



Over 44,000 Black and Brown women rally behind Kamala Harris for President

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In an electrifying show of support, over 44,000 Black and Brown women gathered on a Zoom call Sunday, July 19, to back Vice President Kamala Harris for President of the United States. This monumental event was organized by Win with Black Women and came after President Biden announced he would not seek re-election and endorsed Harris as his successor. Originally planned for 18,000 attendees, the call exceeded expectations, demonstrating overwhelming enthusiasm and solidarity.

The virtual rally, which lasted well past midnight, was a testament to the power of community and collective action. Attendees raised a staggering \$1.5 million during the call, a figure that grew to over \$2 million by the next day. Prominent figures such as Star Jones played a crucial role in the fundraising efforts, sharing updates and encouraging donations. “\$620,000 and counting in less than two hours. When we fight, we win,” Jones announced, her updates sparking even more contributions and excitement.

The event was not just a financial success but also a profound moment of unity. Political strategist Donna Brazile energized participants with her confidence in securing the nomination for Harris. “We can win this nomination and gain the delegates needed to become the official Democratic nominee,” Brazile



Harris

asserted, highlighting the strategic importance of the night’s efforts.

Ana Navarro, a prominent political commentator, emphasized the shared struggles and solidarity between Black and Latino communities. “Invite us to the cookout. We love our Black sisters and we support you. People who discriminate against Black women discriminate against Latino women,” Navarro declared, underscoring the intersectional nature of the movement.

The call also included a poignant moment of silence for Congresswoman Sheila Jack-

son Lee, followed by a prayer, emphasizing the deep sense of respect and community among participants.

The overwhelming support was further evidenced by the fact that over 1,000 donations came in from Black women alone during the call, with many pledging to organize in their communities. By the end of the night, 5,000 women had signed up to lead local efforts, demonstrating a commitment to grassroots mobilization.

In a mere 24 hours following President Biden’s endorsement, Kamala Harris’s campaign

raised an unprecedented \$81 million, setting a new record for presidential donations. This surge of financial support, combined with the passionate advocacy displayed on the Zoom call, has ignited a wave of excitement and engagement as Harris heads into the 2024 presidential election against former President Donald Trump.

“We will defeat Donald Trump and the MAGA 2025 agenda,” declared host Jotaka Eaddy, capturing the determination and resolve of the movement.

The momentum continued with a follow-up Zoom call hosted by Win with Black Men Monday, which raised nearly \$1.2 million in a few hours. Influential figures like Roland Martin and Bakari Sellers participated, sharing personal stories and rallying support. Sellers recounted an emotional moment with Harris, illustrating her empathy and unwavering support.

The hashtag #WinWithBlackWomen trended on Twitter, reflecting the widespread impact of the event. This movement not only highlights the political influence of Black and Brown women but also sends a powerful message: Kamala Harris has an army of dedicated supporters ready to fight for justice and equality.

As the campaign progresses, the unity and activism demonstrated on this historic night will undoubtedly play a crucial role in shaping the future of the United States.

Mississippi Democratic DNC Delegation unanimously endorses Vice President Kamala Harris as nominee for president

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The Mississippi Delegation to the 2024 Democratic National Convention met virtually and voted to unanimously endorse Vice President Kamala Harris for the 2024 Democratic nomination for President of the United States Tuesday, July 23rd.

Following a motion by US Congressman Bennie Thompson, during the virtual meeting, Central Mississippi Transportation Commissioner Willie Simmons and the entire Mississippi Delegation stood with President Joe Biden’s endorsement of Harris.

The delegation also applauded the lifelong dedication to public service of President Joe Biden. His leadership has led to incredible progress, including passing the bipartisan infrastructure bill that has provided millions of dollars for our highways, bridges and multimedia transportation systems, lowering prescription drug prices, expanding access to affordable healthcare, passing the first gun safety law in 30 years, and enacting the most significant climate legislation in world history.

“As chairman of the Mississippi Democratic Party, it gives me great pleasure to endorse Kamala Harris who is a fellow alumni of Howard University. We will work diligently to ensure that she is the next president of the United

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Sixty years on

Mississippi Burning, Democracy under fire – still led and fanned by white people

By Christopher Young
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Internet Movie Database (IMDb) maintains detailed information about movies: genre, cast, crew, synopsis, related awards, all kinds of details. They label the 1988 movie “Mississippi Burning” as crime, drama and mystery. One of the storylines says it like this: “Two FBI agents (Gene Hackman and Willam Dafoe) investigating the murder of civil rights workers during the 60s seek to breach the conspiracy of silence in a small Southern town where segregation divides black and white. The younger agent trained in FBI school runs up against the small-town ways of his former Sheriff partner.” The film was nominated for seven Academy Awards and won in 1989 for Best Cinematography.

About halfway through, actor Stephen Tobolowsky, playing the role of Clayton Townley – a portrayal of Samuel Holloway Bowers, Jr. (a co-founder of the White

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and Grand Dragon of the Mississippi Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan), was asked by a reporter, “Are you sir, a spokesman for the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan? He responded, “I told you, I’m a businessman. I’m also a Mississippian, and an American, and I am getting sick and tired of the way many Mississippians are having our views distorted by you newspaper people and on the TV. So, let’s get this straight – we do not accept Jews because they reject Christ and their control of the international banking cartels are at the root of what we call communism today. We do not accept Papists because they bow to a Roman dictator. We do not accept Turks, Mongols, Tartars, Orientals, nor Negroes, because we are here to protect Anglo-Saxon democracy and the American way.”

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State-sponsored discrimination in Minority Contracting, Part 1

White women pocket 88+% of Minority Contracting funds. Lawmakers and leadership must think that’s perfectly okay.

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Discriminating against minorities in Mississippi is the norm – this is not new news. Despite demanding that the words – In God We Trust – be included on the new Mississippi State Flag, state lawmakers and leaders can’t possibly believe in God. If they did, they would work hard to make the social and economic playing field level in our state – they do just the opposite. How can these people, not all but a majority of them, be so entrenched in the rampant discrimination of anyone who doesn’t look like them. They view racial equity as a thief.

A brief quiz: Which state had more lynchings than any other between 1877 and 1950,

per Equal Justice Institute? Which state waited 148 years to ratify the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, then blamed it on a clerical error? Which state led the charge against African Americans from 1865 to 1877 – typically referred to as the Reconstruction era? Which state earned the global spotlight the most during Jim Crow? Which state built the most segregation academies following the 1954 Supreme Court Brown v. Board of Education decision? Which state with well over a third of its population being black, didn’t put an African American on its Su-

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West Jackson's Holy Temple celebrates Rev. Audrey Lynne Hall's 18th Pastoral Anniversary

A church mother honors the memory of Hall's beloved fur baby

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The Holy Temple Missionary Baptist Church of Jackson celebrated Pastor Audrey Lynne Hall's 18th pastoral anniversary Sunday, July 21, at 2 p.m.

She is noted as the first female to pastor a Missionary Baptist Church in Jackson.

The joyous event, initially planned at Holy Temple, was held at neighboring New Travelers Rest Missionary Baptist Church due to an appliance malfunction. The celebration was marked by heartfelt tributes and expressions of gratitude for Pastor Hall's 18 years of dedicated service and compassionate leadership.

The program featured songs of praise by the Holy Temple Mass Choir under the direction of Minister of Music Pastor Dwayne August, a mime tribute by Cade Chapel M.B. Church member DeSean McRee Wolfe to the tune of "So Glad I Made It" by Marvin Sapp, a special reading from Xavier Woodard (who has a powerful testimony of God restoring his walking ability), and a solo tribute of Douglas Miller's "Anchor in the Lord," sang by one of her young adult members, Edison Brown III. Miller's gospel hit is a favorite of Pastor Hall.

"It meant a lot for me to sing that for her," Brown said. "She has prayed



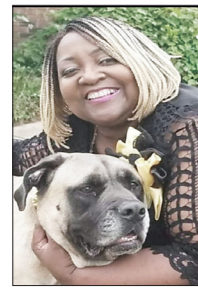
Pastor looks up as she gives thanks to God during her remarks. PHOTOS BY GAIL BROWN



Pastor Hall was elated to see members of her DOL Wage and Hour Division who surprised her by attending the celebratio.



Pastor and her family pause for a photo opt following the celebration.



Pastor Hall and her fur baby SheRa of 12 years who succumbed this week. Donations of pet food and money may be donated to the Mississippi Animal Rescue League on Greenway in SheRa's memory.



Featured anniversary speaker, Dr. Ava Sanchez Harvey, Sr., delivers a powerful, inspiring message.

and done so much for me, and for all of us."

Before answering her call to preach God's Gospel, Hall served Holy Temple as youth director for several years. In addition to her ministry, she professionally serves as director of the Wage and Hour Division for the U.S. Department of Labor in Jackson, Miss.

She is a graduate of Enterprise High School, Enterprise, Miss.; the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Miss. and the Juris Doctorate program of Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C.

Sunday's celebration also included special presentations by various Holy Temple ministries, including the Christ Raising Up New Kingdom Kids (CRUNKK) youth ministry, the Deacons/Men of the church, the Mothers' ministry, the deaconesses, the Ushers Ministry, the Hall fam-

ily, and Holy Temple's congregation. Additional presentations were given by representatives from Pilgrim Rest M.B. Church and New Travelers Rest M.B. Church.

Dr. Ava Sanchez Harvey, Sr., pastor of Pilgrim Rest M.B. Church in Brandon, Mississippi, and Holy Temple's Overseer, delivered a powerful message from Isaiah 55:9-11 titled "There is an It for Your It."

Rev. Trollars Moore of Jackson Street MB Church of Vicksburg served as the guest emcee for the event. "He did an outstanding job," said Pastor Hall.

In a notable gesture, Ward 4 City Councilman Dr. Brian Grizzell sent a beautifully framed Resolution, which was displayed near Pastor Hall's seat. Holy Temple Church is located in Ward 4. During the Jackson Water Crisis, Rev. Hall was among the metro

area pastors who used their churches as distribution points and storage for thousands of cases of water for citizens in need of clean drinking water.

The event was especially uplifting for Pastor Hall, as she had recently lost her beloved mastiff, SheRa, who had been with her for 12 years. The church's public relations ministry honored the memory of SheRa by featuring a favorite photo of her with Pastor Hall on the cover of the program bulletin and the celebration banner.

