

Absentee Voting at Hinds County Circuit Clerk’s Office vocalizes strong message: “If We Vote, We Win!”



Leaders ready to kick off the Sept. 20th voting event

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A time to remember is what occurred Sunday, September 20, 2026, in the City of Jackson. Partnering with Southern Echo (led by Executive Director Rachel Mays) and the Circuit Clerk’s office (led by Circuit Clerk Zack Wallace) were All For One Line Dancers and Golden Key Line Dancers.

Director Mays emphasized, “Mississippi voters should make their voices heard in the 2026 Midterm Election and take note of the updated absentee voting process. The absentee voting timeline is September 21, 2026, thru October 31, 2026. Voters should visit their Circuit Clerk’s office during this period, cast their ballot and it will be immediately scanned into the voting machine. This process eliminates the possibility of an envelope completion error(s) that will invalidate the ballot and eliminates the stress of rushing to vote on election day. Exercise your right and power by participating in the 2026 Midterm Election Cycle.”

The young, senior citizens, and those in between banned together at the Hinds County Circuit Clerk’s Office on Pasca-

goula Street. Prior to the start of the 3:00 p. m. press event, Jackie Hampton, publisher of The Mississippi Link, was introduced to a few students from Jackson State University by Senator Solie Norwood. She asked each of the students why they were there at the event.

Lauren Moncure, a JSU Political Science major, stated she was invited by Senator Norwood. She told The Mississippi Link, “I am here in hopes of informing leaders what students are concerned about in the world of politics.”

Kiersten Hawkins stated, “I am here because I feel it is very important for youth to be brought to the forefront of the movement.” She said she wanted to be better informed by listening to citizens and political leaders because it is the job of youth to carry on what those that came before them have already started.

Keyvon Williams said he came to the event to hear more about voting. He said, “In Mississippi we don’t get nearly as much news as we should because we are a desolate state, so it is good to come out and hear speakers, especially with the demographics we see. I think it is good when our generation can

see more, and get more involved in order that we can become better equipped with what is going on around us.” As a member of the Mississippi Action Project at JSU, Williams said, “We are trying to bring youth and young people to forefront so that our voices can be heard through collective power.”

Sidney Reese is a third-year Biology & Environmental Science major from Cleveland, Ohio. When asked why she took the time on a Sunday afternoon to attend the event, she stated, “I hope to learn something I don’t know already. I hope to gain some first-hand experience that will help with an initiative to get students registered to vote.” Reese had already started helping with voter registration at her school. She said, “It’s for helping students learn about politics and their community.”

Norwood reacted that the students “gave up their Sunday afternoon and spoke from their hearts about the things they’re doing.” He also mentioned that as they work with other Institutions of Higher Learning, they are connecting with others across the State of Mississippi. “We’re going to get the young to

vote,” said the interviewee.

Continuing, Norwood explained that the whole focus is to get people to cast their vote. Hence, voters can pick up a friend, and they can go vote together. One day of the 45 days, the day they vote, should be “a good feeling.”

Senior citizen Murlene Terry Taylor came with her folder with comments she had typed regarding the essentialities of voting across generations. Taking the right and the privilege of voting seriously, the informant reminds contemporary society that African-Americans, especially in the deep South, underwent many senseless struggles to exercise their right to vote. Barriers included poll taxes, silly literacy tests, intimidation and pure chicanery. The 1950s and 1960s latched onto intense campaigns, marches, sit-ins, voter education and civil rights meetings, along with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 – all with the goal to secure equal rights for all citizens. “The Voting Rights Act is now being gutted by the U.S. Supreme Court,” argued Taylor.

Taylor (a member of a number

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Pam Confer brings Harmony Talks to Jackson



Pam Confer with Okolo Rashid, Co-Founder, IMMC

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Pam Confer came into Jackson, Sept. 16, 2026, for a day long series of events she planned to spread harmony, bringing with her Mayor Linda Carter of Benoit, Mississippi, who appointed to the municipal court, Judge Assma Ali, who is Muslim.

Confer’s opening at the International Museum of Muslim Cultures was a call for “harmony”: “We can talk about our differences without fighting. We do not have to meet hate with hate. There is a lane for outcry, and it should be, because that is how bills get passed. When the public cries out, things get changed. But there is also the lane for harmony.”

