

Jackson City Council presents resolution to Comedian Rita Brent: “Jackson Born, Jackson Built, Jackson Proud.”



Councilman Kenneth Stokes (3rd left front row) displays Proclamation presented to Rita Brent (4th left). They are joined by City of Jackson Mayor John Horhn (back row left), members of the Jackson City Council (back row) along with family and friends. PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Rita Brent, an award-winning comedian, musician, and military veteran was presented with a Resolution Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at City Hall for her outstanding contributions to entertainment and community engagement. The resolution, presented by Ward 3 Councilman Kenneth Stokes, cited that Brent was nurtured and fashioned

throughout Baptist Churches in Jackson by a doting mother, Dr. Angela Weathersby. She served the country as a drummer and sergeant in the 41st Army Band before transitioning to broadcasting and entertainment, including roles at Mississippi Public Broadcasting and as a weekly contributor on the Rick-ey Smiley Morning Show. Her comedy has been featured on Comedy Central, truTV, Circle TV, and CNN, and

she regularly tours with prominent comedians like Cedric the Entertainer and Rickey Smiley. Her creative work extends beyond stand-up comedy. Brent, who is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a three-time Writers Guild Award nominee, with writing credits for the 73rd Primetime Emmy Awards, the People’s Choice Awards, GRAMMYs MusiCares, and The Mark Twain Prize for American Hu-

mor. Her viral musical parodies, including “Kamala” and “Can You Rock Me Like a Pot-hole,” have garnered millions of views, blending humor with social commentary. In January 2025, she launched Late Night with Rita Brent on FOX40, which received its first Southeast Emmy nomination in May 2026 . When asked by The Missis-

Brent
Continued on page 3

Colonel Donnell Berry Memorial Highway dedication

MDOT news release

Officials joined Mississippi Transportation Commission Chairman Willie Simmons August 3, 2026, in dedicating a segment of U.S. Highway 49 in Yazoo County as the “Colonel Donnell Berry Memorial Highway.” As a native of Benton, MS, Col. Berry maintained strong ties to his hometown and to the state of Mississippi throughout his life and career. The ceremony was held at St. Paul CME Church where he served as a trustee. House Bill 1402 passed in the 2026 Session of the Mississippi Legislature, officially designating a segment of U.S. 49 north in Yazoo County for one mile as the “Colonel Donnell Berry Memorial Highway.” Speakers joining Commissioner Simmons at the dedication ceremony included Former Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, Rep. Justis Gibbs, Sen. Kamesha Mumford, Rep. Timaka James-Jones and Berry family members. Berry devoted more than 35 years of service to the Mississippi Highway Patrol, where he distinguished himself as a respected leader and public servant committed to the safety of Mississippi’s roadways and communities. In 2011, Berry was appointed by Gov. Haley Barbour as Chief of the Mississippi Highway Patrol, promoted to the rank of Colonel, and named Director of



PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

the Mississippi Highway Patrol and Assistant Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. He was reappointed by Gov. Phil Bryant in 2012. “Donnell oversaw a huge amount of responsibility that required him to manage our troopers, oversee their training and to enforce strategy with the other departments, including the Department of Transportation,” said Gov. Barbour. “It is appropriate that we are memorializing Donnell Berry by naming a stretch of highway after him. This is a blessing to us,

as people of Mississippi, that we have leaders like Donnell Berry. I pray that we continue to have that kind of leadership.” Berry retired from the Mississippi Highway Patrol in 2016, concluding a career defined by professionalism, accountability, and public service. “To the Berry family, I am so grateful you gave us Donnell Berry. He truly was a hero and a giant. He represented his troopers and state well. To all the troopers here today, thank you for your service in keep-

Berry
Continued on page 3

The daily swing of his wrecking ball

“Upside down. Boy, you turn me inside out, and ‘round and ‘round,” from Diana Ross’s hit written by Nile Rodgers and Bernard Edwards.



PHOTO SOURCE: SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE/RHYS ASPLUND.

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

It’s easy for shock and disbelief to be replaced by frustration and anger. The noise each day is deafening. The onslaught of egregious statements and actions is unceasing. We’re not even half-way through, and Constitution or not, you know he’s scheming to have his presence at the controls last even longer.

COMMENTARY

What he has done to America and Americans in these 570 days defies description. Unless something happens to him sooner, we still have a minimum of 890 days left. His willful carnage is stunning – like a tsunami - but that so much of it is supported by the Republican members of Congress and Republican leaders across the country is devastating. As we draw closer to midterm elections in November, it bears a review of the record, separate from the fierce noise that numbs so many of us. Let’s start with unilateral actions – the Executive Orders. This time around, his pace averages 179 per year. In his first term, before he lost to President Biden, it was 55 per year. Biden’s average per year was 41, President Obama’s was 35, and President “W” Bush was 36 a year, all per Pew Research. The wrecking ball becomes acutely personal for those that cross him, disagree with him, or vote against him. Following January 6, 2021, when he incited a crowd of insurrectionists to storm the U.S. Capitol to stop the certification of election results - which would show that he lost by over 7 million votes to Joe Biden - there was a vote to impeach him and 10 House Republicans voted to do so. Eight of those ten were forced out of Congress by primary defeats or forced retirement (rather than face a blistering primary challenge). Seven Senate Republicans likewise voted to impeach him, and five of those seven met the same outcome, per New

York Times and CBS’s Face the Nation. This year alone he has successfully gone after those not aligned with him. They include Republican Senator John Coryn, Republican Representative Thomas Massie, Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensberger, and five Republican state Senators in Indiana went packing as well, all per PBS. Back to January 6th for a moment. A Government Accountability Office Report indicated the comprehensive bill for the insurrection is \$2.7 billion, and on Day 2 of his second, non-consecutive term, he pardoned over 1,500 of the rioters. ‘The hours-long assault injured more than 140 police officers, in one of the largest-ever mass attacks on law enforcement officers in U.S. history,” per National Public Radio. All pieces of American history that can never be rewritten. He has stripped traditional merit-based Schedule F career protections, making civil service employees “at-will” workers that can now easily be fired. The Project of Government Oversight estimates that 317,000 workers have left or been forced out in the first year of his second term. He has placed entry restrictions (travel bans) on people of 39 countries, 37 of which have overwhelmingly Black, Brown or other non-white populations, per the New York Immigration Coalition and CNN. Yet he has made the immigration path easier for White residents of South Africa – Afrikaners – citing unfounded systemic violence and racial discrimination, per DW.com and PBS. His verbal assaults, often inside the Oval Office, on foreign leaders is without comparison – numerous times having dignitaries kicked out of the White House. His attacks on members of the press is well known and continues. Calling veteran journalist’s “a horrible person” or “a terrible person,”

Ball
Continued on page 3

Share this issue with a friend by mailing it to:

DELINQUENT TAX SALE NOTIFICATION

The Notice of Tax Collector’s sale of land for delinquent taxes for the First and Second Judicial Districts of Hinds County, Mississippi can be viewed at www.themississippilink.com.

Searching for Jane Crow

SEARCHING FOR JANE CROW

BLACK WOMEN AND MASS INCARCERATION IN AMERICA

FROM THE JUNCTION HOUSE TO THE CELL BLOCK

TALITHA L. LEFLOURIA

The Youth Entrepreneurship Hub teaches and showcases young CEOs, in West Jackson

Mississippi Link Newswire

Lady Godiva Productions in partnership with Refill Jackson Initiative invites youth ages 12-18 to The Youth Entrepreneurship Hub + Kidtrepreneur Marketplace on Saturday, August 22, 2026, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Refill’s headquarters, located at 136 S. Adams Street in West Jackson.

The Hub will teach the next generation of business leaders the basics of starting and growing a business, led by the Center for Social Entrepreneurship. It will also connect budding CEOs with adult mentors who can share real-life experiences as well as programming resources to help them in the future.

Following the class, the young creators will then apply the lessons learned at the Marketplace beginning at 1 p.m. The entire community is invited to shop, support, and celebrate these future entrepreneurs. Entry is free with the donation of a personal hygiene item. Shoppers are encouraged to bring an item and come prepared to support the youth vendors participating.

The Kidtrepreneur Marketplace, first created by R3Marketing, is open to the public.

“The Kidtrepreneur Marketplace gives young people a real platform to practice ownership, leadership and customer ser-

KIDTREPREENEUR MARKETPLACE

SHOP WITH YOUNG CEOs, CREATORS, MAKERS & INNOVATORS



SATURDAY, AUGUST 22
1-3 P.M.
REFILL JACKSON INITIATIVE
136 S. ADAMS STREET • WEST JACKSON

FREE ENTRY
WITH THE DONATION OF A PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEM

HOSTED BY LADY GODIVA PRODUCTIONS
ladygodivaproductions.com/youthentrepreneurshiphub

vice,” said Zakiya Summers, owner of Lady Godiva Productions. “We want the community to show up, shop with them and let them know that their creativity and ideas are worth investing in.”

There is a \$20 registration fee required for participants. For information and to sign-up, visit: www.ladygodivaproductions.com/youthentrepreneurshiphub.

Other partners include Community Bank, Impact Jackson 601, and R3M Impact Network.

ABOUT LADY GODIVA PRODUCTIONS

Lady Godiva Productions is a Jackson-based event planning and communications company that develops experiences and initiatives designed to connect people, strengthen communities, and bring ideas to life.

100 BLACK MEN

JACKSON, MS INC

Kenzie's SNO CONES & more

AMAZONING with Anita INC.

SHARE . SHOP . SAVE

100 BLACK MEN OF JACKSON PRESENTS

BACK TO SCHOOL

POP-UP SHOP

FREE SERVICES & GIVEAWAYS!



SATURDAY
AUGUST 15
2026



NEW HORIZON CHURCH
1750 Ellis Ave
Jackson, MS 39204



10AM - 2PM
SIGN IN BEFORE 10AM

FREE HAIR CUTS



GIRLS HAIR DOS



FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES



FREE BACKPACKS



FREE SNO CONES



FREE HOTDOGS





SCALP BRAIDS & CROCHET BRAIDS ONLY
HAIR PROVIDED FOR SCALP BRAIDS, CROCHET HAIR IS NOT INCLUDED. HAIR MUST ALREADY BE WASHED AND BLOW DRIED.



SIGN IN BEFORE 10AM



SERVICES ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.

COME SHOP, GET SERVED & START THE SCHOOL YEAR STRONG!

At Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi,

we’re not just about providing health insurance. We’re creating a strong, supportive community that empowers every Mississippian to live their healthiest life. We make managing your health easier by empowering you with the tools and support you need to take proactive steps toward maintaining and improving your health. Working together, we’re ensuring quality healthcare and wellness opportunities are within reach for all. Because when you are at your best, Mississippi is too.

A healthy community begins with the health of its people — and when you thrive, we all do.

It’s good to be blue.



MISSISSIPPI



Ball

Continued from page 1

because they ask questions he doesn’t want to answer, like about his involvement with Jeffrey Epstein. Just three months before the election he berated a panel of female journalists when appearing at the annual convention of The National Association of Black Journalists. At the event he also falsely claimed that Vice President Kamala Harris “happened to turn Black later in her political career,” per WHYY and Maryland Matters.

His focus on his personal wealth continues, as Americans are suffering. Gas, food, childcare, healthcare, housing, energy and utilities are all up considerably in his second term. His policies on import and food tariffs, manufacturing and goods, housing materials, Affordable Care Act subsidies, Medicaid rollbacks, and

Medicare Part D subsidies are the main causes, and along the way he has gutted consumer protections where in the past government oversight was used to pressure large corporations from price-gouging.

Unlike Diana Ross’s “Upside Down,” the biggest hit of her solo career, this presidency is not about a love affair with America – it’s about power and perceived greatness of one man. A Recent CNN poll found that “73 percent of Americans believe that Trump is not focused on the critical issues facing everyday citizens.” He has referred to Democratic and Independent voters who oppose him as “vermin” or “enemies of the state,” per The Hill. Americans know deep down that he is not making America great

again. The BBC reports that primarily through outside ventures he has amassed \$2.2 billion in his first eighteen months back in office.

From statements during COVID, that no one could ever forget, to the current push for a Department of Justice Anti-Weaponization Fund to provide compensation to his January 6th rioters, to an attempt to shield himself and his sons from past and future IRS audits, to installing loyalists to slow-roll the full Epstein file disclosures, he has no regard for the rule of law – the bedrock of America’s Constitutional Democracy – all while claiming that no President has ever been treated so unfairly. Each new day the wrecking ball continues to swing.