During the Mothers' presentation, Betty McRee announced that she had given a donation in SheRa's and Pastor Hall's name at the Mississippi Animal Rescue League. Pastor Hall was so moved by this thoughtful gesture that she immediately rose from her seat and gave Mother McRee a warm embrace.

Mississippi Animal Rescue League, is located at 5221 Greenway Drive, Jackson, Miss. 39204, phone 601-969-1632. Others wishing to donate may do so by donating animal food or money.

Reflecting on her Pastoral Anniversary celebration, Pastor Hall expressed her gratitude. "To God Be the Glory!" she said during her remarks.

She also expressed her appreciation to the Pilgrim Rest family for their continuous support.

The event was a testament to Pastor Hall's tireless service and the profound impact she has had on her congregation and the wider community over the past 18 years.

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Table 1: Data from FY2023 Minority Participation Report + column for year over year change

Classifications	FY22 Adjusted Minority Total	FY22 % of Minority Contracts	FY23 Adjusted Minority Total	FY23 % of Minority Contracts	Year over year % change
Asian Indian	\$ 1,362,342	0.96	\$ 885,403	0.51	- 0.45
Asian Indian Women	\$ 114,476	0.08	\$ 372,123	0.22	+0.14
Asian Pacific	\$ 757,312	0.53	\$ 1,739,382	1.01	+0.48
Asian Pacific Women	\$ 690,727	0.49	\$ 1,195,163	0.69	+0.20
Black American	\$ 5,723,732	4.04	\$ 7,697,875	4.45	+0.41
Black American Women	\$ 16,820,648	11.87	\$ 2,198,290	1.27	-10.6
Hispanic American	\$ 3,934,908	2.78	\$ 4,731,633	2.74	-0.04
Hispanic American Women	\$ 413,513	0.29	\$ 87,209	0.05	-0.24
Native American	\$ 638,678	0.45	\$ 393,560*	0.23	-0.22
Native American Women	\$ 68,324	0.05			
Other Non-Ethnic Women	\$111,145,667	78.46	\$153,683,594	88.84	+10.38
State Totals	\$141,658,342	100.00	\$172,984,236	100.00	

*Classification data for Native American and Native American Women was combined in FY23 report.

preme Court until 1985? You passed the quiz, didn't you? Our state fails at every level to adequately address the enduring legacy of slavery in Mississippi, and this chronic failure is both sinful and willful. Ever notice, the discussion is never about what's best for all Mississippians.

And here we are again. In FY2023, Mississippi, with its nearly 40% African American population, awarded just 5.77% of the funds associated with contracts for goods and services to African Americans. That is state-sponsored discrimination. Its outcomes are crushing black economics, crushing black families, and crushing any hope of racial equality. If enough white legislators and other elected state leaders cared about racial equality and racial equity this suffering would not be going on. Therefore, their real mantra, yet never spoken, is to minimize any broad advancement of African Americans and other minorities. The data depicted in Table 1 (above) lays bare their priorities.

In reviewing hoards of literature, it appears that the biggest criticism of increasing minority participation in state contracting is a perception that it runs contrary to free and open competition. And we well know who the people are that come up with the criticisms. The only way that could be true is if the playing field was level and we know it isn't. Sadly, just because something isn't factual, doesn't mean lots of Mississippi lawmakers won't line up behind it.

Per the Census <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/MS/DIS010222>, Mississippi's population is between 55.6% (white alone, not Hispanic or Latino) and 61% (white alone). Yet data in the FY2023 Minority Participation Report indicates that \$4,067,112,741 of the \$4,313,892,990 in total expenditures went to non-minorities - 94.27%. Then we see that of the \$246,780,248 in expenditures to minori-

ties - that 88.84% of that money went to "other non-ethnic women," which is white women. A little math here: 94.27% to non-minorities leaves 5.73% for minorities. 5.73% x 88.84% (white women) = 5.09%. 5.09% + 94.27% = 99.36%. That means that in FY2023, Asians, Asian Pacific, Black, Hispanic, and Native Americans shared less than 1% (.64%) of funding associated with contracts awarded by Mississippi. This is an example of a heart that pumps pure hatred.

Are there any advocates for minority contracting in Mississippi? And who are the legislators who will step-up and write the legislation requiring all state agencies to submit annual minority participation plans, including goals for increasing minority participation, benchmarking those goals with other states, and a year over year report card of progress?

No one likes the thought of preferences or set asides, yet the evidence indicates that the Mississippi government absolutely prefers whites, and disdains true minority groups such as Asians, Native Americans, Hispanics and Black or African Americans. Yet there must be a lever to bring pressure on state leaders to demonstrate their willingness to change this discrimination.

The Mississippi Development Authority, Minority and Small Business Development Division publishes the Minority Participation Report annually, per statute. The director of that division is Carol Harris, who as of press time has not responded to our requests to discuss the report.

In Part 2 of this article, we will share the thoughts and comments of several legislators, organization leaders and business leaders on the topic of minority contracting and what can be done to improve the dismal numbers discussed here, and what needs to be done to lift up all Mississippians for a change.

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States. The first woman and woman of color to serve us in the highest office in the land," said Chiekh Taylor.

"Vice President Harris has my vote and support for the Democratic nomination for President. I know Kamala Harris, and let me tell you, the Republicans have no idea what they are about to face with her leading our

ticket. I call on all Democrats to join President Biden in endorsing Vice President Harris for the Presidency. Now, let's go win," said Jacqueline Amos, National Committeewoman for the State of Mississippi.

"Mississippi is united in our support for Vice President Harris", said National Committeeman Will Colom.

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In the very final minutes of the movie, as they were listing character by character, the prison sentences handed down for civil rights crimes, the FBI agents found the white Mayor Tilman of fictionalized Philadelphia, Mississippi - in Jessup County (Neshoba), in a basement, hanging by suicide. Agent Bird, asked Agent-in-Charge Alan Ward, "Why did he do it, he wasn't even in on it, he wasn't even Klan? Ward responded, "Mr. Bird, he was guilty, anyone's guilty who watches this happen and pretends it isn't. No, he was guilty all right. Just as guilty as the fanatics who pulled the trigger." After a deep sigh, he added, "maybe we all are."

Here we are, sixty years on, since the June 21, 1964, murders of three civil rights workers, all in their 20's - James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner. The motivation for their killing? They were trying to help African Americans register to vote. Not just anywhere, but in this devoutly oppressive, segregationist and staggeringly backward thinking state. A state that likes to talk progress yet remains anchored to inequality and inequity - a state where discrimination of minorities is as thick as the mud.

Consider for a moment that a century prior to these murders that gained the attention of the world, Mississippi wasn't poor. Several sources indicate it was once the 5th most prosperous state in the nation - achieved inordinately on the backs of the enslaved - just prior to the Civil War. Yet, the Associated Press reports that from 1982 to 2021, Mississippi was the poorest state for 19 of those 40 years, and in the top five poorest states for 38 of the 40.

Based on Census numbers, which many believe are significantly undercounted, nearly 1 in 5 Mississippians live below the poverty level. So many reasons exist; low wages, low education attainment, poor healthcare system, limited economic diversity, and the legacy of racial inequality that translates into limited economic and social progress. A recent abyss

in the poorest state in the nation - the theft, misspending, misappropriation of up to \$97 million in federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds. Assistance snatched from the hands of the absolute neediest families, in the poorest state in the nation, by white agency administrators and white state executives. Sixty years on.

Some like to point to progress being made in Mississippi. The state, after 126 years of forcing our African-American population - the largest in the nation per capita - to endure those hellish Stars and Bars and all they represented, finally ushered in a new Mississippi State Flag in 2020. The people had spoken, and with pressure from the Southeastern Conference (college athletics) and others, the legislature did their job - nothing unanimous of course, but change was realized. The last state in the nation to get rid of Confederate battle symbols on the state flag, which had been there from the beginning as retribution against the gains made by African Americans during Reconstruction.

When NBC News spoke to former Mississippi Supreme Court Justice and Chairman of the Commission to Redesign the Mississippi State Flag, Reuben V. Anderson, on November 4, 2020, he shared: "Mississippi voters sent a message to the world that we are moving forward together. I have a renewed sense of hope for my grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and I know this new symbol creates better prospects for the entire state of Mississippi."

Sixty years on we remember Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner - young men trying to do what was right and good, yet inescapably running afoul of Mississippi's white supremacist mindset. Let's also remember Justice Anderson's words - moving forward together, hope, and better prospects. Better prospects are synonymous with possibility and likelihood.

Please dear God, please help the prospects for all Mississippians, sixty years on.

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Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee – Voice for the People – dies at 74

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Strong, determined, outspoken and deliberate are adjectives that describe Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee who died Friday, July 19. Hers was a voice that resonated in the minds of many and will long be remembered. A member of the Democratic Party, Jackson Lee stood tall and firm as she championed the rights of the American people.

Jackson Lee served in the U.S. House of Representatives for over 26 years. She began her tenure in 1995, as a representative of Texas' 18th District. Her constituents affectionately called her "Congresswoman" because of her presence and service that she rendered.

According to USA Today Network, Jackson Lee made it clear that despite learning of her pancreatic cancer diagnosis in June, she was "committed to working with our Congressional leadership including Leader Hakeem Jeffries and the Speaker of the House to serve this nation and be present for votes on legislation that is critical for the prosperity and security of the American people."

The long-time Congresswoman left an unmatched track



Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee questions U.S. Customs and Border Protection Deputy Commissioner Kevin K. McAleenan during testimony in the House Committee on Homeland Security in a hearing focused on closing pathways for terrorists enter the U.S. in Washington, D.C., September 14, 2016. CBP Photo by Glenn Fawcett / U.S. Customs and Border Protection

record – too impressive and beneficial to the populace to be ignored. She was actively involved in landmark pieces of legislation that include: (1) The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). She sought to strengthen this legislation, which strives to protect and support survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and

stalking. (2) The Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act, a bill that she co-sponsored, was signed into law in 2008. Resources are provided for the investigation and prosecution of civil rights-era crimes that were previously unresolved. (3) The Fair Sentencing Act aimed to reduce disparities in sentencing

for offenses related to crack cocaine versus powder cocaine. In 2010, the act was signed into law. (4) The Commission to Study Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act is a bill that Jackson Lee introduced to establish a commission to study the impact of slavery and discrimination on African Americans and ex-

plore potential reparations. The proposal still stands. Jackson Lee also introduced legislation to make "Juneteenth" a federal holiday in commemoration of the end of the legal enslavement of Black Americans.