“That is where people like us who want to see change but don’t want to fight, don’t want to engage in an aggressive way. This is where harmony comes in. It gives us a way individually to say, ‘What can I do?’ We are three different women (referring also to Carter and Ali) from three backgrounds.”

This Comfort Tour comes on the backdrop of the past two months in Mississippi, where there was a cloud hanging over the state that threatened to rain down animosity and outright fear. It first appeared in the fear-mongering charge by Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce and Mississippi gubernatorial candidate Andy Gibson.

Gibson launched a series of social media posts that projected fearmongering as “the Muslims are coming” and “how did they get here (in Mississippi)” as if in a war chant. He targeted two entities – the recently appointed Ali, a Muslim woman, and the International Museum of Muslim Cultures that has been in Jackson for nearly 26 years.

In the “Harmony Talks” facilitated by Confer, she explained that Carter hired Ali based on her qualifications, not knowing there would be this backlash.

“People react according to

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Redistricting ‘Listening Session’ in The Pine Belt “Kabuki Theater if I’ve ever seen it.”

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

Nearly 300 filled the auditorium in Hattiesburg Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 6PM for the sixth planned statewide ‘listening sessions,’ put on by the Mississippi Joint Congressional Committee on Reapportionment & Redistricting. There are a total of eight planned sessions. These committee members, appointed by Lt. Governor Hosemann and House Speaker Jason White, have an odd job right now. They become robots of our

Republican Governor who has demanded another mid-cycle redistricting, despite no mandate whatsoever to do so, and the staff of PEER (Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review) end up aiding in that process, despite considering themselves to be “a non-partisan legislative watchdog entity,” per the Mississippi.Gov website.

Fifteen legislators sat mostly expressionless at the rear of The Thomas V. Fraschillo Stage at USM’s Mannoni Performing Arts Center, with four others seated in front of them – from left to right in the photo above, Ben Collins (PEER – timekeeper for the event), Representative Noah Sanford (R-90) – Committee Chair, Senator Dean Kirby (R-30), and Ted Booth (General Counsel for PEER). Seventeen total legislators, 13 Republican,



Event sign outside the entrance of the Mannoni Performing Arts Center on the campus of University of Southern Mississippi.

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4 Democrat. I wonder if they knew already what they were about to hear from the public?

The voters seem to be increasingly tired of the Republican power-grabs that are the true goal of redistricting

in Mississippi – and always seem to come with racial disenfranchisement – diluting minority voting representation and strength. Mississippi’s governor leads the charge. He doesn’t seem to mind African American State Troopers providing physical security for

him and his family, but the idea of an African American or other minority holding too much power makes him seethe. Just two weeks after the Louisiana v Callais decision was handed down, Reeves was on social media and SuperTalk claiming it is only a matter of time

before Bennie Thompson’s “reign of terror” over the 2nd District would end. As a reminder, Congressman Thompson’s narrowest margin of victory was 55 percent. In most of his reelection bids he has won

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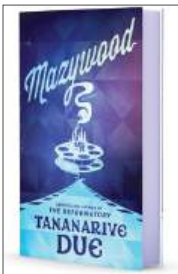
Forrest County NAACP President Clarence Magee addresses Redistricting Committee on Thursday, September 17, 2026. PHOTOS: CHRISTOPHER YOUNG.

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JSU Department of Speech Communication & Theatre presents “Drinks on Me”

A brand new stage play set in a Mississippi Delta Juke Joint

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

Ten major cast members, sixteen Juke Joint extras, twenty-four production crewmembers, the Director – Dr. Mark G. Henderson, Asst. Director Roland Dogbe, Stage Manager Keishon Johnson, and Asst. Stage Manager Hay’lee Love delivered in phenomenal fashion on Friday, September 18, 2026, at the lauded Rose E. McCoy Auditorium on the campus of Thee I Love. Oh, I almost forgot, the Ushers were JSU Student Volunteers, and the concession workers were MADDRAMA “Aspirants!”

He would just look at you and smile, but is there anything that Dr. Mark G. Henderson touches that isn’t solid gold? A leader of the highest order – he lifts those around him, has mastery of the material, and encourages his students to leave barriers in the rear-view mirror as they soar to new heights. But this play was extra special for him – it was written by his former student, Dr. Prince Duren. He described serving as director of this production as “a full-circle moment, and a reminder to him that we are only as successful as those who come after us.” Today, both men chair their respective departments, Henderson at Jackson State University, and Duren at Grambling State University.