Brent

Continued from page 1

Mississippi Link how she felt about receiving the Resolution she stated, “I am honored to receive this recognition. It is always special to be recognized by my hometown, and I look forward to bringing more entertainment to the City of Jackson.” Brent summarized it all with “Jackson Born, Jackson Built, Jackson Proud!”

“NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that Councilman Kenneth I. Stokes and his Council colleague accord Ms. Rita Brent highest commendation for invigorating and enlightening the lives of others through her spirit of humorous ambassadorship.” DONE this the 11th day of August 2026.



PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON

Berry

Continued from page 1

ing our highways safe each day, just as Donnell did,” said Commissioner Simmons. “On behalf of the Department of Transportation, may we all remember Donnell Berry and be reminded of his integrity, values and principles each time we travel this stretch of U.S. 49 that is now named in his honor.”

Throughout his career, Berry was supported by his wife and was a devoted father to three children. His leadership and service left a lasting impact on the Mississippi Highway Patrol and on the many communities he served.



PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON

Reputation. Earned.

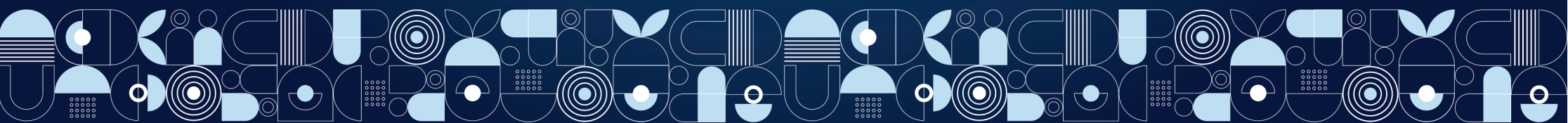
THROUGH NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED OUTCOMES.

At Mississippi Heart and Vascular Institute at FMOL Health | St. Dominic, every patient, every procedure and every outcome has helped shape who we are today. National accreditations, leading physicians and advanced cardiovascular care have earned the trust of patients and providers across Mississippi.

When your heart demands proven expertise, choose the team whose reputation has been earned through every heartbeat protected.

stdom.com/heart

 **FMOL Health
St. Dominic**
Mississippi Heart and
Vascular Institute



What we know about the death of Tasia Fortune in Mississippi

By Sophie Bates And Terry Tang
Associated Press

The hanging death of Tasia Fortune, whose body was found outside an abandoned house, has shaken her family and community in Mississippi, where two other people have been found hanging from trees in less than a year.

Police have not indicated whether they consider the 29-year-old Black woman's death suspicious, saying only that they are actively working "to determine the circumstances surrounding the death."

A week after Fortune's body was found, a pink and white memorial honoring her life stood as a bright spot in the otherwise overgrown backyard of the abandoned house in Jackson.

Feet from where rainbow pinwheels, white flowers and teddy bears surrounded a photograph of Fortune, empty chip bags and discarded plastic bottles littered the ground. Nearby, an entrance to the home gaped open, a tarp, foam pad and other debris scattered outside.

Jackson police officers responded to the home Aug. 3 and discovered a body hanging in the backyard. Hinds County chief medical examiner and investigator Jeremiah Howard later confirmed the identity as Fortune.

Her body is now in the cus-



A makeshift memorial honoring Tasia Fortune stands in the backyard of the property where her body was found. Photo taken on Monday, Aug. 10, 2026, in Jackson, Miss. AP PHOTO/SOPHIE BATES

tody of the Mississippi State Medical Examiner's Office, where an autopsy will be conducted to determine the cause and manner of death.

Here's what we know so far about Fortune's death:

What was Fortune doing when she was last heard from? Christy Spivey, Fortune's

mother, told ABC News on Sunday that she last saw her daughter on July 26. Fortune, a mother of four who had lived in Mississippi for more than 10 years, had traveled to Kentucky for a family reunion.

She described her daughter as a loving mother who was not behaving out of the ordinary.

"She did not do this to herself," Spivey told the outlet. "I know my daughter, and she did not do this to herself."

On Wednesday, Jackson City Councilman Kenneth Stokes wrote a letter to Mississippi U.S. Attorney Baxter Kruger asking for assistance in the case. In the letter, Stokes re-

ferred to Fortune as a murder victim.

Do authorities have any suspects?

Jackson police have commented very little on Fortune's death. They have not identified any suspects or person of interest.

Local media report that a man interviewed by investigators said he had argued with Fortune but had no involvement in her death. Police have not disclosed how the man, who was arrested last week on an unrelated charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm, is acquainted with Fortune.

Where were the other hangings in Mississippi?

Fortune's death comes less than a year after the hanging deaths of 21-year-old Trey Reed, a Black student at Delta State University in Cleveland, and Cory Zukatis, an unhoused white man in his 30s, in Vicksburg.

Police in Cleveland concluded Reed's death was a suicide. Autopsy results were consistent with a preliminary examination of the body by the Bolivar County coroner, which found no evidence of foul play.

Reed's family and their attorneys called for an independent autopsy and for authorities to share security camera recordings.

The Mississippi State Medi-

cal Examiner determined Zukatis died by suicide.

Why are the Mississippi cases attracting interest?

How law enforcement agencies in Mississippi, a state with a tumultuous civil rights history, handle death investigations of Black residents has drawn extreme interest in recent weeks with the case of Nolan Xavier Wells.

The 18-year-old joined friends on a Fourth of July boat excursion to an island off Mississippi's Gulf Coast but did not return with them. His body was found two days later.

Wells' parents say how their son died remains a mystery and there have been conflicting stories and missing details.

Spivey, Fortune's mother, told ABC News she "does not want her name associated with" the death possibly being racially motivated.

Bernice King, daughter of the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., cautioned people to "not rush to conclusions." At the same time, Fortune's death is triggering.

"We also cannot dismiss the fear and painful history these circumstances evoke for Black communities, especially in Mississippi," she said in a statement. "That history makes transparency, thoroughness, and truth essential."



www.TCLFinancialTaxServices.com

We Don't Just Do Taxes... WE KNOW TAXES





"Before you call anybody about your Business, Finances, Money, or Taxes...CALL US"

- ✓ Budgeting Techniques
- ✓ Business Bookkeeping
- ✓ Business Start-Up and Development
- ✓ Credit Restoration
- ✓ Debt Elimination Techniques
- ✓ Estate Planning
- ✓ Identity Theft Insurance
- ✓ Life Insurance
- ✓ Notary Public
- ✓ Pre-Paid Legal Protection
- ✓ Saving for Retirement
- ✓ Tax Preparation (Individual and Business)



Tim C. Lee
CEO & Founder

BYRAM
(601) 371-8580

CANTON
(601) 859-5554

HIGHWAY 18
(601) 922-2TCL (2825)

MEDGAR EVERS BOULEVARD
(601) 982-5880



Tune in to "The TCL Show," hosted by CEO & Founder, Tim C. Lee, every Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. CST on WMPR 90.1 FM in Jackson, Mississippi. This is the show that is about You, Life, and Money!



"Before you call anybody about your Business, Finances, Money, or Taxes...CALL US"

JOIN OUR TEXTALERTS TO WIN A FREE TCL ROKU SMART TV

Text **TCL2004** to **(855) 624-0706** or scan our QR Code





This is the show that is about You, Life, and Money!

Hosted by CEO & Founder
of TCL Financial & Tax Services

TIM C. LEE

every Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. CST
on WMPR 90.1 FM in Jackson, Mississippi
or Listen Live at
www.TCLFinancialTaxServices.com

From Selma to South Los Angeles: An unsung voting rights foot soldier says the fight isn't over

By Stephen Oduntan
Freelance Journalist

 More than six decades after risking her life in the fight for voting rights, 81-year-old Leatha Davis still remembers the sound of billy clubs striking peaceful demonstrators, the screams of marchers under attack, and the sacrifices that defined the Civil Rights Movement.

"It makes me really angry when I think about we did all of that and people stay at home and don't try to vote," Davis said. "Every vote counts."

For Davis, those debates are deeply personal.

She joined the movement in the days surrounding Bloody Sunday, when Alabama state troopers brutally attacked peaceful demonstrators attempting to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma with billy clubs, tear gas, cattle prods, and attack dogs.

"We thought John Lewis was dead," Davis recalled. "They beat him to the ground. And if you ran to help him, they cracked you upside the head too. It was horrific."

Days later, Davis marched carrying a sign reading "One Man, One Vote." During the demonstrations, she said she was struck with a cattle prod. She later testified under her maiden name, Leatha Mae Stover, in the landmark federal case *Williams v. Wallace*, describing before U.S. District Judge Frank M. Johnson Jr. the violence peaceful demonstrators had endured. Johnson's ruling allowed the Selma-to-Montgomery march to proceed.

The trauma of those days has never left her. Davis said she still has nightmares about Bloody Sunday and hopes to walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge one more time before she dies. "I'm



More than 60 years after marching for voting rights, Leatha Davis says the sacrifices of Selma still carry a warning for a generation at risk of disengaging.

COMMENTARY

going to walk across that bridge one day before I die," she said.

"We were the foot soldiers," Davis said.

"And we've been forgotten."

Born into a sharecropping family in rural Alabama, Davis said she was picking cotton from sunrise to sunset by the age of five. After months of labor, her father would haul the family's harvest to the white landowner.

"He'd tell my father he only broke even," Davis recalled. "For all the work we did, he only gave my father three dollars and a one-gallon bucket of syrup."

Watching her father remain

trapped in poverty convinced Davis there was no future in sharecropping.

But economic exploitation was only part of life under Jim Crow. Black residents were expected to lower their eyes, answer "yes sir" and "no sir," and accept humiliation as a way of life. Refusing, Davis said, could invite violence—or worse.

Davis said the lessons that shaped her activism began even earlier, listening to her grandmother describe life just after slavery.

"My grandmother used to say she was born the third year after slavery ended," Davis recalled. "That's how she told her age."

Those experiences taught her that the struggle for voting rights was never just about casting a ballot.

It was about dignity.

It was about freedom. "When I marched," Davis said, "I wasn't just marching so I could vote. I was marching because I wanted to be free."

As the Selma-to-Montgomery march approached, Davis wanted her younger brother to march beside her and asked her father for permission.

"No," he said. "One is enough."

Only years later did she understand why.

"That means he didn't know

whether I would come back or not," she said.

Today, Davis worries many younger Americans have never been taught those stories or the sacrifices behind the right to vote.

"We have lost a generation of people who don't care because they were never told," Davis said.

Voting rights advocates say Davis' concern reflects a challenge they encounter across the country.

Eric Hall, co-founder of Black Lives Matter Birmingham and a voting rights organizer in Alabama, said many younger Black voters question whether voting still makes a difference.

"We don't have a voter registration problem," Hall said. "We have a voter participation problem."

Hall said many young people believe the political system no longer works for them, but organizers remind them that "the sacrifice of the people was about getting those rights. Today it's about keeping those rights."

Hall said organizers across Alabama are working to reconnect younger voters with the stories of civil rights foot soldiers like Davis, arguing that understanding those sacrifices is essential to protecting voting rights today.

The Rev. Dr. James M. Thomas, president of the NAACP San Fernando Valley Branch, said younger Americans often see the sacrifices of the Civil Rights Movement through a different lens.

"I don't think they do," Thomas said when asked whether younger generations understand what civil rights foot soldiers endured. "They're looking at older generations and asking, 'What have you done with the vote?' That's the question young people ask."

Still, Thomas urged people not

to disengage.

"Vote in the name of your ancestors," Thomas said. "Even if you feel like you have nobody to vote for, still vote. Someone your ancestors knew died because they wanted to give you the right to vote."

For Davis, preserving those stories is as important as preserving the vote itself. She believes thousands of ordinary people helped build the Civil Rights Movement, even if history rarely remembers their names.

"We were the foot soldiers," Davis said.

"And we've been forgotten."

Professor Marcus Hunter, a sociologist at UCLA, said Davis' story demonstrates why ordinary people like her remain central to understanding the Civil Rights Movement.

"History often remembers the microphone and forgets the multitude," Hunter said. "Dr. King and John Lewis were essential leaders, but movements are built by thousands of people whose names never appear in textbooks. Preserving the stories of foot soldiers restores the true architecture of social change and reminds us that democracy is made by participation, not spectatorship."