In addition to these notables, Jackson Lee worked tirelessly to protect voting rights, combat racial discrimination and promote equality. She strived to enhance educational opportunities for all. She addressed systemic issues like mass incarceration and police misconduct in her struggle for criminal justice reform. The Congresswoman promoted children's rights, women's rights and empowerment, advocating for equal pay, reproductive rights, and gender equality. Furthermore, her foreign relations were aimed particularly to Africa and the Caribbean. Hence, she sought to strengthen diplomatic ties and address global challenges.

In a statement about Congresswoman Jackson Lee from Lauren Irwin's article from the hill.com, President Joe Biden referred to her as "a great American" who was "always fearless" and "I had the honor of working with her during her nearly 30 years in Congress. No matter the issue – from delivering racial justice to

building an economy for working people – she was unrelenting in her leadership."

From the briefing room of the White House, Vice President Kamala Harris (endorsed by President Joe Biden and an overwhelming number of democratic delegates for U.S. President), noted, "No task was too small [for Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee] as it was the right thing to do. To work alongside the Congresswoman was to marvel at her mastery of the legislative process. She saw what could be – a nation that is more equal, more fair and more free – and she dedicated her life to realizing that vision. She was relentless – one of our nation's fiercest, smartest, and most strategic leaders in the way she thought about how to make progress work. She was always fighting for the people of Houston and the people of America."

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee was born in 1950 in Queens, New York. In 1968 she graduated from Jamaica High School, Jamaica, N.Y. In 1972, she earned her B.A. degree from Yale University in New Haven, Conn. Then in 1975, she earned her J.D. from University of Virginia Law School in Charlottesville

Remembering Emmett Till on his 83rd birthday: a legacy of courage and change

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As we commemorate what would have been Emmett Louis Till's 83rd birthday on July 25, we are reminded of the enduring impact of his life and tragic death. Emmett Till's story is one of both immense sorrow and profound strength. On this day, we not only honor his memory but also recognize the importance of remembering his legacy as we continue to fight for justice and equality.

Emmett Till was only 14 years old when he was brutally kidnapped, beaten, and murdered in Mississippi in 1955. His murder and the subsequent trial, which saw his killers acquitted, became a catalyst for the Civil Rights Movement. Till's mother, Mamie Till-Mobley, made the courageous decision to have an open-casket funeral, revealing the brutality of her son's murder to the world. The images of Till's disfigured body, published in Jet Magazine, shocked the nation and galvanized activists to demand justice and equality. White and Black people alike came to the South, drawn by the urgency of the cause.

Till's death ignited a fervor for change, helping to spark the Civil Rights Movement. On December 1, 1955, 100 days after Emmett's death, Rosa Parks famously refused to give up her seat, starting the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Parks later said she thought about Emmett Till during that pivotal moment, highlighting how his sacrifice inspired others to act courageously.

Linking Till's legacy to modern legislation

Today, the fight for civil rights continues, and Till's legacy is more relevant than ever. Now is the time for Congress to pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act. Several key legislative acts reflect the ongoing struggle to address systemic racism and protect civil rights in the



Panel members Deborah Watts, Chuck Patterson, Dr. Nicole Lewis, Oleta Fitzgerald, Eddie Carthan, Socrates Garrett and Dr. Edelia J. Carthan at the 65th Remember Emmett Till banquet.



Family members and supporters at the 65th Remember Emmett Louis Till banquet held at the Museum of Art in downtown Jackson. PHOTOS BY DR. JAY



Speakers, Till family and supporters at Emmett Till Rally at the Mississippi State Capitol

United States, especially after the Heritage Foundation's Project 2025:

- George Floyd Justice in Policing Act: This legislation aims to combat police misconduct, excessive force, and racial bias in policing. Just as Emmett Till's death highlighted the brutal realities of racial violence, George Floyd's death has brought renewed attention to the urgent need for police reform.
- John Lewis Voting Rights Act: Named after the late civil rights leader, this act seeks to restore and

strengthen the Voting Rights Act of 1965, ensuring that every citizen has equal access to the ballot box. Emmett Till's murder was a stark reminder of the lengths to which some would go to maintain racial segregation and suppress Black voices. The John Lewis Voting Rights Act continues the fight to protect those voices.

- Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act: This act, originally passed in 2008 and reauthorized in 2016, aims to investigate and

prosecute unsolved civil rights-era murders. It acknowledges the importance of seeking justice for past crimes and ensuring that they are not forgotten.

- Emmett Till Antilynching Act: Passed by the House of Representatives in 2020 and signed into law in 2022, this act makes lynching a federal hate crime. It underscores the importance of acknowledging and addressing the horrific history of lynching in the United States.
- Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley National Monument: Proposed in 2023, this monument would honor Emmett Till and his mother, Mamie Till-Mobley, recognizing their impact on the Civil Rights Movement. Establishing such a monument would help preserve their legacy and educate future generations.

Looking ahead: The 70th anniversary of Emmett Till's death
As we approach the 70th anniversary of Emmett Till's kidnapping, beating and death, plans are being made to honor his memory and reflect on the progress made since his tragic passing. A committee is being formed to organize events and initiatives that will not only commemorate Till's life but also educate future generations about the importance of standing against injustice.

Daphne R. Chamberlain, chief pro-

gram officer at the Emmett Till Interpretive Center, poignantly stated, "While we remember Emmett Louis Till on his 83rd birthday, it is important that we remember him **everyday** – especially at a time like this when people and politics are acting to devalue Black lives, erase Black history, and roll back some of the most significant gains achieved during the modern civil rights era. Every time we remember Emmett, we must remember that he was a child whose life mattered and had value; and his murder galvanized a whole generation of young people who helped move the masses from fear to freedom. When we remember Emmett Till, we should also be reminded of the innocence children possess and find hope in today's young people because they deserve a chance at life and a chance to grow old – something Emmett was denied."

Emmett Till's story is a poignant reminder of the brutal realities of racial violence and the enduring power of activism. By remembering his life and the circumstances of his death, we honor his legacy and continue the fight for a more just and equal society. Let us celebrate Emmett Till's 83rd birthday by reaffirming our commitment to justice and equality for all. Happy Heavenly Birthday Emmett Louis Till.

The College Hill Family celebrates the third church anniversary of Pastor Chauncy L. Jordan, Sr. & Lady Lashanda Jordan

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

“A passionate Shepherd, Serving God’s People with Love” was the chosen theme for Pastor Chauncy L. Jordan & Sister Lashanda Jordan’s third church anniversary at College Hill Baptist Church located on Florence Avenue in Jackson.

The speaker for the worship service, which was held at 10 a.m., was Pastor Dennis Grant, of Jerusalem M. B. Church of Brandon, MS.

The occasion was delivered by Rosa Beckett. The service included heartfelt tributes from Madelyn Franklin and Haley Johnson representing the Children’s Ministry; Joshua Jordan representing the youth Ministry; Carter Barnes representing the College Ministry; Mary A. Bookert representing the Seasoned Saints Ministry and Douglas Sanders, representing the Church Ministry. A beautiful dance performed to the music of “Yes” by Shekinah Glory Ministry, was presented as a tribute from the Visions of Praise Dance Ministry.

Ray Smith, church organist introduced Rev. Dennis Grant who is a native of Jackson. Grant is a member of the Spring Hill District Missionary Baptist Association in Rankin and Simpson Counties.

On the State level, Rev. Grant has served as 1st Regional Director of the Congress of Christian Education and a certified instructor of the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. He currently serves as the General Secretary of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi.

Rev. Grant chose as his subject, “A man After God’s Own Heart.” He encouraged College Hill to always show gratitude to God for sending a pastor that loved them tremendously. He reminded them that it was God who said “I will give you pastors according to mine own heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.” (Jeremiah 3:15)

He spoke of a make believe race that Pastor Jordan was in referring to him as “Lil Chauncy,” which appeared to be a perfect attention getter for not only the adults in the congregation, but



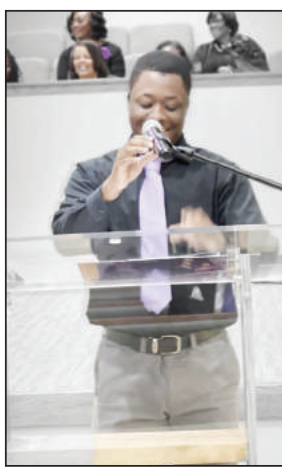
Pastor Jordan and First Lady Lashanda Jordan with sons CJ and Josh



Rev. Grant delivers the message.



(First Row) College Hill Pastor Jordan and First Lady Jordan, New Jerusalem First Lady Mae Grant and Pastor Dennis Grant with College Hill Pastoral Support Ministry PHOTOS BY CHRISTIANE THOMAS



Carter Barnes gives a tribute.



Haley Johnson and Madelyn give a tribute.



Vision of Praise dancers performs to song “Yes.”



Co-chairs Deacon Joseph Shelby, Deaconess Agnes Shelby and Ministry Chair Shirley Davis



CJ Jordan thanks College Hill church family.



Pastor listens to tribute by Josh.



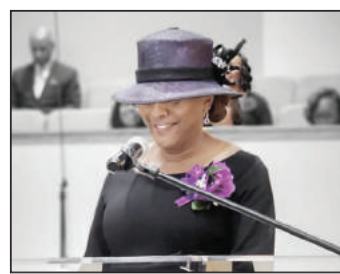
Sis. Mary Bookert gives tribute.



Rev. Grant says “finish the race.”



Josh Jordan gives a tribute.



Sis. Rosa Beckett gives occasion.



Bro. Ray Smith introduces Speaker Rev. Grant.

also the youth and children, for they seemed to be listening so intently, especially the pastor’s own children.

You could hear the laughter throughout the church as Grant demonstrated how hard “Lil Chauncy” was running even though all the runners were running faster than he, and got to the finish line before he did.