The production was set at a



JSU Theatre Program lobby placard – “Where Scholarship and Artistry Meet!”



Drinks on Me initial set.



Cast members coming forth for their curtain call.



Dr. Mark G. Henderson presents a gift to Writer Dr. Prince Duren.

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time listed in the program as – A Bygone Era – yet spotting a photo of Aretha on the set, in her early 20’s, let us know it was late 1960’s. Major themes included ambition, loyalty, music, and the price of change. Sweet’s Juke Joint needed change, it needed to grow, and that’s what this production was all about – the transformation from Sweet’s Juke Joint to The Sweet Spot.

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inson played Sweets (the owner of the Juke Joint), Tylan A. Og-burn, a junior, played the key role of Boogie – a ladies’ man always stirring the pot, trying to push Sweets to transform the Juke into something more. Ke-seey Monae played Lola – the no-nonsense Boss-Lady singer who eventually relented to others singing too. Anicia Noel is a Vicksburg native who played the role of Beadie Girl – first pleading for a job doing anything at all and soon rising as a popular

voice with the Juke’s regulars. David Davis is a sophomore who played Simon, the stuttering piano player with a heart of gold who fell hard for Beadie Girl.

Other major cast members were Senior Theatre Major Is-sac Grimes played Gary, a hard-working husband who discovered that Boogie was spending time with his wife and came to Sweet’s to pay him a visit. He eventually took Boogie out with a pistol, then sat down and put

his feet up on the table and announced – Drinks on Me – to end the play. Jamarcus Davis is a senior with a Civil Engineering Major who played Gator, plotting and scheming along with Danky, played by freshman Halcyon “Jean” Jean in his debut performance. Jasmine Aaliyah Tranae Lane, a Biology/Pre-Nursing from Ridgeland played the role of Claudine, and Shamererey Nicole Taylor, a senior Psychology Major from Tunica, who played Caroline.

This was the fourth show in a schedule of six, over a five-day period, and it truly showed. There were no noticeable glitches in either of the two Acts, encompassing a total of thirteen scenes, and lasting about two and a half hours with a fifteen-minute intermission. The artistry displayed by these young students was a joy to behold, and the supervision of production managers, coordination by crew members – set design and alterations, sound, lighting, costumes, cues – all so professional. Deep down I’m a dreamer but I wish everyone in Mississippi could have seen this production. Sure, Juke Joints are about music, dancing, eating and drinking, but they are about far more – belonging. It’s so clear that the students in this department have a strong sense of belonging – the placard in the lobby said, Where

Scholarship and Artistry Meet but it also said, “In our Department, Theatre is more than what we do, it is who we are.”

During the intermission I had the pleasure of meeting Duren. “From once performing on this stage to now watching my own production done on this stage is truly, as Dr. Henderson says, a full circle moment. And coming home to see so many people that guided me, and it’s so reassuring to have peers who respect you, it means the world to me.”

The entire 2026-2027 JSU Department of Speech Communication & Theatre Season is dedicated to the memory of R’Myni Watson, a Thee I Love alumna, who passed away earlier this year. She was an accomplished choreographer, playwright, theatre director and educator with deep Jackson roots. Upcoming plays for the department include The Brothers Size, directed by Yolanda Williams, running October 22nd through 26th, and The Gospel of The Nativity, directed by Henderson, running November 26th through 29th.

Also, Henderson will perform in the world premiere production of Slipping Through the Cracks: The Bobby Rush Musical by Stephen Helper and Bobby Rush, at New Stage Theatre October 20th through November 1st, 2026.

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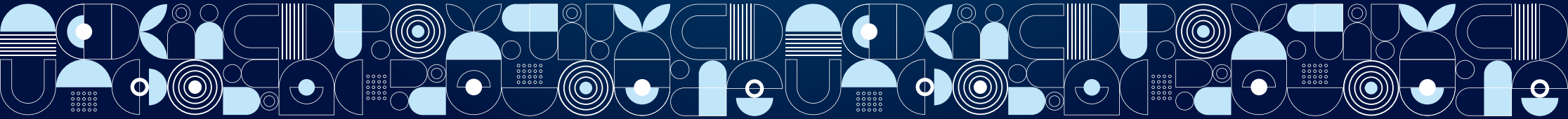
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fear more so than about hate,” Confer said, “rather than fighting, sharing curiosities, using understanding and appreciation and even some hugs to get to know each other. We will turn the tides.

