and family were in attendance to celebrate this wonderful achievement.

The following students received the scholarships:

Aniyah Lewis – Terry High School; Lauren Williams – Terry High School; Destiny Paige – Raymond High School and Trinity Hunter – Raymond High School.

We congratulate them and wish them great success in their future endeavors.



Hinds County School District Partner Community Bank awarded four \$700 scholarships. Congratulations on being one step closer to reaching your dreams. The 2023-2024 Community Bank Stepping Stone Scholarship recipients are: Kimberly Robinson – Terry High School; Reneisha Durham – Terry High School; Trinita Crowley – Terry High School; Kimberly Robinson – Raymond High School. Hynethia Richard, from Community Bank, awarded two of the scholarships at the monthly School Board meeting.



Hinds County School District Partner Jackson Area Federal Credit Union awarded two \$500 scholarships. Congratulations to Ariel Veazy – Terry High School and Kennedy Dyer Jones – Raymond High School. Vice President Wayne Cameron presented these scholarships award at the monthly School Board meeting.