Grant said that before the race

started the coach whispered something in Lil Chauncy’s ear, and the soon to be runner nodded and entered the race.

Upon completing the race, though he came in dead last, he threw his hands up in victory as he crossed the finish line. The other runners asked, why are you acting as though you were a winner when you came in dead last? Lil Chauncy replied, as he

thought about his coach who had given him the thumbs up, “The coach whispered to me, you don’t have to win the race, you just have to finish the race.”

Grant was telling the congregation that God does not want Christians to be quitters even though life sometimes gets difficult, but like Pastor Jordan, you must remain in the race even when there are obstacles to face

and God will be pleased.

After the hymn of invitation, Deacon Joseph and Deaconess Agnes Shelby, co-chairs of the Pastor’s Anniversary Committee, presented flowers to Sister Jordan and a basket of cards and gifts from the congregation to Pastor Jordan and First Lady Jordan, after which they each expressed words of gratitude to the College Hill Family. The happy

couple then asked their two sons, CJ and Joshua, to join them.

Joshua also thanked the College Hill Family for embracing his entire family and showing them incredible love for the past three years.

Shirley Davis, president of the Pastoral Support Ministry, gave closing remarks. After which, Rev. Dennis Grant gave the benediction.

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About those 'Black jobs': Biden administration shows better record of Black Cabinet leaders than Trump



A Tribune analysis of former President Donald Trump's Cabinet, above, and President Joe Biden's cabinet, below, shows a stark racial contrast in the makeup of their administrations. — OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT / WHITE HOUSE / ADAM SHULTZ

By Marco Cerino
Philadelphia Tribune Staff Writer

As former president and presumptive Republican candidate Donald Trump attempts to court Black voters who feel disillusioned by President Joe Biden's administration, it should be noted that Trump's idea of "Black jobs" does not include high-ranking positions in his administration.

An analysis of the two main presidential candidates on the 2024 ballot shows a stark contrast in the makeup of their administrations.

The appointment of Gen. Charles Q. Brown to head the Joint Chiefs of Staff made him the ninth Black person in a high-ranking position under Biden, including Cabinet secretaries and those in Cabinet-level roles like United Nations ambassador, director of national intelligence and trade adviser.

Despite having 62 different names in appointed or acting roles, Trump only included one Black person in his administration at that level — Dr. Ben Carson served as secretary of Housing and Urban Development, or HUD.

"The characterization of Black jobs by Donald Trump, who only had one Black person in his Cabinet, is not only demeaning to the African-American community but a concerning issue from the perspective of the NAACP," said NAACP Philadelphia Branch President Cathy Hicks in a statement Friday. "It is important to recognize that African Americans hold positions in every job industry and contribute significantly to the American workforce. Stereotyping and generalizing job roles based on race is not only inaccurate but also perpetuates harmful biases

towards the African-American community. It is essential to promote equality and fair treatment in the workplace, ensuring that all individuals have equal opportunities to succeed and thrive in their chosen careers. Trump cannot say he is the best for the Black community and Black vote, if he can only see us in marginalized positions."

Biden appointed the first Black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff last year when Brown assumed the role for a four-year term. The decision seems to reflect the prioritizing of diversity in the Biden administration among Cabinet members and senior staff, one of his many significant departures from his predecessor.

Nyron Crawford, an assistant professor of political science at Temple University, believes the "Black jobs" comments were mainly a political maneuver, aimed to create a wedge issue around immigrants.

The lone Black appointee, he said, does serve as a reminder of Trump's combative history with the Black community, including his demands that the Central Park Five be sentenced harshly, concerns over a Black contestant winning season one of "The Apprentice," and other callous comments and stances.

"Donald Trump has no real regard for African Americans," Crawford told *The Tribune* in an interview Monday about Trump's record. "It doesn't really serve a purpose. It's not backed by any policy. Biden has done well on [appointing Blacks to high-level positions], compared to predecessors."

Historically, it has been a challenge to get Black faces and voices into Cabinet roles.

President Lyndon Johnson was the first to appoint a Black

person to his Cabinet, naming Robert Weaver to lead HUD in 1966. Of the 25-total appointed in history, 18 have been under Democratic presidents, while seven have been selected by Republicans, including four under President George W. Bush.

The Clinton administration had the most African-American Cabinet secretaries with seven overall, including four appointed when taking office in January 1993. The Obama administration had four Black Cabinet members at once, the most in history. Vice President Kamala Harris is the highest-ranking Black Cabinet member ever.

Historical firsts for Blacks in high-profile government roles usually come during Democratic administrations. Biden broke through another glass ceiling with his nomination of Ketanji Brown Jackson, who joined the Supreme Court in September 2022 as the first Black female justice. Trump added three white justices to the bench, who have voted to support conservative decisions like the weakening of affirmative action, the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* and, most recently, granting immunity for "official acts" of a president.

"The temperament and tone of a presidential administration is set by its people," political commentator Jay McCalla said in an interview Monday. "Trump's Cabinet members were largely sycophants. Trump has been conspicuously against Black folks. Trump's coalition wanted a certified mouthpiece for their right-wing blather, so they chose Ben Carson."

Multiple calls for comments were made to Philadelphia Republican leaders and have gone unreturned at time of print.

Secret Service director steps down after assassination attempt against ex-President Trump at rally

By Colleen Long
Associated Press

The director of the Secret Service resigned Tuesday in the aftermath of the assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump that unleashed an outcry about how the agency failed in its core mission to protect current and former presidents.

Kimberly Cheatle, who had served as Secret Service director since August 2022, faced growing calls to resign and several investigations into how a gunman was able to get so close to the Republican presidential nominee at an outdoor campaign rally in Pennsylvania.

"I take full responsibility for the security lapse," she said in an email to staff obtained by The Associated Press. "In light of recent events, it is with a heavy heart that I have made the difficult decision to step down as your director."

Cheatle's departure was unlikely to end the scrutiny of the long-troubled agency after the failures of July 13, and it comes at a critical juncture ahead of the Democratic National Convention and a busy presidential campaign season. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle have promised more investigations. An inspector general probe and an independent, bipartisan effort launched at President Joe Biden's behest will keep the agency in the spotlight.

Cheatle's resignation came a day after she appeared before a congressional committee and was berated for hours by both Democrats and Republicans for the security failures. She called the attempt on Trump's life the Secret Service's "most significant operational failure" in decades, but she angered lawmakers by failing to answer specific questions about the investigation.

Biden said in a statement that "what happened that day can never happen again," and he planned to appoint a new director soon, but he did not discuss a timeline.

The president and Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas thanked Cheatle for her service. Mayorkas appointed Deputy Director Ronald Rowe as acting director. He has worked for the agency for 23 years.

"At this moment in time, we must remain focused," Rowe said in a note to staff obtained by AP. "We will restore the faith and confidence of the American public and the people we are entrusted to protect."

Congressional questioning

At the hearing Monday, Cheatle remained defiant that she was the "right person" to lead the Secret Service, even as she said she took responsibility for the failures. When Republican Rep. Nancy Mace suggested Cheatle begin drafting her resignation letter from the hearing room, Cheatle responded, "No, thank



Kimberly Cheatle, director, U.S. Secret Service, testifies during a House Committee on Oversight and Accountability hearing on Oversight of the U.S. Secret Service and the attempted assassination of President Donald J. Trump, on Capitol Hill, Monday, July 22, 2024, in Washington. AP PHOTO/ROD LAMKEY, JR.

you."

The 20-year-old shooter, Thomas Matthew Crooks, was able to get within 135 meters (157 yards) of the stage where the former president was speaking when he opened fire. That's despite a threat on Trump's life from Iran that led to additional security for the former president in the days before the rally.

Cheatle acknowledged Monday that the Secret Service was told about a suspicious person two to five times before the rally shooting. She also revealed that the roof from which Crooks fired had been identified as a potential vulnerability days earlier. But she failed to answer many questions about what happened, including why there were no agents on the roof.

A bloodied Trump was quickly escorted off the stage by Secret Service agents, and agency snipers killed the shooter. Trump said part of his right ear was pierced in the shooting. One rallygoer was killed, and two others were critically wounded.

Details continue to emerge about signs of trouble that day and the roles of the Secret Service and local authorities. The agency routinely relies on local law enforcement to secure the perimeter of events. Former top Secret Service agents said the gunman should never have been allowed to gain access to the roof.

After Cheatle's resignation, Trump posted on his social media network: "The Biden/Harris Administration did not properly protect me, and I was forced to take a bullet for Democracy. It was my great honor to do so!"

The House Homeland Security Committee had asked Cheatle to testify Tuesday for another hearing on the assassination attempt, but lawmakers said she refused. Cheatle's name was on a card on a table in front of an empty chair during the hearing, which began shortly before her decision to step down became public.

Investigating an ever-growing number of threats

The Secret Service is a part

of the Department of Homeland Security, which includes immigration, transportation security and the Coast Guard. The department was formed after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

A few years ago, there was a movement to shift the agency back to the Treasury Department, where it was housed before Sept. 11, particularly because Homeland Security's intense focus on immigration added to the growing divide between what the Secret Service sees as its dual missions — protecting the president and investigating financial crime — and the mission of its parent department. But that movement stalled.

Roughly half of the Secret Service's \$3 billion budget is spent on protective services. It also has a robust cybercrime division, state-of-the-art forensic labs and a threat-assessment center that studies how to mitigate and train against threats.

With a workforce of 7,800 special agents, uniformed officers and other staff, the Secret Service has investigated an ever-increasing number of threats against the president and other officials under its protection. It has also managed a growing number of high-profile government figures asking for support. Staffing has not kept pace with the workload increase. Around Sept. 11 there were about 15 full-time protectees. That number has now more than doubled.

Trump is the first modern ex-president to seek another term, and because of his high visibility, his protective detail has always been larger than some others. That protective bubble got tighter in recent months as he drew closer to the nomination. All major party nominees are granted enhanced details with counterassault and countersniper teams similar to the president.

Associated Press writers Mary Clare Jalonick, Rebecca Santana, Zeke Miller and Alanna Durkin Richer in Washington and Michelle Price in New York contributed to this report.

For healthy aging, avoid these common obstacles to good nutrition

StatePoint

Proper nutrition is critical to older adults' overall vitality, providing energy, helping to control weight, and even preventing and managing some diseases.