Then Confer recited with the attendees at the Museum an oath: “I am responsible for harmony; I will do my part – consistently with all my heart.”

Notably the Harmony sweep started with lunch at “Visit Jackson Welcome Center,” followed with the tour of the International Museum of Muslim Cultures, then to Patton House and Gallery and closing with the Harmony Talks Session at the Visit Jackson Welcome Center.

Confer called it, “A Day of Hospitality, cultural learning, thoughtful connection, and practical next steps....”

As founder of Harmony Talks, Confer’s objective is to “help organizations and communities move from conflict, confusion, and reputational strain toward clarity, dignity, and constructive action.”

Built into the day was a “Personal Action Plan.” Confer is a “bilingual human resource leader with 20 years of experience with a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration from Jackson State University (www.pamconfer.com)

Benoit’s Mayor Linda Carter became mayor in a 2022 in a special election. Under Carter’s leadership, Benoit has secured major investments in essential infrastructure and quality of life, including a \$1.8 million water-well improvement project, a \$604,000 Mississippi Department of Transportation grant for a community walking trail, and more than \$400,000 in Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality funding for sewer renovations.

She remains committed to strengthening Benoit through prog-



L-R Mayor Carter, Pam Confer, Judge Ali, Andy Andrews of IMMC, guest, and Emad Al-Turk - IMMC Cofounder PHOTOS: COURTESY OF CONFER CONSULTING

ress, opportunity, unity, and responsive service to its residents.

Ali, who had a law practice in Ridgeland, Miss. – Ali and Associates, P.A., is an immigration law firm. Ali was admitted to practice before the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and the Northern District of Mississippi – licensed to handle immigration cases in all 50 states.

She is a member of the Mississippi Bar, the American Bar Association, the American Immigration Lawyers Association and the National Association of Muslim lawyers. Judge Ali describes herself as a “daughter of Yemeni immigrants who came to the U.S. in the 1970s”; she was born in the U.S.

An earlier rally in August around the Museum was formed by interfaith groups, Working Together Jackson and Working To-



The Harmony Tour working session at Visit Jackson offices.

gether Mississippi – holding a press conference and issuing a joint-statement.

Their statement read in part, “... a rejection of any attempts to demonize and exclude fellow Mississippians from living out their faith, as guaranteed by the Constitution or from participating in our communities and government because of their faith.”

The two organizations – WTJ and WTM – along with the Museum leader, co-founder Okolo Rashed, extended an invitation to Gibson to visit the Museum and meet with the organizations for clarity – their statement read: “Rather than spewing divisive rhetoric.”

For more on Dr. Confer’s ‘Harmony Talks’, visit pamconfer.com

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Line Dancers PHOTOS BY JANICE K. NEAL-VINCENT AND JANICE LEE-ADAMS



(L-R) Lilly Winters-Adams & Murlene Taylor



JSU students are excited to be involved with voting event.

of organizations) went on to appeal to churches, social and civic organizations, Greek letter organizations and other fraternal organizations “to encourage their members and friends to vote in the upcoming election on November 3, 2026, and all future elections.” The urgency of the moment is “to rally” to get those eligible to vote to do so. Participating in the electoral process by voting “is power and is fundamental to our democracy,” she concluded.

Kathy Sykes, Director of Mississippi Immigrant Rights Alliance, encouraged all naturalized citizens who are able to do so to go to the Hinds County Courthouse and vote by absentee ballot and to make sure that their registration is proper. When they vote early, they will be able to correct errors. Sykes urges persons needing further information to contact MIRA at 601-968-5182.

Jakari Holland, a senior at Jackson State University and Founder of Mississippi Access Project – asserted that voting power is needed. “With power we have to establish accessibility and pathways to obtain our very right. With the current landscape of America and Mississippi our vote is crucial.” He combined his message with why he founded The Mississippi Access Project, a youth-led organization which is designed to establish early voting and voter registration online. Stating that

42 states and Washington, D.C. offer online voter registration, Holland highlighted that for effective change, “we have to not only organize but bring about collective power for our voice to be heard.”