More than six decades after Selma, Davis remains convinced that change begins with ordinary people willing to act.

"I can't change the world," she said. "But I can make a difference where I stand. And I've done that."

Stephen Oduntan is a Los Angeles-based freelance journalist whose reporting focuses on housing, homelessness, criminal justice, public policy, and issues affecting marginalized communities for @citynewsservice. His work also featured in @invisible-people @wave-newspapers @lafocusnews

Department of Homeland Security demands California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber scrub 'Voter Rolls'

Antonio Ray Harvey
California Black Media

California Secretary of State Shirley Weber and top election officials in three other states had until July 31 to tell the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) whether they will cooperate with a federal effort to identify and remove alleged noncitizens from state voter rolls.

DHS Secretary Markwayne Mullin sent letters to the secretaries of state in California, New Jersey, Nevada and Pennsylvania, alleging that more than 250,000 potential noncitizens are registered to vote across the four states.

In an email to California Black Media (CBM), an official from Weber's office confirmed that the secretary received the July 17 letter.

"We can confirm that we have received the letter from the Department of Homeland Security and are reviewing it," the July 23 email to CBM stated.

New Jersey Secretary of State Dale Caldwell, Nevada Secretary of State Francisco Aguilar and Pennsylvania Sec-



California Secretary of State Shirley N. Weber issued a statement confirming that her office is reviewing claims made by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security regarding the state's efforts to prevent election fraud. CBM photo by Antonio Ray Harvey

retary of the Commonwealth Al Schmidt also received letters following President Donald Trump's July 16 prime-time address on election security.

"Election security is national security," Mullin stated in the letter. "As President Trump announced, DHS has identified

over 250,000 potential noncitizens illegally registered to vote in just 4 U.S. states. Only Americans should be electing American leaders."

Trump has also alleged that thousands of noncitizens are illegally registered to vote and said an internal review identi-

fied potentially ineligible voters across the four states.

The Trump administration has not publicly provided verified evidence supporting its claims, which it has presented as proof of systemic election fraud and interference. Trump has also argued that electronic

voting and ballot-counting systems are fundamentally insecure, "dishonest" and vulnerable to manipulation.

Following Trump's address, Weber issued a statement that she said, "sets the record straight" on his "fallacious election fraud claims" and unsubstantiated allegations about California elections.

"Despite President Trump's repeated and thoroughly debunked claims, the 2020 election was free, fair, and secure," Weber stated. "Courts across the country, including judges he appointed, rejected allegations of widespread election fraud."

Weber added, "Non-citizen voting remains exceedingly rare. In California, election officials work every day to maintain accurate voter rolls and ensure that only eligible voters are registered."

Weber said her office will "carefully review DHS's methodology to assess its claims." Mullin has publicly warned that election officials who fail to comply with federal election changes first published July 10 could face steep fines, other

federal penalties and possible prison time.

"We welcome legitimate best practices that comply with state and federal law while protecting Californians' personal information," Weber stated. "However, the information provided during the President's remarks and on the White House website does not inspire any level of confidence in the methodology used or the conclusions reached."

During a July 21 news conference with CAL FIRE officials at McClellan Airport in Sacramento, Gov. Gavin Newsom told CBM that Weber is "tough" and committed to preventing voter fraud through safeguards such as signature verification.

"It can be slow and painful. Yes, our counts, but we believe every vote counts and want to make sure every vote is counted appropriately, which means we're verifying signatures," Newsom told CBM. "We have a process that's well defined. I want to improve that process, and we want to continue working with the legislature to fast-track the process."

Standards of excellence will always define Historically Black Colleges and Universities

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.
President Emeritus
Teen Mentoring Committee of Ohio

 Like many of you, I went to an HBCU (Historically Black College and University) back in the day. Those were some unforgettable times in my life. I could not have scripted my experience any better than how it played out. Humbly, I say that it was a real-life dream.

The excitement I had leading up to my arrival on campus is hard to explain. Receiving mail from my HBCU was just the greatest. I probably read

each letter ten times because I wanted to make sure I had every detail in correct order.

One of the letters I received said to arrive on campus early for Freshmen Orientation. In that same letter was a list of what to bring. It included a shirt, a tie and a suit. Of course, there were some other items on the list as well. There were times when we had to wear our dress-up clothes and at other times we could be more casual.

The times were different so wearing a suit and tie wasn't a big deal during my college days. That was simply an unspoken expectation.

Tuskegee University, an HBCU in Alabama, recently

made national news about imposing a dress code. There has been a flood of opinions about it. Words like culture and phrases like the times are different have been included in the attitudes and thinking about the dress code.

Let me be emphatically clear about one thing. I don't pretend to know what goes on in the mind of a 17- or 18-year-old student going to an HBCU. I just don't have an idea and wouldn't know where to begin.

Here is what I do know. Being groomed and looking appropriate are timeless. They don't have a beginning or an ending.

Durags and bonnets are pro-

hibited in classrooms, in the cafeteria and at official university events according to Tuskegee University officials. Virginia Union University, an HBCU in Richmond, Virginia, has a similar policy.

My interpretation of the policy is that these clothing items are permissible when you wear them in residence halls. It is my opinion that HBCUs prepare you for the future. That was my experience and the experience of other graduates.

Some students and influencers say that you can wear slippers and bonnets to class at PWIs (Predominantly White Institutions). Let us not ever forget that HBCUs in many

ways were founded because African Americans could not attend PWIs.

Pride is a word attached to HBCUs. It is how you carry yourself and who you represent. That still matters today.

While some may disagree, my pride didn't allow me to drop my guard. I say that without hesitation. During my career in higher education, I was a role model. I couldn't weave in and out of professionalism.

I began learning those lessons while I was an undergraduate student at Johnson C. Smith University, an HBCU in Charlotte, North Carolina. Encouragement, motivation and teachable moments were all

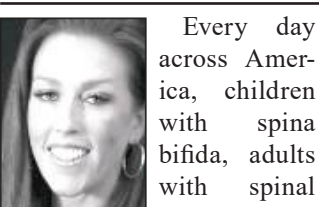
given to me there. The faculty, staff and administration understood they were preparing the next generation of leaders.

One expression that I use is students don't want to know how much you know until they know how much you care. The Johnson C. Smith University community cared about us. It was more than book learning. It was also life learning.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities occupy an important place in the higher education system. Its mission was born out of necessity. Its goal was to provide an education for minds eager to learn. That goal has not changed today.

Medicare's new cost-cutting plan could put patients at risk

By Micheline Stephens
PCG Medical



Every day across America, children with spina bifida, adults with spinal cord injuries, and seniors with debilitating illnesses rely on catheters to perform one of the body's most basic functions safely.

For years, my company has helped many of these medically vulnerable people stay healthy at home.

Most people never think about urological supplies like catheters. But for people who cannot urinate on their own, they're as medically necessary as insulin or a wheelchair. Getting the right product -- and getting it on time -- can be the difference between stability and a trip to the emergency room.

That's why a little-known Medicare policy moving forward in Washington is deeply concerning.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services are preparing to expand a "competitive bidding" program to include urological supplies like catheters. The idea is simple -- award contracts to a small number of companies offering the lowest price.

But what looks efficient on paper could create serious problems in the real world.

These products are not interchangeable commodities.

There are more than 1,300 catheter variations on the market, with differences in size, flexibility, coating, and design. For many people, it can take a lot of trial and error with doctors and medical equipment companies to find the specific product that fits their anatomy, mobility, and medical condition.

What's most worrying is that this policy doesn't just threaten products. It threatens the local care networks wrapped around them.

Community-based medical equipment companies do far more than provide products. In many cases, we function as extensions of overburdened urology clinics. We help our customers avoid crises before they happen. We teach them how to use products safely, troubleshoot problems, coordinate with doctors and caregivers, and check in when something seems wrong.

That kind of support keeps our customers healthy and out of hospitals.

Consider the experience of one of our customers, a mother raising twins with spina bifida. The kids suffered through repeated infectious and medical setbacks because they didn't have catheter systems that met their needs. Their mom constantly worried about whether they'd end up in the hospital. But after they received safer catheter systems, the twins got sick less

often, made fewer trips to the doctor, and got the chance to simply be kids again.

Or consider the experience of a school-aged girl whose recurring infections and catheter complications made everyday life humiliating. She dreaded going to school. She became increasingly isolated from other children her age. Only after finding the right products and consistent support was she able to regain confidence, stability, and a sense of normalcy at school.

That kind of local support cannot easily be replicated by a distant national contractor managing patients from a call center hundreds of miles away.

Yet the structure of this new bidding program effectively favors large, national companies with existing infrastructure and multi-state licensure, creating barriers for many community-based companies. Under the current design, 92 percent of medical equipment providers will be excluded from the program.

Americans could lose businesses, jobs, and community-based healthcare infrastructure built up over decades.

For the people who rely on these supplies every day, this isn't about government contracting. It's about whether they can stay healthy, remain independent, and live with dignity in their own homes.

Getting married is easy but staying married is not

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



My husband and I were recently sitting on our porch during a rainy-day reminiscing on the for better and for worse aspects of marriage. We realize now that while dating and in the early stages of marriage, yes, we were in love with each other beyond human understanding, but we also were naïve, immature, and spiritually stunted (didn't have an intimate relationship with God). Additionally, we were broken, unhealed people with baggage from our childhoods, etc. that became one broken union. Yet, by the Grace of God we somehow managed to succeed in other ways like attaining education, careers, parenting, accomplishing the American Dream etc. but marriage has been the most challenging. During our heartfelt conversation, my husband coined the following phrase: "getting married is easy but staying married is not."

There's absolutely nothing like meeting your soul mate and indulging in learning about each other, dating, accepting the eventual proposal, planning your wedding and getting married -- it all seems easy and smooth sailing. However, spouses quickly or eventually learn that that the famous I Do's anxiously quoted to each other on the wedding day phases out, the honeymoon slowly ends, the demand of life prevails such as school/work/career schedules, the beauty and the beast of parenting is on scene, rise and fall of health challenges, business challenges, financial challenges rattles your foundation, etc., until you wonder why did you get married?

Getting married is easy but this doesn't have to be the case. Yes, you will have inevitable challenges in your marriage but if you learn how to properly do marriage you can overcome these challenges successfully. You both must be fully invested in your marriage -- both must be willing to fight for your marriage; both must decide that you will remain married (must be a daily choice) and you both must be intentional about having a healthy and happy marriage.

How do you become intentional about staying married until death do you part?

- Indulge in self-care, self-love, and self-healing - Seek professional help for all unresolved trauma and baggage before the wedding and continue it until you are healed
- Have and maintain an intimate relationship with God -- prioritize God.

- Have and maintain a prayer life solo and together; pray without ceasing.

- Go out of your way to protect your union as you do your property -- don't invite nothing or no one in that can destroy your marriage

- Communicate about everything.

- Take your vows seriously
- Hold each other accountable -- do not be an enabler
- Be patient

- Do not allow small things to manifest into big things -- deal with every hurt and offense immediately and consistently

- Try to avoid or reduce the M&MS: Misunderstanding, miscommunication, misinterpretation

- Wives avoid nagging -- take that energy and cook, clean, cater to your husband and children as God addresses in Proverbs 31

- Hubands cherish your wives --

live with your wives in an understanding way so that your prayers won't be hindered as God addresses in First Peter 3

- Show empathy and not apathy
- Work together in parenting, finances, businesses, churches, etc.
- Prioritize each other and marriage above everything/everyone except God

- Stop living for tomorrow instead of today -- do not wait to retire to enjoy each other -- that day may or may not come -- enjoy each other now

- Compromise
- Date each other often -- try something new
- Learn each other's Love Language

- Show appreciation and be affectionate with each other

Do not deliberately deprive intimacy from each other -- remember, where there is no touch, the marriage will perish

Rebuild/restore trust -- do not repeat the hurt and offense

Exterminate the root

- Treat your spouse the way you want your spouse to treat you --would you want your spouse to cheat on you, neglect you and withhold intimacy from you?

Yes, getting married is easy but staying married is not. In fact, our marriage died -- we had the funeral and almost buried it. Unfortunately, it took us almost twenty years (about sixteen years) for God to teach my husband and I how to become intentional about having a new healthy, happy, and loving marriage based on the list above and beyond.