Unfortunately, 10% of older people don't eat enough, while one-third eat too much, according to *HealthinAging.org*, which is the Health in Aging Foundation's online public education resource. Such nutritional imbalances may be due to the range of common obstacles some people face as they age, including changing tastes, dental problems and difficulty accessing healthy foods.

"Charles," a Cigna Healthcare Medicare Advantage (MA) customer, had several health issues when he was introduced to a nutrition program available through his MA plan. Through the program, he worked with a registered dietitian, started working out, and lost nearly 50 pounds. These changes fueled him to tackle additional health goals, including getting mental health support and assistance improving his sleep.

MA plans, like those offered by Cigna Healthcare, include "extra benefits" not available through Original Medicare. The Cigna Healthcare MA nutrition program is one of those extras, and it primarily supports older adults with a body mass index below 22 or above 40, those with chronic diseases like diabetes and kidney disease, and those with low fruit and vegetable intake. Through the program, registered dieti-



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tians provide customers with dietary advice that can help them improve their health.

"We offer information, education and resources that are different for everybody and not restrictive," explained Robin Neal, RD, one of the program's dietitians. "The goal is to provide skills and tools so individuals can self-manage their diet after the program ends."

Neal said results often include weight loss and improved blood sugar readings, such as those Charles experienced.

Of course, program advice varies by individual and their unique nutritional needs, but some tips everyone can benefit from include the following:

Get your nutrients. According to the National Council on Aging, older adults should eat a variety of foods to get all the nutrients they need, including lean protein for muscle mass, as well as fruits and

vegetables, whole grains and low-fat dairy. Choose foods with little to no added sugar, saturated fats and sodium. For an example of what a healthy plate looks like, visit *myplate.gov*.

Stay hydrated. Drink water often to aid digestion. Limit beverages with lots of added sugars or salt.

Visit the dentist. If you're having trouble chewing, visit your dentist. They may be able to help. For instance, if you have ill-fitting dentures, chewing can be improved and more comfortable with a better fit. Additionally, choosing softer foods, such as canned fruit, soups or tuna, may help. Dental visits are a covered benefit in many Medicare Advantage plans.

Follow food safety guidelines. Food not prepared properly can make you sick. Because those with weakened immune systems are vulnerable to foodborne illnesses, it's

especially important for older adults to follow food safety guidelines. If you have any doubt about a food's safety, throw it out.

Limit salt. Too much sodium can increase the risk of high blood pressure, heart attack and stroke. To stay heart healthy, ask your doctor for guidance on recommended daily sodium limits based on your health status and check food labels for sodium content. Cook more meals at home using lower sodium ingredients and avoid processed foods. Flavor dishes with herbs and spices.

Seek assistance if needed. Take advantage of MA plan benefits that can help you secure healthy foods, like transportation or grocery cards. Additionally, there are local and national programs to help those on limited incomes with nutritious food costs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

"By devoting your time and attention to eating well, you'll not only be able to maintain a healthy body weight, but you can also reduce your risk of chronic disease and maintain your overall vitality as you age," said Neal. "And, of course, if you have any questions about your health, you should always talk to your doctor."

To learn about assistance available in your area, visit cignacommunity.findhelp.com

To find MA plans offered in your area, visit Medicare.gov

For information on Cigna Healthcare plans, visit Cigna-MedicareInformation.com

Hospitals in Miss. recognized for efforts to improve outcomes for Americans with heart disease and stroke

The American Heart Association's Get with The Guidelines® initiative promotes up-to-date, research-based guidelines to ensure all patients have access to lifesaving care



The National Newspaper Publishers Association newswire

It was announced Friday, July 19, in a press release by the American Heart Association, that thirty-two hospitals in Mississippi are among the more than 3,000 nationwide that participate in the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines® and other programs to improve outcomes for Americans who experience heart disease or stroke.

Heart disease and stroke are the No. 1 and No. 5 causes of death in the United States, respectively. These health crises require swift and proven treatment to ensure the best outcomes for patients. The American Heart Association, celebrating 100 years of work to advance health and hope for everyone, everywhere, sets the standards for high-quality, science-based care and access that all patients deserve.

"Every 40 seconds, someone in America has a stroke or heart attack," said Jennifer Hopping, Executive Director, Metro Jackson American Heart Association. "High-quality care should be accessible to all, and sites awarded through the Get with The Guidelines program help work toward our shared vision of health and hope for everyone, everywhere."

Each year, the American Heart Association recognizes hospitals across the country for consistently following up-to-date, research-based guidelines to ensure all patients have access to lifesaving care. In Mississippi, 32 hospitals were recognized this year:

Bay Saint Louis – Ochsner Medical Center Hancock
Calhoun City – Baptist Memorial Hospital – Calhoun

Canton – Merit Health Madison

Carthage – Baptist Medical Center Leake

Collins – Covington County Hospital

Columbia – Marion General Hospital

Columbus – Baptist Memorial Hospital – Golden Triangle

Greenville – Delta Health-The Medical Center

Greenwood – Greenwood Le-flore Hospital

Gulfport – Memorial Health System; Singing River Gulfport

Hattiesburg – Forrest General Hospital; Merit Health Wesley

Hazlehurst – Copiah County Medical Center

Jackson – Mississippi Baptist Medical Center; River Oaks Hospital; St. Dominic Memorial Hospital; University of Mississippi Medical Center

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Picayune – Highland Community Hospital

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Prentiss – Jefferson Davis Community Hospital

Southaven – Baptist Memorial Hospital – DeSoto

Tupelo – North Mississippi Medical Center

Vicksburg – Merit Health River Region

Wiggins – Stone County Hospital.

Can doing your laundry make you sick?

By Vince Faust

Tips to Be Fit

Laundry is an essential part of maintaining a clean and healthy household. Doing your wash isn't what it used to be today. Your washing machine is basically just shaking up your cloths and spreading germs around. Germs that were originally on the hem of son's jeans might end up on your husband's shirt collar. This leads to surprisingly high rates of infection. Studies have shown that your laundry can transmit skin, blood, mold, viruses, feces and saliva-borne pathogens.

Today we use less water, especially hot water and less bleach than we did 10 years ago in an effort to minimize environmental damage. The downside to this approach – it is easier than ever for illnesses causing germs to multiply, such as E. coli and hepatitis A virus to survive your washing machine and spread.

Beyond the visible stains and wrinkles, our clothes and linens carry a microbial ecosystem. From bodily fluids to food debris, they host a variety of germs, including bacteria, fungi and viruses.

Should we be worried? For most healthy people the answer is no.

Washing clothes in hot water will get rid of germs but according to a survey by Clorox only 40% of Americans use the hot water cycle. Your dryer does get hot enough to kill what your washer missed. That means that the biggest risk for infection comes in transferring a load of wet

clothing from the washer to the dryer. During this transfer you get germs all over your hands. If you make lunch for yourself and your family everyone will get a serving of bacteria.

Even in healthy households, exposure to germs can occur while handling dirty or wet laundry. So, whether you're dealing with a sick family member or just everyday grime, caution is essential.

Germ survival time varies. While respiratory viruses (like COVID-19, colds and flu) perish within a few days, diarrhea-causing viruses can endure for weeks. Bacteria are even harder. They can survive for weeks and under certain conditions, multiply in stored laundry. So, that damp towel you tossed in the hamper? It's like a microbial party pad.

The 2021 University of Arizona reported that the following pathogens were all found in contaminated laundry.

Salmonella
MRSA
Staph bacteria
Hepatitis A
Hepatitis B
Smallpox
Rotavirus
Influenza
Papillomavirus
Coronavirus
Rhinovirus

There are times when you want to take extra precautions.

Here's what to do:

Wash your hands after loading and unloading your machine.

Wash potential bacteria lad-

den items such as underwear, bathroom towels and kitchen linens as separate loads. Don't mix them with the rest of your laundry.

Use your dryer whenever possible. The higher the setting the better. High heat will kill the bacteria.

If blood, vomit or feces have soiled the fabric, presoak the soiled items in a tub of hot water in 1 cup of chlorine bleach or sanitizing detergent for half an hour. Then wash it alone.

If a family member has a skin infection or an illness that causes vomiting or diarrhea, wash their clothing separately with liquid bleach or sanitizing detergent for non-bleach items. If members of your household are susceptible to infections, such as children under 4, people over 65 and those with lower immunity wash all the laundry in this manner.

Consider adding a sanitizer or using the sanitizing cycle on your washing machine.

Dry your clothes thoroughly. High heat adds another layer of protection.

Allow pathogens to die. Leave your dirty laundry untouched for a couple of days.

Don't overload your washer or dryer.

It is a good idea to clean and disinfect the clothes hamper and other surfaces like countertops that are in contact with soiled laundry, especially when illness occurs and if you plan to transport clean laundry in the same hamper. If it's made of fabric, wash it, and if it's plastic, wipe it with a disinfecting wipe.

Wear disposable gloves when handling the dirty laundry.

A sick person should have his or her own dirty clothes bin.

Use a household bleach to sanitize your laundry area. You should make sure it's not past the expiration date. Add ½ cup, or 5 table tablespoons of bleach per gallon of water. You can also use 4 teaspoons of bleach per quart. You can also use a readymade solution that has at least 70% alcohol. Please don't forget your gloves.

Don't shake or shift soiled laundry any more than necessary. When dirty clothes are jostled, viral particles can get tossed into the air.

If you don't have a dryer you can always hang them on a line outside in direct sunlight. The direct sunlight is an excellent way to sanitize your clothes.

Use detergents with a variety of cleaning ingredients, including enzymes, to break up dirt and organic matter.

Avoid mixing different cleaning products, as some combinations can produce toxic fumes

Make your last load a bleach load. That way you'll disinfect your washer and it will be germ free when your next washday comes around again.

In summary, proper laundry practices, good hygiene and safe handling can help reduce the risk of getting sick from contaminated laundry.

Remember to follow guidelines and prioritize safety when doing your laundry.

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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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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:

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Jackson, Mississippi 39208

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

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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 1st day of July, 2024.

RONNY LOTT
CHANCERY CLERK OF MADISON COUNTY,
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I. 804-703 located at 6762 HARRY S TRUMAN

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1. 707-52 located at 6240 BROWN ST

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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.