Line dancer Annie Cooper emphasized that everybody’s vote is needed. “People who are not able to vote at the polls must do absentee voting. I am ashamed of people who give excuses for not voting. You can’t win if you don’t vote,” she quipped. Jackson resident Larry White noted that what came to mind about Sunday was “joy, joy, joy (a joyful occasion).” In his call for citizens to exercise their right to vote, he gave a sharp command: “Voice your opinion.” If the opinion is not voiced on the ballot, it will never be heard.

Randy “Wildman” Brown, long-time radio personality and DJ of WMPR 90.1 FM in Jackson, called for people to get out and vote. “You have not because you vote not. This campaign is about saving democracy...My vote is crucial for my family, children, friends and community. That should be the focus of everyone in Jackson, Miss. and all over the nation,” Brown claimed.

The line dancers brought community togetherness and relaxation with a variety of music. Tunes included: Booker T. & the MG’s “Green Onions;” Cupid’s “2 Steps on My Haters;” Charles Wilson’s “Mississippi Boy;” Tron Allen’s “Push It Out;” T.

K. Soul’s “Zydeco Bounce;” West Love’s “Work It;” Kirk Whalum’s “Do You Feel Me;” Badd Newz’s “Bandanna Around Her Boots;” Marcia Griffiths’ “Electric Boogie” (“The Electric Slide;”) and Jennifer Hudson’s “Love You I Do.”

The earliest day to vote by an absentee ballot in the Circuit Clerk’s Office in the General Election was Monday, September 21st. The absentee ballot deadline for permanently disabled voters is to be mailed from the Circuit Clerk’s Offices on September 24th. Further, the Circuit Clerk’s offices may remain open from September 28th, 29th, and

30th for Voter Registration (General) from 8:00 a.m. until 7 p.m., including the noon hour.

Other significant dates to remember are: Monday, October 5th: Voter Registration Deadline. People registering by this date are eligible to vote in the General Election. Saturday, October 24th & October 31st: In-Person Absentee Voting Deadline (the Circuit Clerk’s office must remain open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon). Tuesday, November 3rd: General Election Day & Regular Special Election Day. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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by 60-85 percent. Reeves, on the other hand, was reelected in 2023 by a margin of just 3.24 percent.

By my count, forty speakers came to the microphone to say their piece. They stood on the floor and looked upward to speak to the legislators seated above them. Fourteen white women, ten white men, nine African American women, and seven African American men.

Comments by the speakers, who had all requested to speak when they were signing in for the event, were overwhelmingly in favor of keeping the current (2025) districting maps. At least half of the speakers claimed that the Supreme Court’s Callais decision only required a change in Louisiana, and that there is no requirement for Mississippi to make changes now, when we are only a few years away from a new Census. Numerous speakers highlighted that race, and politics are thoroughly intertwined in Mississippi, so the concept of drawing race-neutral districts is disingenuous. “This whole thing is not about fairness, it’s about partisan advantage,” said one speaker.

Here in Forrest County – Hallowed Ground – the home of giants of the Civil Rights Movement like Vernon Dahmer, Sr. and Clyde Kennard, another giant rose from the front row and approached the microphone. Mr. Clarence Magee, President of the Forrest County NAACP, at age 94, had some things to share and you could have heard a pin drop when he began to speak. “Keep the 2025 maps. I’m a Korean War veteran. I served in Germany for eleven months and fifteen days. I was discharged in New Jersey and returned to my Mississippi home in 1956 with the excitement of being a full-fledged citizen. I was required to take a literacy test

five times and was denied five times. I paid poll taxes for ten years. I was a plaintiff in the 1962 (Department of Justice vs Theron C. Lynd... <https://law.justia.com/cases/federal/appellate-courts/F2/301/818/28775>) case and in 1963, I received my Voter Card, and it says at the top ‘done by the order of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.’”

Then, before repeating “keep the 2025 maps, they gave us some hope,” and taking his seat, he read aloud the second verse of Lift Every Voice and Sing, “Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us. Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us. Facing the rising sun of our new day begun. Let us march on till victory is won.” The explosion of applause that followed was the type to make a grown man cry, yet a glance at the legislators...well, you already know.