In conclusion, getting married is easy but staying married is not. However, we have decided by the Grace of God not to let anything/ anyone put asunder what we know God joined together!

Subscribe TODAY

The Mississippi Link

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

e-Mail _____

CHECK ONE ☐ 1 year ☐ 2 year ☐ 3 year

\$50
1 year
subscription

\$100
2 year
subscription

\$150
3 year
subscription

Thank you for your order. Order a subscription for a friend!

2659 Livingston Road • Jackson MS, 39213

601-896-0084 • www.mississippilink.com

The Mississippi Link™

Volume 32 • Number 46

August 13 - 19, 2026

© copyright 2026. All rights reserved.

Publisher.....Jackie Hampton

Sports EditorTim Ward

Graphics.....Marcus Johnson

Photographers.....Kevin Bradley & Jay Johnson

Member:

SAAPA

MISSISSIPPI PRESS
ASSOCIATION • SERVICES

NPPA
75 YEARS
NATIONAL PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION

The Mississippi Link (USPS 017224) is published weekly by The Mississippi Link, Inc. Offices located at 2659 Livingston Road, Jackson, MS 39213. Mailing address is P.O. Box 11307, Jackson, MS 39283-1307 or e-mail us at: publisher@mississippilink.com; Please visit our website at: www.mississippilink.com. Phone: (601) 896-0084, Fax 896-0091, out of state 1-800-748-9747. Periodical Postage Rate Paid at Jackson, MS.

Deadline: The deadline for submitting items to be considered for publication is Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Subscriptions are \$50 per year; \$100 for two years or \$150 for three years.

Postmaster:
Send all address changes to The Mississippi Link, P.O. Box 11307, Jackson, MS 39283-1307.

Advertising: For all advertising information, please call (601) 896-0084.

The Mississippi Link accepts no responsibility for unsolicited materials and in general does not return them to sender. Manuscripts and photographs submitted for publication are welcome by The Mississippi Link, but no responsibility can be taken for sources considered to be authoritative, because the publication cannot guarantee their accuracy. Reproduction or use, without permission, of editorial or graphic content, is prohibited.

Editorials and Letters to the Editor may be e-mailed to editor@mississippilink.com or mailed to 2659 Livingston Road, Jackson, MS 39213. The views and opinions expressed on the Op/Ed pages are not necessarily the views and opinions of *The Mississippi Link*. *The Mississippi Link* also reserves the right to edit all material for length and accuracy.



AUCTION FOR CITY OF JACKSON ABANDONED, STOLEN, SEIZED VEHICLES, EVIDENCE, AND RECOVERED PROPERTY

To all interested parties, known and unknown, Pursuant to the MS State Code of 1972, Section 21-39-21, the City of Jackson, Mississippi, will sell at Public Auction, the impounded, abandoned, lost, stolen, or misplaced motor vehicles and equipment listed on the attached schedule. Unclaimed motor vehicles and equipment may be sold after the expiration of ninety (90) days from their receipt or recovery by the City of Jackson. The auction will be held online at <https://marketplace.autura.com/auctions/jac-ms/> on August 26 at 10:00 aM1

A list and description of abandoned/unclaimed vehicles will be posted pursuant to statutory requirements in the following locations:
Hinds County Court House
Hinds Country Chancery Court Building

Jackson City Hall/City Clerk's Office” (8/4/2026)