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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

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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 probate 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
Donna Chambers
Donna Chambers

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

Damon Stevenson
Stevenson Legal Group, PLLC
1010 N. West Street
Jackson, MS 39202
Telephone: (769) 251-0207, Facsimile: (601) 608-7872.



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ORDINANCE GRANTING ROWANOAK DEVELOPMENT, LLC A REZONING FROM C80-C2 (LIMITED) COMMERCIAL SUBDISTRICT TO C80-R4 (LIMITED) MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SUBDISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT PARCEL #820-955 ON HIGHWAY 80 WEST TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-FAMILY APARTMENT COMPLEX. CASE NO. 4255.

WHEREAS, Rowanoak Development, LLC has filed a petition to rezone the property located at Parcel #820-955 on Highway 80 W., in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi from C80-C2 (Limited) Commercial Subdistrict to C80-R4 (Limited) Multi-Family Residential Subdistrict to allow for the construction of a multi-family apartment complex; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the property from C80-C2 (Limited) Commercial Subdistrict to C80-R4 (Limited) Multi-Family Residential Subdistrict to allow for the construction of a multi-family apartment complex; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, June 17, 2024 to consider said change based upon the record of the case as developed before the Jackson City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Jackson City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on May 2, 2024 and May 16, 2024 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on May 22, 2024, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board has offered the recommendation to rezone the above described property from C80-C2 (Limited) Commercial Subdistrict to C80-R4 (Limited) Multi-Family Residential Subdistrict to allow for the construction of a multi-family apartment complex; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that there has been

a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area that justifies rezoning the property and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with the request in said application since any previous Jackson City Council action.

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

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

A certain lot or parcel of land in the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW ¼ of SE¼) of Section 34, Township 6 North, Range 1 West, Hinds County, Mississippi, more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point on the South right-of-way line of U.S. Highway No. 80 where said right-of-way line is intersected by the West line of the SE ¼ of Section 34, Township 6 North, Range 1 West, Hinds County, Mississippi, which point is 16 feet, more or less, South of the center of said Section 34; run thence South 60 degrees 45 minutes East along the South right-of-way line of U.S. Highway No. 80 parallel with and 100 feet measured at right angles from the center line of said U.S. Highway No. 80 for a distance of 660 feet; run thence South 567 feet to the North line of a public road; thence traversing said road, North 79 degrees West 484 feet; thence North 71 degrees 30 minutes West 107.5 feet to the West Line of the SE ¼ of Section 34; run thence North along the West line of the SE ¼ of said Section 34 for a distance of 763 feet to the point of beginning.

And being the same property described in instrument recorded in Book 7228 at Page 4295.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the of the property located at Parcel #820-955 on Highway 80 W. from C80-C2 (Limited) Commercial Subdistrict to C80-R4 (Limited) Multi-Family Residential Subdistrict to allow for the construction of a multi-family apartment complex.

However, that before any structure is erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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

Council Member Grizzell moved adoption; Council Member Foote seconded.
Yeas -Banks, Foote, Grizzell and Lee.
Nays-None
Absent-Hartley, Lindsay and Stokes.

ATTEST:
Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Zoning Council Meeting June 17, 2024 and recorded in Minute Book "6Z, Pgs. 392-393".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 17th day of July, 2024.

Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

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I. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

New Business

A. CASE NO. HPNC-24-14
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 REQUEST: AMEND ORIGINAL COA TO REFLECT THAT RESTORATION HAS CHANGED TO NEW CONSTRUCTION.

CASE NO. HPNC-22-87

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 HISTORIC DISTRICT: FARISH STREET APPLICANT: STEPHANIE STEWART
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CASE NO. HPNC-22-45

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A. OTHER

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Application instructions are available on the City of Jackson's website. To download, please visit: <https://www.jacksonms.gov/housing-community-development/>.

The deadline to submit all applications electronically is by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 9, 2024.

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The demolition and cleaning of parcels:
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Vice President Kamala Harris could become president as President Joe Biden drops out of the race

By James B. Ewers Jr., Ed.D
President Emeritus
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The uncertainty about President Joe Biden's bid to get another four years in the White House had reached a boiling point. Day and night, operatives were talking about the Biden campaign. Critics wanted him to take mental acuity tests to judge his fitness for office. When we saw the president in the public square, we would kindly say that he has lost a step. We who believed steadfastly in his candidacy wanted him to stay in the race. Yet no matter what, President

Joe Biden tried to defy the odds and put his critics to rest. His record of accomplishments is exemplary. He is a true American patriot. This phrase has been used about him by friend and foe alike. Reports, even from his inner circle, suggested he would continue in the race and not be fazed by the mounting crescendo of criticism that was comforting him. When America went to bed on last Saturday night, there was still a light on for President Biden. We woke up Sunday morning still thinking he was the presumptive Democratic nominee. We were still ready, willing and able to be his surrogate soldiers. Why? Because

over time, he has proved that he is for the people. On Sunday, July 21 around 2 p.m., President Joe Biden stepped aside as the Democratic nominee and will not be seeking a second term. This had not been done since President Lyndon B. Johnson did not seek a second term in 1967. This sudden turn of events took many of us by surprise. However, his major advisors say that he has been thinking about this possibility for a few days according to reports. History tells us that he is quite methodical in his decision-making. This time was no different. So, we know now President Joe Biden has endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris to be

the Democratic nominee. What are the next steps? These are my opinions. The Democratic Party must become unified and stay that way. At this moment, they are fractured. The acrimony over President Joe Biden has caused deep divisions within the party. The Democratic National Convention will be held in Chicago August 19-22. When that time comes, Kamala Harris' name must be the only name in nomination. While some Democrats are hesitant to endorse her, the time is now to do it. Vice President Kamala Harris has the name recognition and the experience to become the next president. She has worked alongside of President

Biden during these challenging yet rewarding times. She knows the White House and the inner working of it. Vice President Harris has garnered the respect of world leaders and will be ready for the position of president on day one. In addition, her stints as Attorney General of the state of California and US Senator will enhance her credibility as she goes on the campaign trail. Our votes are needed for the vice president to become president. In a statement on Sunday, Vice President Harris said, "I am honored to have President Biden's endorsement and my intention is to earn and win this nomination. Over the past year, I have traveled across the

country, talking with Americans about the clear choice in this momentous election. I will do everything in my power to unite the Democratic Party and unite our nation to defeat Donald Trump and his extreme Project 2025 Agenda. We have 107 days until Election Day. Together we will fight. And together, we will win." Democrats, it's winning time. Leaders in the party, endorse Vice President Harris' candidacy in the next twenty-four hours. Don't wait and don't delay. Show the world that you can build together and bind together to make Vice President Kamala Harris the next President of the United States of America.

When silence is cowardice – simply telling the truth is not a call to violence. It never has been.

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



When the stakes are high ... when there is a real threat ... should staying silent even be an option? Martin Luther King, Jr. had a lot to say on the subject of silence. He said, "There comes a time when silence is betrayal." And, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." He spoke of how, in the struggles for freedom and justice, what we will ultimately remember is "the silence of our friends." So are we to be friends to the vast numbers of Americans whose fundamental rights and livelihoods are on the line at a pivotal time for our nation? Are we to be friends to the communities that we know will be targeted, marginalized, and denied America's promise of opportunity? Are we to be friends to the planet itself, and the life it supports from the bounty of nature to the entire human race? Many people would say that when faced with the choice to speak up – to sound the alarm – or to remain silent, that choosing silence is not simply cowardly, it is immoral. I am one of them. The greatest movements for freedom and justice of the last century were defined by peaceful methods. Passive resistance in the civil rights movement. Civil disobedience in anti-war efforts. Divesting financial support from unjust systems and institutions like South African apartheid. From rallies and marches to sit-ins and the tactics mentioned

above, in no way was speaking out ever seen as a call to violence. Shining a light on injustice is necessary. And in a democracy, the most powerful remedy must always – always – be ballots, not bullets. That is why we organize. There is a difference between truthfully explaining to people what is at stake for them in an election and targeting one's political opposition with dehumanizing slurs. The same goes for using dehumanizing rhetoric against groups of people based on their race, religion, gender identity, sexuality or national origin. The difference between truth-telling and violent or inciting rhetoric is not simply in the eye of the beholder. We should be expected to be able to draw the line between the two. Political actors need to respect that line. And the media does too. For the news media, that means not being cowed into treating important and necessary truth-telling as something dangerous or unsavory. It is not rocket science. It is unacceptable to suggest we are in the middle of a second civil war and that it could tip to violence if one side does not get their way. It is unacceptable to suggest that certain election results could trigger a "bloodbath" or warrant armed insurrection or violence between various groups or factions of Americans. What else is and should be out of bounds: calling opponents "vermin," describing them as a disease, referring to certain groups of people as "rats" or less than human, or saying the primary goal of tens of millions of people who might disagree with your politics is the actual destruction of

our country. What is certainly fair game and must remain fair game: vocally sharing the truth, in a matter-of-fact way, about your opposition's stated agenda and policies, and what is at stake with the choices in any given election. Right now, in the wake of the most recent act of political violence – itself a direct attack on our democracy, to be sure – many far-right media figures and activist leaders are trying to equate fair criticism and discussion of the stakes of this election with violence-inciting rhetoric. It is a scam. And it is yet another attack on our democracy. That is because democracy depends on a certain amount of transparency, the civil free exchange of ideas and information, and a free press that is not too intimidated to report the facts or shy away from those sounding legitimate alarms. Calls to suspend valid criticism of any party or candidate are no different than calls to quash dissent or eliminate critical thinking among the members of a society. The mainstream media, from newspapers to networks to online platforms, must fulfill their obligation to the truth and live up to their important role in our democracy. They must not give into cowardice. They must continue to provide a platform for those who tell the truth and continue to report, loudly and clearly, on facts, evidence and what is at stake for our country. Ben Jealous is the executive director of the Sierra Club and a professor of practice at the University of Pennsylvania. This article was paid for by the Sierra Club Voter Education Fund.