There were three attendees that were clearly in favor of the mid-cycle redistricting effort based on their comments, all white. The other thirty-seven were not. One white woman’s comments included, “...I think we can all recognize right from wrong. The math can be legally defensible and still be a betrayal of the people it’s supposed to represent. No thanks....I’m asking you to hold every proposal from either party to the same test. Does this map serve the voters of Mississippi, or does it serve the people drawing it?” Deborah Gambrel, a white resident said, “you representatives on the stage have an opportunity to stop the evil.” A white man identifying himself as a Navy veteran said, “...standing here, looking up at you all, this is Kabuki Theater if I’ve ever seen it...” The slang definition is a derogatory term indicating that an event is intensely scripted, predictable, and performed for show, not for substance.

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Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Byram-Terry Chapter Host College Fair At Terry High School

JSUNAA chapter members had a great time volunteering at the Terry High School College Fair. We enjoyed talking with juniors and seniors about all things Jackson State and why THEE could be the place for them!

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Young people are done waiting to be invited into ‘Democracy’

By Jakari Holland
Founder, Mississippi Access Project



I grew up surrounded by museums, even when there was no admission sign at the door. The streets of my Atlanta neighborhood were exhibits of their own. Houses, schools, neighborhood stores and disparities told stories we rarely stopped to question. The dangerous thing about inequity is how ordinary it can become. Sometimes it becomes part of the scenery, something you walk past every morning until you inherit a reality you were never taught to question.

It was not until I got older that I started questioning what I had once accepted. Stacey Abrams' 2018 gubernatorial campaign was one of the first elections that showed me how political systems worked in real time. I watched communities like mine organize and put their faith in the possibility of change. I also saw the discouragement that followed when the outcome they fought for did not come. Still, people organized. They registered voters and built political participation in communities where I had not grown up seeing that as the norm.

That stayed with me when I moved to Mississippi, where I recognized something familiar: familiarity being mistaken for inevitability. A process can become so familiar that we stop imagining it could work any other way.

Young people are always being told to get involved. Vote. Volunteer. Show up. Make your voice heard. But somewhere between being told to participate and trying to lead, I learned there was an unspoken condition: young people are often welcomed into democracy as long as we participate in ways already chosen for

us. We can work on the event or knock on doors, but when it is time to organize, set the agenda or question how something has always been done, our perspectives can suddenly carry less weight. Maybe that is because young people have an inconvenient habit of asking: Why? Why is this the process? Why has this become normal? And if another way is possible, why are we waiting?

I have been fortunate to have adults and mentors who have poured into me. Their investment helped me enter spaces I once could not imagine. But mentorship and trust are not always the same thing. We call young people the leaders of tomorrow while sometimes struggling to trust them to lead today. That contradiction became harder for me to ignore this summer. At Harvard, I spent weeks studying public policy and talking about equity. Then I returned to Mississippi, where the inequities I was learning to describe academically were not theoretical. They were present in the communities and systems people navigate every day.

I was tired of becoming better at describing inequity while feeling powerless to confront it. One question followed me home: What good is learning to identify inequity if I return home and become accustomed to it? I wanted to build something that gave other people a way to confront it with me.

That desire became the Mississippi Access Project, or MAP. I found MAP because I believe in what can happen when young people organize around the conditions they actually experience. Our work centers on two voter-access priorities: online voter registration and expanded opportunities for early in-person

voting. MAP is working toward 30,000 signatures while building a coalition across Mississippi campuses and communities.

But I wanted MAP to be more than a set of policy goals. I wanted young people to have the freedom to organize around the problems affecting their communities in ways that make sense for our generation. I was nervous. There is vulnerability in questioning established systems as a young Black man in Mississippi. I wondered whether people would take us seriously and whether we would have the resources or relationships to make the idea work.

At first, MAP was an idea I was asking other people to believe in. Then people started showing up. At Jackson State University alone, students collected 1,000 signatures in just two days. Over four days, we helped register 500 students to vote. Those numbers mattered to me not simply because of how quickly we reached them, but because of what they represented: young people coming together and choosing to participate.

Somewhere in those four days, I realized I was no longer carrying this idea by myself.