8840022 2013/HYUNDAI/ ELANTRA/GRAY • 5NPDH4AE8DH198217

8840338 • 2011/NISSAN/ MAXIMA/BLUE • 1N4AA5AP1BC819004

8840443 • 2022/CHRYSLER/ PACIFICA/BLUE • 2C4RC1BG4NR218020

8840908 • 2000/FORD/RANGER/ GOLD • 1FTYR14XXYT08204

8841036 • 2019/NISSAN/ ALTIMA/BLACK • 1N4BL4BV1KC100762

8841128 • 2006/KIA/OPTIMA/ RED • KNAME123065026636

8841181 • 2000/TOYOTA/ AVALON/SILVER • 4T1BF28B1YU084614

8841230 • 2003/BUICK/ LESABRE/GOLD • 1G4HP54K434121078

8841251 • 1998/FORD/ EXPLORER/WHITE • 1FMZU32E6WZA23188

8841268 • 2003/FORD/F150/ BLUE • 1FTRX18L73NA78726

8841296 • 1984/FORD/F150/TAN • 1FTCF15F4ELA02323

8841320 • 2020/DODGE/ DURANGO/BLUE • 1C4SDJGJ1LC222437

8843484 • 2007/FORD/ EXPLORER/GRAY • 1FMEU31K47UA22044

8843559 • 2004/BUICK/ LESABRE/SILVER • 1G4HP52K744165578

8843633 • 2012/FORD/FUSION/ WHITE • 3FAHP0HA0CR177881

8843671 • 2011/FORD/FUSION/ SILVER • 3FAHP0GA7BR226770

8843870 • 2017/JEEP/ CHEROKEE/BLACK • 1C4PJMB57HW501140

8844002 • 1996/CHEVROLET/ OTHER/BLACK • 1GCCS19X2T8114844

8844155 • 2002/CHEVROLET/ TAHOE/WHITE • 1GNEC13Z62R270076

8844391 • 2012/ACURA/TL/ BLACK • 19UUA8F25CA016023

8844457 • 2004/DODGE/RAM/ BLUE • 1D7HA18N54S564443

8844477 • 2015/HYUNDAI/ SONATA/BLUE • 5NPE24AF2FH066894

8844609 • 2018/MERCEDES/E CLASS/SILVER • WDDZF4JB6JA328165

8844645 • 2019/HYUNDAI/ SONATA/BLACK • 5NPE24AF3KH787025

8844701 • 2012/CHEVROLET/ MALIBU/SILVER • 1G1ZA5EU8CF165642

8844710 • 2016/HYUNDAI/ TUCSON/BLUE • KM8J33A43GU194469

8844874 • 2007/NISSAN/VERSA/ BLACK • 3N1BC13E77L425342

8847181 • 2004/DODGE/RAM/ WHITE • 1D7HA18D04S678423

8847190 • 2020/ MITSUBISHI/MIRAGE/RED • ML32A5HJ9LH004377

8847212 • 2006/DODGE/ CHARGER/BLUE • 2B3KA43GX6H429495

8847217 • -/OTHER-NOT FOUND/OTHER/RED • L9NL1NBRXP1909706

8847240 • -/OTHER-NOT FOUND/OTHER/RED • L0FGAG1C0DA010284

8847244 • 2017/INFINITI/Q50/ SILVER • JN1EV7AP2HM739065

8847275 • 2011/CHEVROLET/ SILVERADO/SILVER • 3GCPNSE0XBG156345

8847294 • 2001/ KAWASAKI/OTHER/RED • JKAZXBD101B513198

8847319 • 2006/SUZUKI/OTHER/ BLACK • JS1GT76A462113164

8847322 • 2016/YAMAHA/ OTHER/SILVER • JYARM06E6GA009963

8847337 • 2001/YAMAHA/ YZF-R1/SILVER • JYARN05EX1A008384

8847348 • 1992/YAMAHA/ OTHER/PURPLE • JYA3HHE05NA039838

8847355 • 1999/SUZUKI/OTHER/ RED • JS1VP52A9X2100790

8847395 • 2003/SUZUKI/OTHER/ WHITE • JS1GN7BA732101733

8847418 • 2007/HONDA/ CBR1000/BLACK • JH2SC57037M304145

8847521 • 2021/KIA/FORTE/ GRAY • 3KPF24AD7ME305344

8847578 • 2012/HYUNDAI/ SONATA/BLACK • 5NPEB4AC7CH420071

8847860 • 2019/KIA/FORTE/ WHITE • 3KPF24AD8KE060941

8847908 • 2006/HONDA/ ACCORD/SILVER • 1HGCM665X6A040341

8847926 • 2018/GENESIS/G90/ WHITE • KMHG34JA6JU039668

8848046 • 2018/FORD/F250/ WHITE • 1FT7W2BT0JEC48351

8848119 • 2018/ CHEVROLET/IMPALA/BLUE • 2G1105S30J9104223

8848129 • 2020/ HONDA/ACCORD/RED • 1HGCV1F31LA117916

8848221 • 2011/BMW/OTHER/ BLUE • WBAFR1C50BC750803

8848461 • 2007/ HONDA/ACCORD/RED • 1HGCM56377A053512

8848508 • 2014/VOLKSWAGEN/ PASSAT/BLACK • 1VWBT7A39EC052067

8848549 • 2001/DODGE/RAM/ GREEN • 1B7HC13ZX1J576801

8850986 • 2017/GMC/SIERRA/ WHITE • 3GTU2NEC5HG475534

8851319 • 2017/NISSAN/ SENTRA/SILVER • 3N1AB7AP1HY376245

8851396 • 2004/INFINITI/G35/ SILVER • JNKCVC51E44M610180

8851493 • 2007/HONDA/ ACCORD/SILVER • 1HGCM66597A051865

8851991 • 2007/GMC/ENVOY/ GRAY • 1GKDS13S372178888

8852007 • 2007/CADILLAC/ ESCALADE/GOLD • 1GYFK66897R302472

8852015 • 2015/ CHEVROLET/CAMARO/RED • 2G1FB1E37F9120155

8852206 • 2001/CHEVROLET/ SUBURBAN/WHITE • 3GNEC16T91G159057

8854677 • 2011/KIA/SORENTO/ BLACK • 5XYKT3A17BG145025

8854758 • 2017/FORD/F250/ WHITE • 1FTBFB2A62HEB19088

8854857 • 1991/BUICK/ REGAL/MULTI-COLOR • 2G4WB54L0M1427593

8855709 • 2013/HONDA/ ACCORD/SILVER • 1HGCR2F36DA171322

8855755 • 2001/HONDA/ ACCORD/GOLD • JHMC56461C007081

8855850 • 2004/NISSAN/ XTERRA/BLACK • 5N1ED28T44C623335

8856019 • 2008/HONDA/ ACCORD/SILVER • 1HGCR2F36DA171322

8855755 • 2001/HONDA/ ACCORD/GOLD • JHMC56461C007081

8855850 • 2004/NISSAN/ XTERRA/BLACK • 5N1ED28T44C623335

8856019 • 2008/HONDA/ ACCORD/SILVER • JHMC26888C075619

8858462 • 2001/HONDA/ ACCORD/GOLD • 1HGCG56491A055530

8858470 • 2000/BUICK/REGAL/ WHITE • 2G4WB55K9Y1307576

8858520 • 2010/AUDI/Q5/BLUE • WA1LKAFF8AA085418

8859065 • 2021/FORD/F150/ SILVER • 1FTFW1E50MFB75662

8859130 • 2001/ACURA/RL/ GOLD • JH4KA96591C002003

8859155 • 2003/ TOYOTA/CAMRY/GOLD • 4T1BE32K53U697751

8859339 • 2012/HYUNDAI/

SONATA/WHITE • 5NPEB4AC1CH372180

8859380 • 2016/HYUNDAI/ ACCENT/BLUE • KMHCT4AE2GU070927

8859381 • 2007/HONDA/ ACCORD/WHITE • JHMC56327C009077

8861482 • 2001/FORD/F150/ WHITE • 1FTRW07W21KE06979

8861562 • 2014/KIA/SOUL/ GREEN • KNDJN2A20E7044077

8861597 • 2017/MITSUBISHI/ MIRAGE G4/WHITE • ML32F3FJ0HHF19299

8861620 • 2017/ HYUNDAI/SONATA/RED • 5NPE24AF5HH470761

8861628 • 2007/NISSAN/ MAXIMA/BLACK • 1N4BA41E37C830476

8861641 • 2004/CHEVROLET/ TAHOE/WHITE • 1GNEC13Z44R258740

8861646 • 1996/HONDA/ ACCORD/SILVER • 1HGCD5680TA137807

8861679 • 2017/NISSAN/ ROGUE SPORT/BLACK • JN1BJ1CP7HW004109

8861757 • 2012/BUICK/ ENCLAVE/BLACK • 5GAKRCED1CJ120661

8861819 • 2002/CHEVROLET/ MONTE CARLO/SILVER • 2G1WW12E629124430

8861821 • 2006/TOYOTA/ COROLLA/BLUE • 2T1BR32E86C648919

8861909 • 2004/ HONDA/ACCORD/RED • 1HGCM66584A047799

8861946 • 1998/HONDA/CIVIC/ GRAY • 2HGEJ8642WH604960

8861957 • 2007/ TOYOTA/CAMRY/RED • 4T1BE46K07U168794

8861965 • 2014/HONDA/ ACCORD/BLACK • 1HGCR2F37EA162520

8862116 • 2002/ CHEVROLET/OTHER/BLUE • 1GCCS195X28259899

8862184 • 2000/BUICK/ CENTURY/WHITE • 2G4WS52J1Y1150007

8862220 • 2017/ACURA/TLX/ BLACK • 19UUB1F37HA002418

8864128 • 2002/HONDA/ CIVIC/MULTI-COLOR • 1HGES26722L027350

8864238 • 2014/FORD/FUSION/ RED • 3FA6P0G73ER251973

8864333 • 2021/ VOLKSWAGEN/JETTA/WHITE • 3VWC57BU5MM079043

8864407 • 2009/HONDA/ ACCORD/BLUE • 1HGCP26789A079211

8864470 • 1986/NISSAN/ MAXIMA/SILVER • JN1HU11S1GT148621

8864965 • 2000/CHEVROLET/ SILVERADO/OTHER • 2GCEC19T6Y1163168

8865100 • 2002/BUICK/ LESABRE/SILVER • 1G4HR54K82U297480

8865199 • 1984/PONTIAC/ OTHER/OTHER • 1G2AT69H3EX220369

8865209 • 2014/BUICK/REGAL/ WHITE • 2G4GN5EX4E9171877

8867459 • 2010/HYUNDAI/ SONATA/SILVER • 5NPET4ACXAH582268

8867528 • 2001/NISSAN/ SENTRA/GOLD • 3N1CB51D71L473133

8867560 • 2022/HONDA/HR-V/ SILVER • 3CZRU6H50NM766663

8867705 • -/AUDI/OTHER/ OTHER • NOT VISIBLE

8867719 • 2010/FORD/ CROWN VICT/WHITE • 2FABP7BV2AX134989

8867826 • 2008/CADILLAC/DTS/ WHITE • 1G6KD5Y788U149723

8868010 • 2015/NISSAN/VERSA/ WHITE • 3N1CN7AP0FL831533

8868053 • 2011/CADILLAC/SRX/ RED • 3GYFNAEY9BS517271

8868250 • 2013/ CHEVROLET/CRUZE/GRAY • 1G1PC5SB9D7129023

8868362 • 2006/HONDA/ ACCORD/SILVER • 1HGCM56366A070560

8868538 • 2016/CHEVROLET/ IMPALA LIMITED/OTHER • 2G1WB5E31G1103956

8868726 • 1991/CHEVROLET/ GMT-400/MULTI-COLOR • 1GDCD14K3MZ111377

8868806 • 2007/HONDA/ ACCORD/SILVER • JHMC563X7C018027

8868856 • 2007/DODGE/ MAGNUM/BLUE • 2D4FV47V27H622287

8868889 • 1999/HONDA/CIVIC/ GREEN • 1HGEJ6673XL03577

8871067 • 2013/CHEVROLET/ IMPALA/WHITE • 2G1WG5E38D1207275

8871237 • 2016/INFINITI/Q50/ GRAY • JN1EV7AP6GM300224

8871560 • 2015/CHEVROLET/ SUBURBAN/BLACK • 1GNSCJKC3FR255721

8871694 • 2001/FORD/ EXPLORER/BLACK • 1FMZU67E61UB57411

8872133 • 2013/HYUNDAI/ ELANTRA/SILVER • 5NPDH4AE1DH226830

8872245 • 2007/VOLVO/S60/ SILVER • YV1RH592172602481

8872506 • 2002/GMC/ENVOY/ WHITE • 1GKDS13SX22238951

9164825 • 2017/VOLKSWAGEN/ TIGUAN/SILVER • VVGRV7AX2HW501019

9282771 • 2021/FORD/F150/ GRAY • 1FTFW1E81MFB03945

9297078 • 2020/HONDA/CIVIC/ GRAY • 2HGFC3B38LH352965

9297107 • 2015/KIA/SPORTAGE/ BLACK • KNDPB3AC6F7689884

9297720 • 2008/KIA/RONDO/ SILVER • KNAFG526887129138

9305990 • 2013/CHRYSLER/200/ BLACK • 1C3CCBBG7DN723724

9306004 • 2012/HONDA/ ACCORD/BLUE • 1HGCP2F71CA036952

9306044 • 2011/CHEVROLET/ IMPALA/BLACK • 2G1WG5EK3B1172522

9306087 • 1990/CHEVROLET/ G-SERIES/BLUE • 1GBEG25K1L7162484

9309992 • 2017/CHEVROLET/ IMPALA/BLACK • 2G1145S37H9164062

9314135 • 2010/FORD/ESCAPE/ WHITE • 1FMCU0C71AKA07745

9320274 • 2004/CHEVROLET/ SILVERADO/GREEN • 2GCEC19T941271617

9320284 • 2010/NISSAN/ PATHFINDER/WHITE • 5N1AR1NN9AC614254C154

9328773 • 2005/ NISSAN/ALTIMA/GRAY • 1N4AL11D15N472601

9328798 • 2014/NISSAN/ ALTIMA/WHITE • 1N4AL3AP6EC287039

9330072 • 2005/ HONDA/ACCORD/TAN • 3HGCM56465G708363

9332166 • 2021/FORD/ ECOSPORT/SILVER • MAJ6S3JL5MC403559

9335894 • 2018/FORD/FOCUS/ GRAY • 1FADP3K29JL252106

9339414 • 2015/KIA/SOUL/ SILVER • KNDJN2A28F7749100

9343142 • 2008/HONDA/CRV/ BLUE • JHLRE38788C039542

9352714 • 2019/KAWASAKI/ OTHER/BLACK • JKBECJC11KA000262

9353335 • -/TAO TAO/OTHER/ RED • L9NLTNBR5S1819002

9359349 • 2003/CHEVROLET/ IMPALA/BLACK • 2G1WH55K039342948

9362852 • 2014/FORD/F250/ WHITE • 1FT7W2B67EEB86026

9366481 • 2009/NISSAN/ROGUE/ SILVER • JN8AS58V59W179811

9367616 • 2014/VOLKSWAGEN/ PASSAT/BLACK • 1VWAT7A3XEC028534

9378333 • -/YAMAHA/OTHER/ GRAY • MYMXPP402BFA

9378428 • 2017/HONDA/ ACCORD/SILVER • 1HGCR2F19HA050837

9381716 • 2000/CHEVROLET/ TAHOE/WHITE • 1GNEC13T5YJ175933

9381752 • 1998/LEXUS/ES/ WHITE • JT8BF28G2W5047576

9385310 • 2008/MERCURY/ MILAN/BLACK • 3MEHM071X8R649949

8/6/2026, 8/13/2026

LEGAL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Jackson, Mississippi (the "Governing Body" of the "City"), will hold a public hearing on August 25, 2026, at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at the regular meeting place of the Governing Body at the City Hall of the City of Jackson, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, on the Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Vieux Carre Redevelopment Project, City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, July 2026 (the "TIF Plan"), for consideration by the Governing Body and requesting that the TIF Plan be approved in compliance with The City of Jackson, Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan, 2007, and further, to designate the project described in the TIF Plan as appropriate for development and tax increment financing.

The general scope of the TIF Plan is a proposal that the City will issue tax increment financing bonds (the "Bonds"), in one or more series in an amount not to exceed One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000), in order to provide funds necessary to pay for the cost of acquiring and constructing various infrastructure improvements in connection with the Project (as defined in the TIF Plan), including, but not limited to, the acquisition, installation, rehabilitation and/or relocation of utilities such as water, electrical, and sanitary sewer; acquisition, construction, renovation, or rehabilitation of drainage improvements, retaining walls, roadways, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, multi-use paths, surface parking, including repaving and other related parking lot upgrades; buildings; landscaping of rights-of-way; signalization; signage; related architectural/engineering fees, attorney's fees, issuance costs, capitalized interest, and other related soft costs (collectively, the "Infrastructure Improvements"), which Infrastructure Improvements may be constructed or installed within the TIF District or land adjacent to and serving the TIF District.

The Bonds shall be secured solely by a pledge by the City of the incremental increase real and personal property ad valorem tax revenues generated within the TIF District, as described in the TIF Plan, and will never be a general obligation of the City, will not be secured by the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the City, and will not create any other pecuniary liability on the part of the City other than the pledge of the incremental increase in the ad valorem taxes set forth above. If deemed necessary and appropriate, the City may require additional security from the Developer of the Project.

Construction of the Infrastructure Improvements and payment of the Bonds issued pursuant to the TIF Plan will be paid as hereinabove set forth and will not require an increase in any kind or type of taxes within the City. Copies of the TIF Plan and the Redevelopment Plan are available for examination in the office of the City Clerk in Jackson, Mississippi.

The City may exercise its authority under Chapter 45 of Title 21, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended (the "Act"). This hearing is being called and conducted, and the TIF Plan has been prepared as authorized and required the Act.

Witness my signature and seal, this the 31st day of July, 2026.

/s/ Angela Harris
Angela Harris, City Clerk

8/13/2026

GENERAC

#1 standby generator worldwide.

Get whole-home power, automatically.



Call 844-316-8630 to schedule your free quote today!

*Terms & conditions apply

Olshan

Since 1933

Foundation Solutions

90

Celebrating 90 Years Of Service

Foundation cracks getting worse?

Our Services:

Foundation Repair

Crawl Space Recovery

Water Management

Basement Waterproofing

Concrete Lifting

Basement Wall Recovery

Payment Plans as Low as \$125/mo

FREE Home Evaluations

Industry-Leading Warranty Options

Patented Technology

Limited Time Offer

Up to **\$250 off**

Foundation Repair

Schedule Your Free Evaluation!

(866) 264-5115

Offer valid from 9/1/2024 to 6/30/2026. Only valid to new customers. \$250 savings valid on projects \$2,999 or more. Cannot be combined with any other offers or promotions. Offer is non-transferable, has no cash value and cannot be applied to previous purchases. Void where prohibited by law. Terms of offer are subject to change.

GENERAC

#1 standby generator worldwide.

Get whole-home power, automatically.



Call 844-316-8630 to schedule your free quote today!

*Terms & conditions apply

PICK UP
The MISSISSIPPI LINK
AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

JACKSON
BULLY'S RESTAURANT

3118 Livingston Road
CASH & CARRY
Capitol Street and Monument Street
CITY HALL
219 S President St
GARRETT OFFICE COMPLEX

2659 Livingston Road
DOLLAR GENERAL
3957 Northview Dr (North Jackson)
DOLLAR GENERAL
2030 N Siwell Rd
DOLLAR GENERAL
4331 Highway 80W
DOLLAR GENERAL
5990 Medgar Evers Blvd
DOLLAR GENERAL
1214 Capitol St (Downtown Jackson)

DOLLAR GENERAL
304 Briarwood Dr
DOLLAR GENERAL
2855 McDowell Rd
DOLLAR GENERAL
104 Terry Rd
J & A FUEL STORES
3249 Medgar Evers Blvd.
LIBERTY BANK AND TRUST
2325 Livingston Rd.
MCDADE'S MARKET
Northside Drive
MCDADE'S MARKET #2
653 Duling Avenue
PICADILLY CAFETERIA
Jackson Medical Mall
350 W Woodrow Wilson Avenue
SHELL FOOD MART
5492 Watkins Drive

SPORTS MEDICINE

Fortification and I-55
MURPHY USA
6394 Ridgewood Rd (North Jackson)
REVELL ACE HARDWARE
Terry Rd (South Jackson)
WALGREENS
380 W. Woodrow Wilson Ave

CANTON
A & I

716 Roby Street - Canton, MS
B & B
702 West North Street - Canton, MS
BOUTIQUE STORE
3355 North Liberty - Canton, MS
BULLY'S STORE
Church Street - Canton, MS
COMMUNITY MART
743 Ruby Street - Canton, MS
FRYER LANE GROCERY
Martin Luther King Drive - Canton, MS
HAMLIN FLORAL DESIGN
285 Peace Street - Canton, MS
JOE'S SANDWICH & GROCERY
507 Church Street - Canton, MS
K & K ONE STOP
110 West Fulton Street - Canton, MS
LACY'S INSURANCE
421 Peace Street - Canton, MS
SOUL SET BARBER SHOP
257 Peace Street - Canton, MS
TRAILER PARK GROCERY
22 Westside Drive - Canton, MS

BYRAM

DOLLAR GENERAL
125 Swinging Bridge Dr.
HAVIOR'S AUTO CARE
5495 I-55 South Frontage Road

VOWELL'S MARKET PLACE

5777 Terry Road
CITY HALL
Terry Road

CLINTON
DOLLAR GENERAL

807 Berkshire St - Clinton, MS

TERRY
SERVICE STATION

at Exit 78
CITY HALL
West Cunningham Avenue

RAYMOND
HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WELCOME CENTER

505 E. Main Street
SUNFLOWER GROCERY
122 Old Port Gibson Street,
Raymond, MS
LOVE FOOD MART
120 E. Main Street,
Raymond, MS
RAYMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY
126 W. Court Street, Raymond, MS
RAYMOND CITY HALL
110 Courtyard Square, Raymond
RAYMOND COURTHOUSE

UTICA
HUBBARD'S TRUCK STOP

Mississippi Hwy 18
PITT STOP
101 Hwy 18 & 27

BOLTON
BOLTON LIBRARY
BOLTON CITY HALL



MISSISSIPPI
CLASSIFIED
ADVERTISING NETWORK

STATEWIDE REACH. LOCAL RESULTS.