I need help: my marriage is in serious trouble

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



I promise, someone you know or someone you knows someone you know; marriage is in serious trouble – includes newlyweds and seasoned couples. There are so many couples struggling to stay married today; many are barely hanging on. Further, devastatingly, many spouses are sleeping in separate bedrooms and many couples have separated and are living single lives. Furthermore, many couples are just going with the flow – they are remaining married for convenience or until the marriage expires whenever that may be. In fact, in many marriages – the legal binding (the marriage license) is the only thing still holding them together. Why are so many marriages in serious trouble? Some marriages are in serious trouble due to a lack of commitment, lack of communication, hanging on to the past, financial issues, infidelity, emotional affairs, spouse neglect, spouse abandonment, addictions, abuse, issues with children, and so many more factors. If you sense or know that your marriage is in serious trouble – seek help immediately, especially if you both want to stay married. Don't wait until your marriage gets in serious trouble to seek help. In other words, your marriage does not have to experience serious trouble – you two can fight to avoid that. Please seek help as early as you begin experiencing any issues in your marriage that you feel can eventually lead to a potential separation and divorce. Signs that your marriage is in serious trouble can include any of the following:

- You can feel and sense it
- Never consider your Marriage Vows
- Can't remember the last time, I love you was expressed by you or both of you
- You or both of you are completely checked out of the marriage
- Staying married only because of the children
- Life becomes consumed by your children's affairs/activities
- Marriage is a façade
- Rarely or do not celebrate special occasions/holidays with one another
- Sadness – you feel sad most of the time especially in the presence of your spouse
- Little to no communication
- Arguing more frequently
- No arguments
- Gaslighting becomes the norm
- Silence – lose the desire to talk to your spouse about anything and everything
- Loneliness
- Little to no dating
- Find ways to avoid being around one another
- Sleep in separate spaces/beds
- Plan without considering your spouse

- Begin not to care about your spouse or the marriage
- Marriage is about convenience
- Fantasize life solo or with someone else
- Emotional and physical affairs begin
- Diminished sex life or no sex life
- Looking for divorce attorneys
- Hopelessness
- Cartoons and the music are speaking to you
- Find yourself googling, is my marriage in trouble

If you are having signs and symptoms of a heart attack – would you just sit day after day, week after week and do absolutely nothing about it? You more than likely would seek immediate medical attention if you felt that you were sick or could be dying. Clearing my throat, hey you, husbands, wives... if you are experiencing any of the signs above, seek immediate help for your marriage today before it is too late. Divorce doesn't have to be your final solution, but I support whatever you feel is best. James 5:16: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray for one another, that ye may be healed..." The word "confess," is the Greek word ekzomologeō, a word that means to declare, to say loud, to exclaim, to divulge, or to blurt." Did you read that? Confession + prayer = healing. I am not the best in math, but I do know how to add. God uses James to emphasize the importance of communicating (talk & talk) with one another – one another should be you two first and perhaps a marriage counselor, pastor, etc. In conclusion, if you feel that your marriage is in serious trouble and you and your spouse desire help or if you know a couple who is struggling in their marriage and want help – attend our Marriage & Family Prayer Meeting at The Restoration Church, 3931 Hanging Moss Road, Suite H, Jackson, MS. 39206 on Saturday, August 3, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Share this with every married couple you know). We will have these prayer meetings every first Saturday for the remainder of 2024. There is **nothing** too hard for God to do even in your troubled marriage; God saved my marriage, so I know He can save your marriage too. If you and your spouse are willing to fight for your marriage – your marriage doesn't have to remain in serious trouble – come join our prayer meeting. Please contact me for additional information. Contact Dr. LaShunda Calvert for speaking engagements (motivational, ministering, marriage counseling, marriage workshops, marriage seminars, marriage conferences, etc.) on Instagram: letsstay2gether4ever (Dr. LaShunda Calvert) Facebook: Dr. LaShunda Calvert Email: letsstaytogether4eva@gmail.com or call 601 596-2528.

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God's pruning

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



A number of years ago, I attended the University of North Texas Equity and Diversity Conference in Denton, Texas where television journalist Soledad O'Brien was a keynote speaker. As part of her presentation, O'Brien used vivid details to share about issues of race in her professional and personal life. One story she shared described when looking through the personal papers of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. She was able to closely examine the words of Dr. King and study how he edited some of his most important speeches. She then added how the progression of Dr. King's thoughts and ideologies was evident not just in what was

left in the speech but mostly by what his handwritten comments had taken out. The transformation from anger to a more reflective hope was one of the things she noticed. She added that she learned more about him not by what was left in the speeches but by the words that he deleted.

In that instance, it dawned on me that some recent shifts in relationships and friendships was God's way of doing the same thing in my own life. I'd placed so much value on friendships and had spent much time saddened by the loss of a once valued friendship. As I worked through the loss, God placed some very encouraging people around me who gave me words of support when I needed them most. But there were still times when I felt that the loss was greater than the comfort of their words.

In the past, I'd said that

when people leave your life, it's because God no longer has a purpose for them in your life. But sometimes I wondered if there was another reason why God allowed those shifts to happen, especially in relationships. Was it as simple as God respecting our free will and allowing us to work through our choices, consequences and circumstances?

Hearing O'Brien's words gave me a new way of looking at others who were no longer a part of my life. Her words made me think about what I learned about myself when other relationships and friendships ended. I'd been so focused on what I'd lost when the relationship or friendship ended that I couldn't see that in the process of the loss, God had allowed me to become both stronger and more compassionate.

The transformation de-

scribed in the words of Jesus in John 15:1-3 was what God also wanted in me: "I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more."

Years later, I've built even stronger and more fulfilling friendships. Just like O'Brien could see transformation in Dr. King's deletions, I could now look at my own life and see that deletion of even valuables was a part of God's process of transformation.

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The whole duty of man

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



As we speak the Gospel, we have to make sure that we speak the words that God puts in our mouth. Do not change it, do not add to it, and do not take away from it, because then you will start pleasing men. I do not want to run people off or hurt their feelings, but God knows what is best for us and He knows that the straight, unadulterated Word of God is what man needs.

We need preachers in America to rise up and preach against sin. If people do not like it we ought to preach it anyway. If they do not call you or come back again, that is all right. God will open another door to preach. We cannot please men. We have to please God.

What did the Word of God tell Jeremiah? The people were a hardheaded, stiff-necked people, but God said not to look at their faces. Some people are going to look mean. When the Gospel goes forth, some people look mean. You can tell they do not want to hear it.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 says: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil."

The writer said the fear of God and keeping His commandments is the chief duty of man. This is the reason God created us. He wants to see men on earth have peace and goodwill through the Gospel. That is the conclusion of

the whole matter.

We are going to face God at the Judgment. Hebrews 9:27 states, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."

Perhaps you have read the story of the rich man that went to hell, which is recorded in Luke 16:19-26. Jesus said: "There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen and fare sumptuously everyday: And there was a certain beggar name Lazarus which was laid at his gate full of sores and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: Moreover, the dog came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off and Lazarus in his bosom. "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'"

May God help us to think about these things.

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JSU hosts “THEE Community Cookout,” celebrating its West Jackson roots

By Anthony Howard
JSU Public Relations Specialist

Jackson State University invited the greater West Jackson community to celebrate their long-standing relationship with a large cookout held in the Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center Saturday, July 13. The Office of the President and Jackson State’s Office of Community Engagement organized the event.

Nearly a dozen West Jackson neighborhood associations, businesses and community leaders attended the family-friendly event. Attendees enjoyed food, fun, music, and the opportunity to meet JSU President Marcus L. Thompson, Ph.D. He gave remarks expressing his appreciation and roots in the West Jackson community.

“I’m so honored to be a part of this community that I call a family,” said Thompson. “I know many of you have heard the phrase ‘I am SWAC,’ well I am West Jackson. This community is a part of my heart, and I am grateful to be here with you today.”

Thompson continued to share his story about living, working and raising a family in the area. He expressed that the cookout was orchestrated to demonstrate the university’s commitment to its partnerships with the surrounding neighborhoods, businesses and associations.

“As I drive up and down the parkway, I have the same concerns you have for this community, and that is why we have to work together,” Thompson added. “We are here to serve you, and we want to bring everyone to the table to not only move Jackson State forward but also the communities in West Jackson.”

Director of Community Engagement Heather Denne, Ph.D., said, “It’s really important to have a relationship of trust, caring and being a good neighbor. That’s what this event embodies, and we’re super excited that the president is supporting these efforts.”

In a full circle moment, Lillie Williams, a lifelong resident of West Jackson, said she was proud to see Thompson’s growth and accomplishments. She mentored the president when she worked as his high school counselor at Saint Joseph High School.

“I’m excited and grateful because I feel like I played a role in his life by helping him prepare for college and being available to help him,” Williams shared. “It blesses me and makes me proud to know him.”

Williams, a 1985 graduate of Jackson State, reminisced about



The Office of the President and Jackson State’s Office of Community Engagement organized a family-friendly event where attendees had the opportunity to meet JSU President Marcus L. Thompson, Ph.D. (4th from left) PHOTOS COURTESY OF JSU PUBLIC RELATIONS



Members of the Jim Hill High School cheerleading team were at the community cookout hosted by JSU.



Representative Grace Butler Washington, House District 69, attended the event to show support and appreciation for the university’s efforts in the community.

the significant role the institution played in the lives of the youth living in West Jackson.

“We were able to experience the campus as children by using the library. We saw many dance

troups and attended campus events, which has enhanced our community. Jackson State and the community are one,” she said.

In the present day, the univer-

sity continues to enrich the lives of the surrounding youth.

Members of the Jim Hill High School cheerleading team accepted President Thompson’s invitation to the cookout. Charlee Porter, a high school senior, said her interest in JSU began when her older sister attended the university.

Porter and her family recently moved to Jackson, Mississippi, from Nashville, and praised the university and the community for making her feel welcome.

“I love JSU; I like the hype, and hosting events like this makes people feel comfortable. I look up to my sister a lot, and the fact that she chose JSU makes me feel like I can choose JSU,” said Porter.