Place your ad in 90 newspapers statewide. Call 601-981-3060 ext. 3 or email mcan@mspress.org

FOR SALE

PREPARE FOR POWER OUTAGES today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 5-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-844-316-8630 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

HOME IMPROVEMENT

BATH & SHOWER UPDATES in as little as ONE DAY! Affordable prices - No payments for 18 months! Lifetime warranty & professional installs. Senior & Military Discounts available. Call: 1-833-764-2473

OLSHAN FOUNDATION SOLUTIONS. Your trusted foundation repair experts since 1933. Foundation repair. Crawl space recovery. Basement waterproofing. Water management and more. Free evaluation. Limited time up to \$250 off foundation repair. Call Olshan 1-866-264-5115.

REPAIRING or REPLACING APPLIANCES and home systems like heating and cooling can be costly. A home warranty plan can help. Start saving and get 30% off any plan today. Workmanship Guarantee included. Terms apply. Call Cinch Home Services 1-877-967-8980

HOME IMPROVEMENT

SAFE STEP. North America's #1 Walk-In Tub. Comprehensive lifetime warranty. Top-of-the-line installation and service. Now featuring our FREE shower package and \$1600 Off for a limited time! Call today! Financing available. Call Safe Step 1-855-532-0066

INSURANCE

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 400 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-855-584-8517 www.dental50plus.com/mspress #6258

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

AUDIEN HEARING. The world's first hearing aid with touchscreen controls. No tiny buttons, apps or prescriptions. 45-day risk free trial. Free shipping. Lifetime support. More than 1.5 million happy customers. Call Audien 1-866-852-2087

Call 601-981-3060 ext. 3
email shicks@mspress.org
to place your MCAN order!

MISCELLANEOUS

DONATE your car, truck, boat, RV and more to support our veterans! Schedule a FAST, FREE vehicle pickup and receive a top tax deduction! Call Veteran Car Donations at 1-866-428-0305 today!

REAL ESTATE

WE BUY HOUSES for Cash AS-IS! No repairs. No fuss. Any condition. Easy process: Call, get cash offer and get paid. Call today for your fair cash offer: 1-601-273-8545.

SERVICES

CONSUMER CELLULAR - the same reliable, nationwide coverage as the largest carriers. No long-term contract, no hidden fees and activation is free. All plans feature unlimited talk and text, starting at just \$20/month. For more information, call 1-844-954-4517

GET DISH SATELLITE TV + INTERNET! Free Install, Free HD-DVR Upgrade, 80,000 On-Demand Movies, Plus Limited Time Up To \$600 In Gift Cards. Call Today! 1-877-628-3143

P R E S E R V E D

Holy Boldness

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“Please God! Let me say something to defend myself!” is what poured out of my heart as I prayed before going into what I knew would be a difficult meeting a few years ago. Based on what was said to me before the meeting, I knew that the invitation for me to attend was not to celebrate me but to criticize the work that I had been doing. Yet when I prayed on how to respond, all I heard in my spirit was “Hold your peace.” “Hold my peace?”

I thought. How in the world do I hold my peace when I knew that I would be lied on? This was another one of those times when I did not agree or even understand. However, I obeyed... but it was hard. Even though I knew I could have boldly defended myself, I did not understand until recently the lesson that God was teaching me back then about holy boldness.

Boldness is part of our spiritual DNA as Christians. According to Strong’s Concordance, the Greek word for boldness as it is mentioned periodically in the bible is parrhesia. This means to speak without ambiguity and plainly; the absence

of fear in speaking boldly; confidence and cheerful courage.

Boldness is connected to our “doing” and not just our “being” as Christians. Acts 14:3 illustrates this when it describes Paul and Barnabas as “speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to perform signs and wonders.” Instead of just being content just “being” Christians, they took it one step further and actively sought to convert others. As confirmation of their faith, God allowed miracles and wonders. Also, boldness comes from the freedom in knowing who you are in Christ. 2 Corinthians

3:12, 17 reminds us of this freedom.

Furthermore, boldness sometimes requires that we let our faith (and not our

mouth) do the talking. Philimon 1:7-9 says “Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord’s people. Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love.” Here, we are reminded that though it may sometimes be easier to say something, often we are challenged to be mature and remain silent. As he

remained silent on the cross, Jesus was the perfect example of how much strength holy boldness takes.

For many of us, boldness means that we tell people off, set them “straight” and give them a piece of our minds. We dismiss these moments with the phrase “That’s just how I am.” What I’ve learned through that experience at that meeting a few years ago was that holy boldness differs from boldness. It was bolder for me to hold my peace than to give that one good piece of my mind away by attacking the ones who attacked me. My silence set me apart more than the words that I could have said. And years lat-

er, one of the people that was in that meeting apologized for how she’d treated me and the unkind things she’d said about me. Had I responded to her with the same pettiness years ago, she might not have ever felt comfortable apologizing. Holy boldness is rooted in your ability to hear and be obedient to the presence of God.

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

True Light Baptist Church
224 E. Bell Street | Jackson, MS 39202
Phone: 601.398.0915
WWW.TRUELIGHTJACKSON.ORG

 @TRUELIGHTMBCCHURCH
 TRUE LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH

**THE
Light Line
PRAYER**

**JOIN US EACH WEDNESDAY
MORNING AT 6:00 AM
CALL: 559-671-2546**

**VIRTUAL SERVICES AVAILABLE
SMALL GROUP STUDY 9:00 AM
WORSHIP SERVICE | SUNDAY 10:30 AM
BIBLE STUDY | WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM**



REV. MARCUS E. CHEEKS, PASTOR

**Farish Street
Missionary Baptist Church**
619 N. Farish St. • Jackson, MS 39202
“An Extraordinary Church Doing Extraordinary Ministry”

Sunday School
9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship
11:00 AM
(in person and online)

facebook.com/TSBCMdia youtube.com/@tsbcmdia/live



**Reverend Eric D. Williams
Pastor**

Email: info@farishstreetbaptistchurch.org
Website: farishstreetbc.org
Phone: 601.355.0636



Moving the Masses Toward the Mission of the Master

**1600 Florence Avenue
Jackson, Mississippi 39204
601-3552670 ~ 601-355-0760 (Fax)**
www.collegehillchurch.org
Chmbc@collegehillchurch.org

**COLLEGE HILL
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**SUNDAY
Worship Services**
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. in person

Or you may worship with us via
Facebook or our YouTube
channel at CHMBC

Bible Study
Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.



**Pastor
Chauncy L. Jordan**

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
Pastor, Dr. F. R. Lenoir



**Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Live Radio Broadcast
WOAD AM 1300 - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**



*“A Church Preparing for a
Home Not Built by Man”*

**New Bethel M. B. Church • 450 Culberston Ave. • Jackson, MS 39209
601-969-3481/969-3482 • Fax # 601-969-1957 • E-Mail: Serenitynbc@aol.com**

Crossroads Church of God
Sharing The Love Of Christ With Others



**Sunday Morning
Sunday School:** 9 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
**Sunday Worship
Service:** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
*(Fellowship following
worship service 1st
Sundays)*
**Wednesday
Prayer/Bible
Study:** 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**231-A John Day Road • Off Hwy 16 East • Canton, MS 39046
Church: 601-859-2858**

Study links Mississippi student gambling problems to Mental Health

By Clara Turnage,
University of Mississippi

As gambling becomes more accessible to college students, a statewide study of Mississippi’s public universities found gambling problems frequently occur alongside depression, anxiety and substance use. The findings suggest policymakers, parents and healthcare officials should recognize gambling problems as a potential sign that a student may need broader mental health support, researchers said.

In a study of more than 1,800 students attending college at Mississippi’s eight public universities, researchers found that nearly 1 in 4 gambled and 7 percent showed signs of a gambling problem. The study, published in the *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*, also revealed that students with gambling problems are more likely to report problems with mental health.

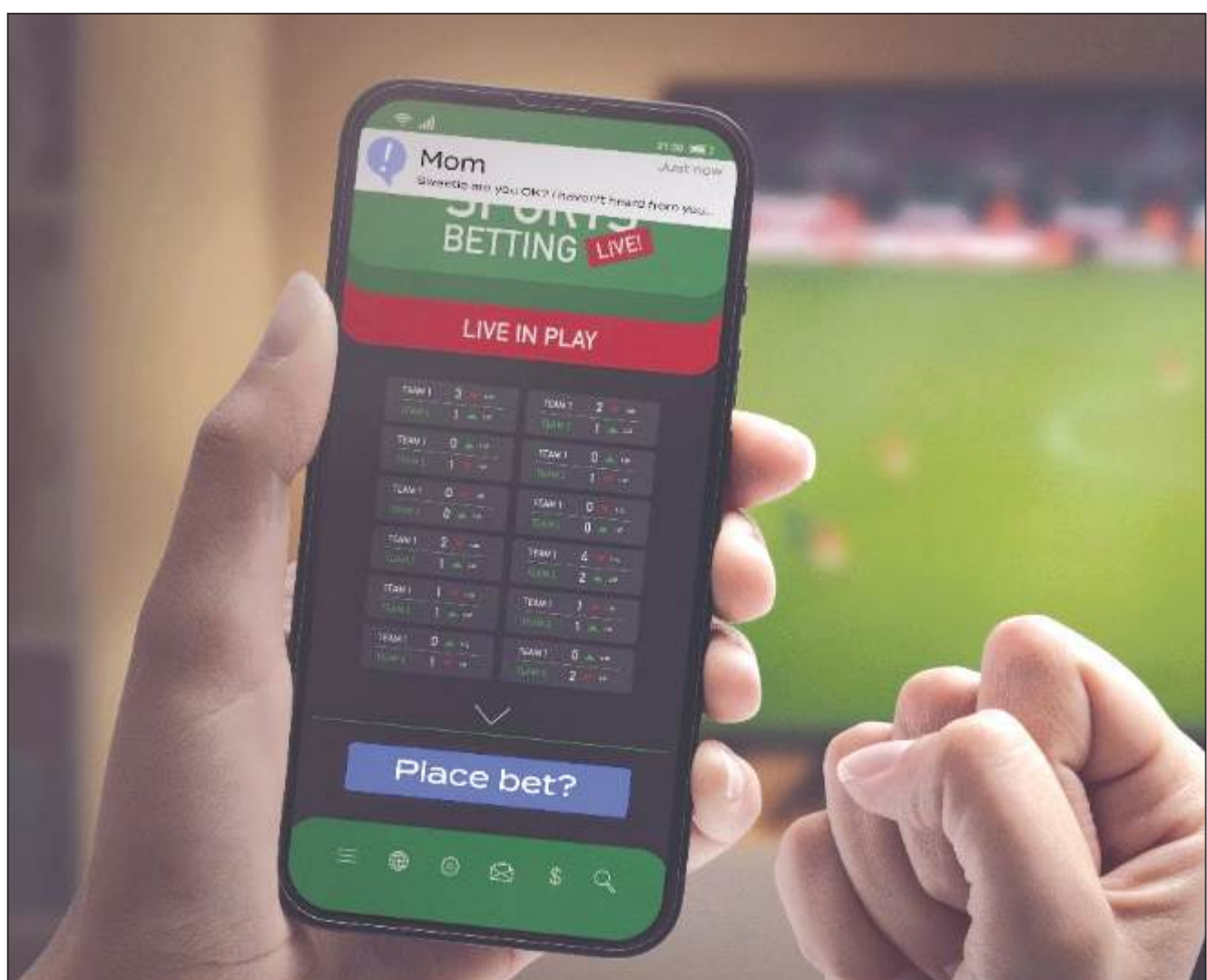
“Students were really, really struggling,” said Nicholas McAfee, director of the William Magee Center for AOD and Wellness Education at the University of Mississippi and lead author on the study. “Almost every student in the sample reported some increased level of mental health concern. It didn’t matter what school you went to; it was just across the board.”

“What’s interesting about this study is even though mental health concerns were very prominent, students who tended to gamble more were more likely to be experiencing greater levels of problems among a sample that was already experiencing plenty.”

The survey took place in 2021 during the COVID-19 pandemic, when many casinos were closed. In the years since the study began, access to gambling has only increased.

Prediction markets offer opportunities to place wagers on future events at any time using a cellphone. In-person or online sports betting has become legal in 38 states, with 30 allowing online betting.

“A lot has changed since the study began, but what unfortunately hasn’t



Researchers say legislators and mental health officials need to understand risks of problem gambling

changed is access to evidence-based care and treatment or intervention strategies,” McAfee said. “This is not a Mississippi thing; we as a country are trying to figure out how to address the proliferation of gambling among young adults and college-age adults, which are of the most at-risk populations.”

As sports betting and other forms of online wagering expand, colleges, parents and legislators should be prepared to recognize gambling problems as another sign a student may need help, said Rory Pfund, associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

“At the policy level, there are not

many, if any, resources in Mississippi dedicated specifically to gambling,” he said. “I hope that this is a call for policymakers to create a mechanism to provide dedicated funding not just to college students, but outside of campus as well.”

While not every student who gambles will develop a problem, many will, he cautioned.

“There will be people who experience problems, and in fact, there already are,” Pfund said. “Tennessee dedicates funding to this issue, and when I worked at a state-funded specialty clinic, we regularly treated people, including college students, from Mississippi for gambling problems. It’s already happening.”

Funding for gambling problem prevention, treatment and research is scarce at a national level, too. The National Institutes of Health has agencies dedicated to problematic alcohol and substance use, but no such official effort is aimed at problem gambling.

“Obviously gambling brings in a lot of revenue, and that’s important,” McAfee said. “But also important is taking care of our students. We have to have ways to identify problem gambling.”

“That means having the means to identify those students and provide intervention services. That will be a net benefit for everyone involved.”

Although the study found a connection between gambling, mental health

and substance use, future studies will need to clarify the nature of that relationship.

“Does gambling cause mental health problems, or do mental health concerns make someone more likely to develop gambling problems?” Pfund said. “This study is a foundation for us to advance our knowledge to understand if there is a causal relationship.”

Often the answer is not as simple as one issue causing another. Many people who have mental health problems are more susceptible to reward-seeking behavior such as gambling or substance use, but situations where gambling is common often are environments where drinking and substance use occur, McAfee said.

“Many of these social get-togethers are around betting on sports while you’re drinking, which of course increases all of your risk factors for all of the above,” he said. “The next frontier in understanding college student gambling behaviors is understanding how both these social mechanisms and co-occurring alcohol use feed into one another to create a risky environment.”

Until problem gambling and its causes are better understood, parents, educators and administrators must be aware of the warning signs, McAfee said.

“When people are withdrawing from friend groups, or when gambling becomes the entirety of their conversation, there’s clearly a change happening here,” the Ole Miss administrator said. “If you notice changes – whether that’s in mood or withdrawing socially – talk to them.”

“The stigma around mental health is shifting, but there is still a huge stigma around problem gambling, and that makes people less likely to seek treatment. For a lot of people, they don’t know how to ask for help.”

This material is based on work supported by the U.S. Department of Education from the Governor’s Emergency Relief Fund grant no. GEER-00025.

Heat, hydration and head injuries: Preparing student-athletes for preseason sports

University of MS Medical Center

As summer vacation winds down, student-athletes across Mississippi are already returning to the field, court and practice room. From football and cheerleading to majorette dance, band, basketball and baseball, many students are spending the final weeks of summer preparing for the upcoming school year.

But with preseason practices taking place during some of the hottest weeks of the year, the risk of heat-related illnesses and sports injuries increases.

“The first thing we can do to keep our young athletes safe is remain vigilant,” said Dr. Derrick Burgess, assistant professor and orthopaedic surgeon at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. “Parents should also be aware of their child’s overall health before they begin participating.”

Before athletes return to practice, Burgess recommends every student complete a pre-participation physical.

“It is a good screening tool for people that have major medical conditions, so that we can be aware of it,” Burgess said.

A sports physical is only one part of the equation, he said. Parents should also understand their child’s personal medical



Dr. Derrick Burgess, Asst. Professor at UMC

history and any family history of chronic health conditions, so coaches and medical staff are prepared to respond if an emergency occurs.

“If you are asthmatic, we always want to make sure you

have an inhaler,” Burgess said. “For people that have hypertension or a family history of heart disease, you need to undergo even more screenings than just regular physical. Sometimes we have to refer people to car-

diology to get an EKG.

“Especially for people with sickle cell disease or the sickle cell trait, we really have to be careful with them in these extreme temperatures and make sure that they are adequately hydrated because they can get into trouble really quickly. So, knowing your medical history is vital.”

Mississippi schools also follow heat safety guidelines established by the Mississippi High School Activities Association. To help prevent heat-related illnesses, schools use wet-bulb globe temperature readings to determine whether outdoor practices should be modified, delayed or canceled. Unlike a standard thermometer, the wet-bulb globe temperature accounts for humidity, direct sunlight, wind and other environmental conditions that affect how hot it feels.

“When temperatures reach certain levels, we have to limit outdoor exposure or sometimes even cancel practices or activities,” Burgess said. “Sometimes, even with football games, we may have to delay the start if it is too hot. One effective way to prevent heat-related illnesses is to stay out of the sun during peak hours, generally between 10

a.m. and 4 p.m.”

Parents, coaches and teammates should also recognize the warning signs of heat-related illness. According to Burgess, symptoms may include excessive sweating, extreme fatigue, dizziness, decreased athletic performance, confusion, altered consciousness, seizures, or in severe cases, a person who suddenly stops sweating.

Hydration also plays a critical role in keeping athletes safe.

Coaches and sports medicine providers often monitor hydration by checking urine output and color and weighing athletes before and after practice to determine how much fluid they have lost.

“It is pretty impressive how much body weight they can lose,” Burgess said. “Sometimes 10 to 15 percent body weight just within a couple of sessions, so we have to really keep a close eye on that.”

Cooling strategies, including water or ice baths, can also help lower an athlete’s body temperature when overheating occurs.

Heat isn’t the only concern during preseason sports. Concussions remain one of the most common injuries among young athletes. According to

the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, an estimated 1.7 million to 3.8 million sports- and recreation-related traumatic brain injuries occur each year in the United States. Among children and adolescents, sports and recreational activities account for more than 21% of all traumatic brain injuries.

Recognizing a concussion, Burgess said, is a shared responsibility among athletes, teammates, coaches and parents.

“Many times, an athlete can hide the symptoms if no one is aware,” Burgess said. “It is not always a violent hit that causes a concussion. It can be something as simple as falling the wrong way or hitting your head on the turf. You can be hit in the face with an object. So, we really need to be aware of the signs of headaches, altered vision and any feeling of fatigue. Sometimes it is you not feeling yourself from an emotional standpoint.”

To help ensure students are healthy and ready to participate in sports, Burgess recommends that parents schedule a yearly physical and establish care with a primary care provider before the school year begins.

42nd WELLSFEST set to take place SAT., SEPT. 26 and benefit SHOWER POWER

Mississippi Link Newswire

Shower Power, a nonprofit helping downtown Jackson’s unhoused population, is the beneficiary of the 42nd WellsFest Music Festival.

The popular family-friendly event will be held Saturday, September 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum, 1150 Lakeland Drive, Jackson. The alcohol- and drug-free festival features non-stop music, children’s activities, food trucks, arts and crafts, vendors, a plant sale and an online auction. There is no charge for admission or parking.

Wells United Methodist Church has presented WellsFest as an outreach ministry since 1984. Each year, the church selects a different local non-profit social service agency to receive all net proceeds from WellsFest. The previous 41 Wells-

Fests have raised more than \$1.6 million to benefit social service non-profits in the metro area.

This year, WellsFest will benefit Shower Power, a local nonprofit which serves the homeless.

“It’s an honor Wells Church chose us as this year’s WellsFest beneficiary,” said Nick Spradley, executive director of Shower Power. “The funds from the festival will help Shower Power continue providing free hygiene services, meals, shelter, clothing and other essentials for folks experiencing homelessness across Jackson.”

Spradley added, “Shower Power accepts financial donations, hygiene items, clothing and food for our clients year-round. Our facility is at 836 South Commerce Street in Jackson. Reach us at 769-610-6296 or ShowerPower.ms@

icloud.com.”

WellsFest is a ministry of Wells United Methodist Church, located on Bailey Avenue in Jackson, which is celebrating its 100-year anniversary. Wells United Methodist Senior Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Lewis E. Logan II, said,

“Our congregation views every WellsFest as our gift of love to the community,” said Logan. “WellsFest brings together a broad spectrum of the community to share in a joyful way of helping our disadvantaged brothers and sisters.”

Logan said the church welcomes direct donations to support Shower Power and volunteers to help conduct the festival. He said booth spaces for vendors are still available. For more information about the festival, call Wells United Methodist Church at 601-353-0658 or visit wells-fest.org.



HINDS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WEEKLY UPDATE

Breaking News Rangernation



5-Star Basketball Senior Shooting Guard Yoski Harris has Transferred from Hinds AHS and has enrolled at Raymond High School to play for the Raymond High School MBB! He wanted to join the #1 Team in the State! Congratulation to Yoski and Raymond High School Basketball.



Nissan believes in the power of education.



nissan-canton.com

Celebrating 20 years of service in the Greater Jackson Area.

Former NBA guard Monta Ellis, a 'proud Mississippi son,' is named Alcorn State's general manager



Indiana Pacers guard Mont Ellis plays during the 2nd half of a NBA basketball game in Indianapolis, March 26, 2017. AP PHOTO/MICHAEL CONROY, FILE

The Associated Press

Alcorn State on Friday announced it has hired former longtime NBA guard Monta Ellis as general manager of the men's basketball program.

Ellis is a native of Jackson, Mississippi, and Alcorn State's main campus is in Lorman, Mississippi. Ellis was drafted by Golden State in 2005 out of Lanier High School in Jackson, where he won two state championships. Alcorn State described Ellis as "One proud Mississippi son" in its announcement.

"Monta Ellis brings a championship pedigree and a wealth of basketball knowledge to our program, and we're thrilled to welcome him to the Alcorn State family," athletic director E. D'Wayne Robinson said in a statement.

"His experience at the highest level of the game, combined with his passion for developing young talent, makes him the

perfect addition to our basketball leadership."

Alcorn State finished 9-23 overall and 7-11 in the Southwestern Athletic Conference under first-year head coach Jake Morton last season.

Ellis averaged 17.8 points in his 12-year NBA career with Golden State, Milwaukee, Dallas and Indiana. He was voted the league's most improved player after averaging 16.5 points in the 2006-07 season with the Warriors. He completed his career with Indiana in the 2016-17 season.

Ellis, 40, now begins a new career in college sports.

"It's official, Braves fans. I'm now the new general manager at Alcorn State University," Ellis said in Alcorn State's announcement posted on X. "I can't wait to work alongside with the coaches, the staff, the alumni, and the passionate fans at Alcorn State. Let's go Braves!"

Jackson Public Schools celebrates the grand reopening of Brinkley Middle School



District leaders, students and alumni participated in the ribbon cutting of the newly renovated Brinkley Middle School.

JPS Newswire

Jackson Public Schools proudly celebrated the grand opening of the newly renovated campus of Brinkley Middle School, formerly known as Powell Middle School, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held Monday, July 27, at the school's campus on Livingston Road.