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New Hinds CC Hi-Stepper director a familiar face



Former Hinds Hi-Stepper Bekah King of Pearl, center, is the third director of the Hinds Hi-Steppers. On the wall behind her is a portrait of the first director, Anna Cowden Bee. The Hi-Steppers are celebrating their 75th anniversary this year. Among this year’s Hi-Steppers are, from left, Skylar Boyd of Jackson, Jayda Graham of Brandon, Zoe Irving of Jackson, Amia Lewis of Byram, Malayah Evans of Newton, Semia Wansley of Byram, Cori Turner of Jackson, King, Denver Jackson of Jackson, Chloe McHann of Clinton, Jakayla Brown of Utica, Alexis Marts of Flowood, Olivia Broadwater of Pearl and Erin Lollis of Byram. King is also the director of the Hinds band Colorguard

Mississippi Link Newswire

Bekah King of Pearl has come home to Hinds Community College. A Hi-Stepper in 2013-2015, and head captain her sophomore year, she takes over as the third director in the 75-year history of the Hinds Community College Hi-Steppers.

“These were two of the best years of my life, and I hope I can provide the best experience for my students each year,” she said.

Previously, she had been serving part-time for two years as Colorguard director for the Hinds marching band. At the same time, she was teaching second grade at Northside Elementary in Pearl and taught Pearl High School’s Colorguard for eight years.

“I hope to continue growing both programs, Hi-Steppers and Colorguard. I want to recruit people who are passionate about the arts and who want to continue to grow as performers,” she said.

It was a hard decision for her to leave her second grade classroom after six years.

“I feel such a strong connection to Hinds Community College, and I truly believe in helping young people reach their career goals through community college,” King said.

After Hinds, she continued into the Delta State University 2+2 program and earned bachelor’s and master’s de-

grees in elementary education.

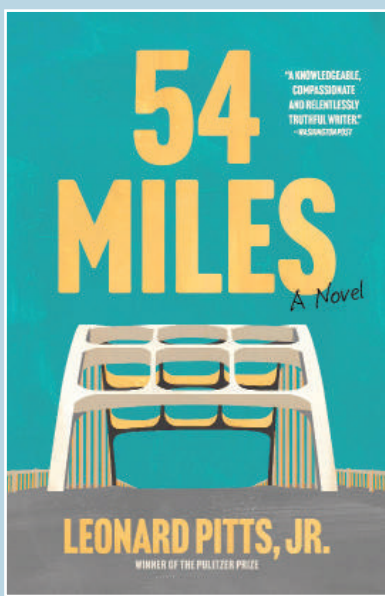
She was a member of the MS Lions All-State Band and traveled all over the world (Canada, Hawaii, Germany, Austria). She was a Phantomette with the Phantom Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps in 2015 and 2016.

“One of my proudest moments was when I was with the MS Lions All-state band. We traveled to Hawaii to perform in a parade. While in Hawaii, we had the opportunity to perform on Pearl Harbor on July 4th. I was able to take a picture with and listen to incredible stories from a Pearl Harbor survivor,” she said.

Anna Cowden Bee, the first director of the Hi-Steppers, served for 55 years, beginning in 1953 and retiring in 2007. She passed away in 2013. Angela Hite replaced her, serving as director from 2007 until retiring in April 2024.

The Hi-Steppers are a precision dance and drill team and perform at Hinds football shows, in parades and other venues.

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BOOK REVIEW: 54 MILES BY LEONARD PITTS, JR. C.2024, AGATE \$19.95 • 344 PAGES

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Deep down inside, there's a part of you that always wants to do right.

Did someone teach you that? Or were you just modeling what your elders did when they did what was true and right? Either way, your moral compass points the way, always. You do right for the world, even if, as in the new novel "54 Miles" by Leonard Pitts, Jr., it's the wrong personal decision for you.

Sitting in church, hundreds of miles from home, Adam Simon

felt the distance keenly. This surprised him. It wasn't like he was close to his parents. No, his father, a white minister, had over-preached to Adam for too long, and his Black mother never showed Adam much warmth. With no siblings to help soften these facts, Adam left college to head to Alabama, to work with SNCC's voter registry efforts.

That was the plan, anyhow, but down-deep, Adam had no idea what he was doing. It was a good cause, a great and righteous one, but not without danger: he was almost killed while

marching across the Edmund Pettis Bridge.

And that's how his frantic parents learned where he was: alerted by Adam's parents, his Uncle Luther tracked Adam down in a Selma hospital, took the young man in, and notified Adam's parents that he was safe.

By that time, George Simon was on his way to Alabama for his son's sake.

Years ago, George and his now-wife, Thelma, had busted almost every racial law the South imposed, and they

married. Shortly afterward, George's father sent the new family north, for safety. And now Adam was in Alabama, in the mouth of the dragon.

But Adam had other troubles on his mind.

He knew he shouldn't have snooped, but while staying with his Uncle Luther, he found a stash of old letters, and he read them. What he learned shocked him, and he had to leave Luther's home immediately.

The problem was, Adam had nowhere to go.

Were you there? If not, can

you imagine what it was like to live in 1965, at the height of the Civil Rights Movement? Readers who don't know or can't picture it will get an eyeful of what was possible inside "54 Miles."

In setting his novel roughly in the years 1945 to 1965, author Leonard Pitts, Jr. doesn't make reading this book easy. There are passages inside this novel that will make you want to wince and turn away and – caution! – they're not for the weak-stomached. Just remember, they're essential to the sto-

ry and to why the characters act as they do.

On that, you'll enjoy most of these characters as they look to the past and future, working their ways through personal struggles and one of the more tumultuous periods in American history. Details help, making this books' cast feel more authentic.

Be aware that "54 Miles" can be slow, at certain points, but stick with it and you won't be disappointed. If you're a historical novel fan, this book will do you right.

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22nd Annual Grassroots Blues Festival



Cristina Seals and Ahmair Lockhart pictured with Bre Wooten in the middle



Beaux Petel Lewis Johnson of the No Names Band; Jerry Fair and Ra'Shad The Blues Kid

By Jaylia Reed, Student Writer
Mississippi Valley State University

The Mississippi Delta Blues was displayed at the Grassroots Blues Festival, held July 12-13, 6 p.m.-10 p.m., in Duck Hill, MS.

According to the principal organizer, Alfonzo White, this year's 22nd Grassroots Blues Festival featured youth as the main act. They were Beaux Pete, Ra'Shad "The Blues Kid," Bre Wotte, and college students Cristina Seals and Ahmair Lockhart.

Project CAM, a generational Cultural Arts and Media program, began the Grassroots Blues Festival in 2003 with the goal of carrying out its work

program in the community and using traditional blues artists as a platform to promote their music and celebrate a musical art form which is specific to the Mississippi heritage.

Every year, this charming town hosts a blues festival that brings together locals and blues lovers from all over the world. They come together to honor the rich musical legacy embedded in the area.

From spontaneous jam sessions that echoed through the streets to soul-stirring concerts by blues performers, the event has an authentic appeal that honors the roots of the genre. The culture of Duck Hill is embodied by its laid-back atmosphere

and genuine friendliness, which not only allows guests to enjoy the music but also creates a sense of community and brotherhood.

White stated, "The Grassroots Blues Festival is a celebration of our rich cultural heritage of blues music, and the artists who demonstrated mastery of their artistic discipline and quality of work." He also expressed that the festival would not be possible without sponsorship.

The Montgomery County Board of Supervisors, The Mississippi Blues Foundation, The Mississippi Arts Commission, and The Music Maker Foundation all contribute to the sponsorship of the grassroot Festival.

Ready, Set, Go, FAFSA 2024: Tutor Me holds event at Medgar Evers Library



Tutor Me Founder Janiece Austin



Reporter for WJTV interviews Kings and Austin.



(L-R) Jackie Hampton, Janiece Austin, Anne Sanders and Attorney Yemi Kings PHOTOS BY JACKIE HAMPTON AND ASIA STARKS



William and Mary Austin, Janiece's parents, stopped by the library wearing FAFSA t-shirts.

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Janiece Austin, founder and instructor of Study Hall, LLC and Tutor Me sponsored a free event for high school students on how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, popularly known as the FAFSA.

The non-profit business was stated in 2015. Austin says the business has experienced 90% success rate, with students completing not only high school but also graduating from college.

Austin loves teaching. She

has taught at Piney Woods High School, East Central Community College and now Canton High School.

Attorney Yemi Kings joined Austin at the library to encourage students to work hard. He said it important to get as many young people to enroll in college and one important steps is knowing how to get financial aid assistance.

When asked by *The Mississippi Link* who should apply? Austin said, "All students should apply. It's not necessarily based on your parent's income because you can get

loans and grants and assistance from Mississippi through the MAP program." Austin said her non-profit business also shares information with students regarding all types of scholarships available.

Austin presented certificates of appreciation to Anne Sanders, branch manger of the library, Attorney Kings and *The Mississippi Link* for assisting and participating in the event. She also had a certificate for Morgan Gill of WJTV, who had to leave early.

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Amerigroup MS' Back 2 School Bash supports local students



Misti McNicholas enjoys time with two Back to School Bash attendees



Backpacks and other items were distributed to 289 area students.



A large crowd was on hand at the Back 2 School Bash sponsored by Amerigroup MS.

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Two hundred eighty-nine backpacks were distributed to Metro Jackson area students during a Back 2 School Bash hosted by Amerigroup MS. Over 260 participants were on hand for this fun-filled family event held at the Jackson Medical Mall, July 13, 2024.

This event helps ensure that area school children are well-prepared for the upcoming academic year.

Essential supplies, such as hand sanitizer, masks, filler paper, folders, pencils, pens, sticky notes and lunch bags were provided at no cost.

Vendors in attendance were the American Heart Association, MS Food Network, Diabetes Foundation of MS, Shared Health, Aetna, Six Dimensions, MS Public Health Institute and Parents for Public

Schools.

In addition to receiving school supplies, attendees engaged in fun activities such as face painting, a 360-photo booth and balloon twisting. "We are just thrilled with the turnout and the overwhelming support from our community partners," said Misti McNicholas with Amerigroup MS. "Our goal was to equip students with the tools they need for a

successful school year while providing a fun and engaging atmosphere for families. That mission was accomplished. We look forward to continuing this tradition and positively impacting our local community."

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HINDS COUNTY SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

Hinds County School District congratulates and celebrates the Raymond High School's Class of 2024 at the commencement exercise May 21, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Mississippi Coliseum. The 2024 valedictorian was Nadia Burse, and the salutatorian was Jayden Singleton. We pray success on the Class of 2024 in all their future endeavors.