The event marked a significant milestone for the district, showcasing a transformed learning environment designed to better serve scholars, educators, and the surrounding community. The newly updated campus features modernized classrooms and enhanced learning resources that will support scholar growth, achievement, and long-term success.

Superintendent Dr. Errick L. Greene joined district leaders, staff, families, alumni and community partners to commemorate the occasion.

"The ribbon-cutting ceremony represents our district's commitment to educational excellence, safe learning environments, and the bright futures of our scholars," said Greene. "Today's celebration reflects the investments made to ensure our scholars have access to high-quality facilities that support teaching and learning at the highest level." Attendees had the opportunity to tour the renovated campus and witness firsthand the improvements that will contribute to a more engaging and supportive educational experience.

JPS extends its appreciation to all stakeholders, including families, educators, partners, and local leaders, whose continued support helps drive progress across the district. The reopening of Brinkley Middle School stands as a testament to the district's ongoing commitment to providing exceptional learning environments for all scholars.

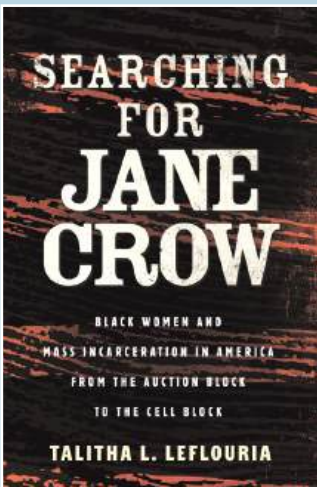


Updated classrooms, learning centers and cafeteria make up the all new Brinkley Middle School.



The Brinkley Alumni Association in attendance and the grand re-opening. The AA was very persistent in ensuring that the name "Brinkley" remained a part of the community.

For information about advertising in
The Mississippi Link
please call: 601-896-0084



BOOK REVIEW:

SEARCHING FOR JANE CROW:
BLACK WOMEN AND MASS INCARCERATION IN AMERICA FROM
THE AUCTION BLOCK TO THE CELL BLOCK

BY TALITHA L. LEFLOURIA

C.2026, BEACON PRESS

\$32.00 • 224 PAGES

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Was she prepared?
She was about to be taken away, a slave, a prisoner. Did she know that shackles would make her wrists ache, that they’d always be too tight? Her home, her children, what else went through a newly-incarcerated Black woman’s mind as she was led away? As in the new book “Searching for Jane Crow” by Talitha L. LeFlouria, would today’s answers be any different than they were in 1845?

Two summers ago, LeFlouria visited the Orleans Justice Cen-

ter in New Orleans to interview some of the women imprisoned there, to listen and share, and she had an epiphany. She was meant to share “courageous” stories from incarcerated women.

One tale she heard along the way gave her urgency.

A California woman told La-Flouria that when she went to prison, she was stripped and humiliated, physically searched before being dressed in a uniform that identified her as “Property of...” She was given a number and was chained around her ankles and wrists – echoing treatment received by a million-plus

enslaved people bound more than a century ago, “one-third” of whom were women.

That brought LeFlouria quickly up short: “I immediately noticed the deep historical influence of slavery’s legacies on mass incarceration,” she says.

She began researching and discovered “slave jails” that were basic warehouses for enslaved people. Food was scarce there, she says; the floors were filthy, and space was tight. These jails “originated in the early nineteenth century,” and “played a key role in introducing profit-based incarceration...” as wom-

en were held there long-term by their owners, who rented them out for housework, fieldwork, or sex work. There were several large, and very infamous slave jails, LeFlouria says, and the Klan was involved in at least one.

The jails were confusing and frightening. If a woman ever somehow got free, she often feared that she might end up there again. Then, as now, mere freedom didn’t protect her from re-incarceration in the prison system.

“Searching for Jane Crow” is a hard book to pin down.

On one hand, it can feel like an old-fashioned Victorian drama, with embellished twenty-first century floridity mixed with nineteenth-century-based stories. Yes, the original language is authentic but continuing it beyond real documentation gives it an unnecessarily bedecked feeling, especially given the overwhelming severity of the situations that author Talitha L. LeFlouria shares.

And yet, every single point lands square in this book, every bit of research is solid, every story is unforgettable. LeFlouria makes her comparisons clear here, and

it’s hard to look away and even harder not to notice other indignities and inequalities. Once you’re good and shocked, then, she shifts to an activism stance, with advice for changing the status quo in the prison system, for helping already-incarcerated Black women to avoid recidivism, and to ensure that children are properly cared for while their mothers are in jail.

Stick with this book, despite its bumps, and you’ll be astounded by a new way of seeing the prison system. Read “Searching for Jane Crow” and just prepare yourself.



ZACK WALLACE
Hinds County Circuit Clerk

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Circuit Clerk's Office
P.O. BOX 327
Jackson, MS 39205
Phone: (601) 968-6628
Fax: (601) 973-5547

Jury Duty Recording:
First Judicial District
(601) 969-0052

SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Circuit Clerk's Office
P.O. Box 999
Raymond, MS 39154
Phone: (601) 857-8038
Fax: (601) 857-0535

Jury Duty Recording:
Second Judicial District
(601) 857-8869

Office Hours:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday
(Except on legal holiday)

Services of the Clerk:

- Civil/Criminal Filings of Circuit and County Court
- Marriage License
- Medical License
- Voter Registration/Absentee Voting

VOTER INFORMATION

Verify/Update your Registration Today

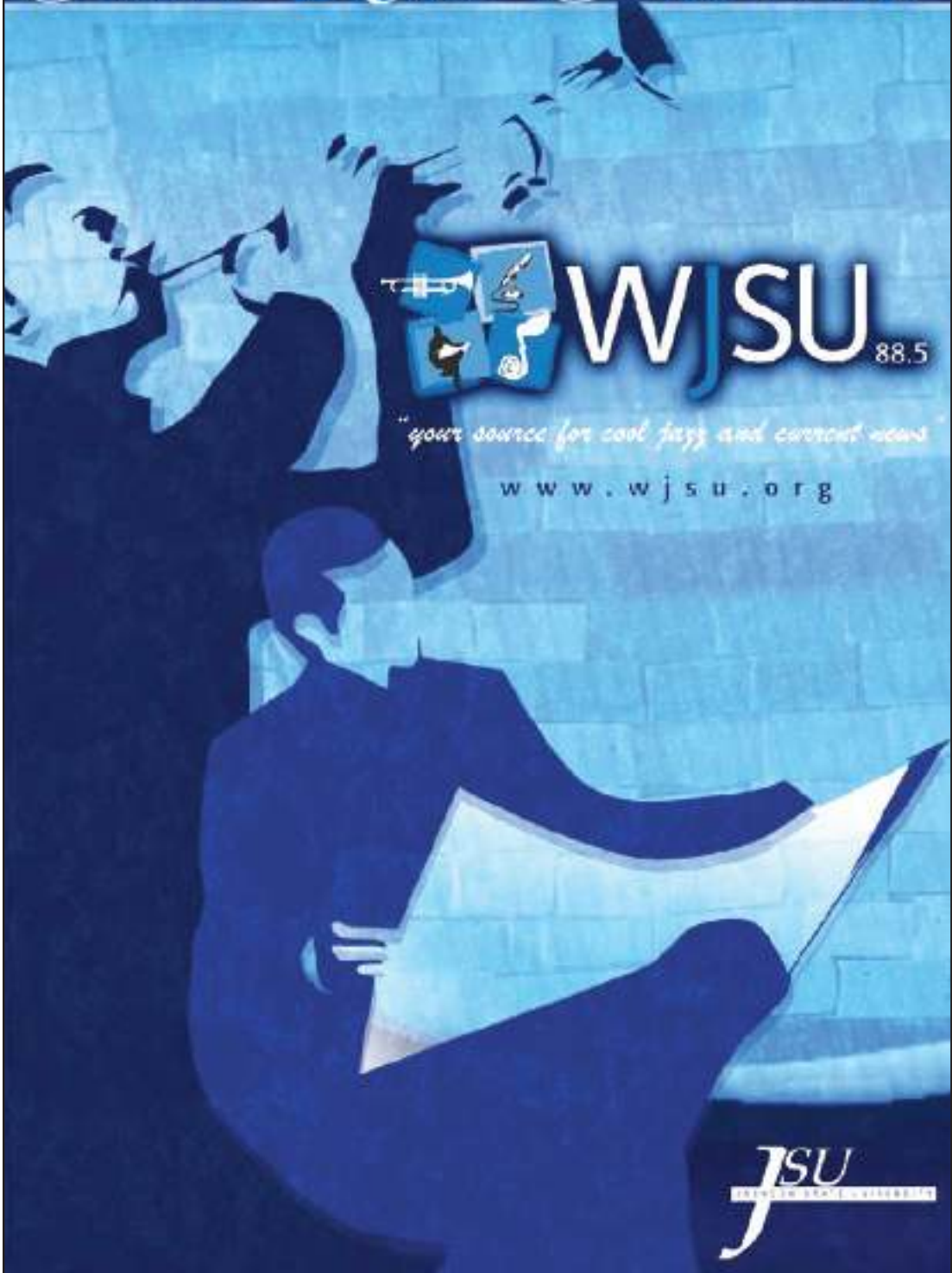
- You must be registered 30 days before the Election.
- Absentee Voting begins 45 days before the Election

MARRIAGE INFORMATION

- Marriage License: \$36.00
 - Both applicants must come to the Circuit Clerk's office together to apply
 - Proof of age must be provided in the form of Driver's License, Birth Certificate or other legal document which contains name and date of birth.

Website: www.hindscountymiss.com
Paid for by friends of Zack Wallace

Cool And Current



WJSU 88.5
"your source for cool jazz and current news"
www.wjsu.org

JSU
JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY



WRTM
SMOOTH 100.5 FM

WRTM-FM 100.5 FM, JACKSON’S SOUL, RHYTHM AND BLUES AND SOUTHERN SOUL STATION PLAYING MORE VARIETY, LESS TALK AND THE MUSIC ADULTS WANT TO HEAR!

‘Beyond Barriers,’ is beyond amazing baseball for special needs

By Brittany Sanford-Dillard,
Guest Writer



Completely geared up. Jersey on, baseball cap snug, smile plastered. What I saw when my two autistic sons suited up for their next new adventure was a glimpse of excellence and excitement. It was time for baseball.

Word quickly circulated. I received a text saying a new program located in Rankin County

was launching soon. It was called Beyond Barriers. The program, started by Kenyada Robinson, a baseball program located in Rankin County for children with special needs.

The first ever season of Beyond Barriers started at the end of May 2026 and ended July 23rd, stretching throughout the summer.

As a parent, when my autistic sons say ‘yes’ to something, it’s no longer just a game, it’s no longer ‘just fun time’ or ‘just another activity.’ It’s always so

promising when they willingly start a new adventure because they are saying yes to it. They are giving it a try. They are “being” outgoing and optimistic. To me, it says ‘I’m able, I’m capable, I know I’m good enough.’ That means confidence, which means so much.

All members, including some ‘first time ever to sports’ players stepped on the red turf. They grabbed a silver bat and a black helmet and swung hard. Supportive teammates, coaches and friends cheered for every child.

The volunteers ran with the players who needed side-by-side assistance, guiding them to each base and helping the flow of the game.

Other parents like me reflected on how impactful this experience was to witness.

“I could have cried,” said Heather Bowen, mom of Jackson Bowen, 8. “He was so happy and excited to be a part of this and knowing he’s having fun and can be himself means everything to me,” she said.

“It was a cool thing to see,”

said Titus Dillard, my husband and the father of Tj and Micah Dillard, who are both on the team. “I really didn’t know they had an interest in Baseball, but I can see Tj, (my oldest) has a real interest. Seeing them play with other kids like them and seeing how they understand each other, was awesome to witness. It takes other children a while to understand that there is a communication barrier. In other words, it takes children who are not on the spectrum time to figure out their approach whereas for a child on

the spectrum, it’s kind of like a second nature,” Dillard shared.

Kim Cash appreciates the experience she witnessed through her son, Wyatt Cleveland, 7. “It has given him more support, we tried to play regular baseball and couldn’t. The support just wasn’t there. He did as much as he could, because he has cerebral palsy too, so he gets tired. So, he’ll do a little bit, and then sit, then do a little more...and in regular Baseball they don’t like that. But here we have the support we need,” said Cash.





**we
must
vote**



BE HEARD!!



 **LEARN MORE**

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!

WWW.WEMUST.VOTE