Organizing on my own campus has shown me another side of voter access. I have watched my peers make a mistake on a registration form and start over, sometimes more than once. You can see the frustration build because they want to get it right. Young people are often labeled politically apathetic, but that is not what I have seen. Students come to us wanting to learn and ask questions about a process many are navigating for the first time. The issue is not always whether we care, but whether we have been given the tools to participate.

We cannot talk about voter access without talking about

the conditions people live under. Growing up around poverty taught me that something being available does not necessarily make it accessible. A right may exist equally on paper while the time, transportation and resources required to exercise it do not. In Mississippi, where 17.8 percent of residents live in poverty, that distinction matters.

But registration is only one part of access. It also includes whether communities can translate participation into representation. That question carries weight in Mississippi, where 36.8 percent of residents are Black and debates over the state's political maps are happening in real time.

On Oct. 1, I plan to be at the Mississippi State Capitol for the final public redistricting hearing, where Mississippians will have an opportunity to speak about the future of the state's political maps. For me, showing up is part of the same work as registering someone to vote. Having a political right and being able to meaningfully exercise it are not always the same thing, a distinction that has shaped what I study and how I lead.

Research gives us reason to take registration design seriously. Mississippi's process also stands apart nationally: 42 states and Washington, D.C., offer online voter registration, while Mississippi does not. Jinhai Yu's 2019 study in Social Science Quarterly, using Current Population Survey data from 2000 through 2014, found that states implementing online voter registration experienced about a three-percentage-point increase in young-voter turnout during presidential election years. One reform cannot solve every participation problem, but the finding shows why the design of registration deserves attention.

The more I organize, the less I recognize the cliché that young people do not care about politics. Malcolm X's warnings about the power of the media to shape public perception stay with me when I think about what people see when they look at my generation. A student registering voters between classes or driving somebody to the polls might never become the image people associate with young people and politics.

But invisibility is not inactivity.

James C. Scott helped me recognize a pattern in something I had already witnessed. In Domination and the Arts of Resistance, he calls it the "hidden transcript," the conversations that happen outside the view of those with greater power. Our generation has them too, from dorm rooms and group chats to late-night Face Times where we say what frustrates us and imagine what we would change.

Our political consciousness does not begin when somebody hands us a microphone.

Organizing gives those conversations somewhere public to go. What begins in a group chat can eventually become hundreds of people putting their names behind the same concern.

I have watched that happen through MAP. I have trained young volunteers who wanted to participate but simply did not know where to start. Sometimes people who already care simply need a pathway from frustration to action. There is a long tradition of young people building those pathways, including the youth-led organizing of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee during the civil rights movement. Our historical moment is different, but young people did not suddenly become stakeholders in American de-

mocracy when my generation arrived.

The way we organize has changed. A message can move across campuses in minutes, and a video can reach thousands of people before an organization ever holds its next meeting. But reaching people is not the same as organizing them. What happens online has to lead somewhere beyond the screen. A post can start a conversation, but the real work is turning that conversation into action.

Founding MAP has changed what leadership means to me. Leadership is not getting everyone in a room to think exactly alike. I am learning how to bring together people with different perspectives who can still recognize something they collectively believe deserves attention. More than anything, I am learning that courage feels different when you are not standing alone.

I still think about neighborhoods as museums. They preserve choices generations made before us. Some are worth celebrating. Others became so embedded in everyday life that we learned to walk past them without asking why.

Democracy is an inheritance too. But I refuse to confuse inheritance with instruction.

We can inherit a system without believing every part of it must remain untouched. We can respect those who built before us while still asking what they could not finish. Young people already have voices and lived experiences worth bringing into public life. What I am watching now is what happens when we find the courage to use those voices together.

Maybe that is how the exhibit changes. One generation finally stops walking past what every generation before it was taught to call normal.

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Converse apologizes and pulls sneaker ad that critics said included racist imager

By Dave Collins
Associated Press

The sneaker company Converse has removed a social media ad that sparked outrage among critics who viewed it as evoking the Ku Klux Klan and lynching.

The Instagram ad photo showed K-pop singer Karina wearing a skirt and holding a pair of Chuck 70 X sneakers. Critics lashed out online, saying that a white triangular image created by lighting on the skirt resembled a KKK hood and that the way she held the sneakers made them look like the dangling feet of a lynching victim.

Converse, owned by Nike, issued a statement apologizing and saying it removed the ad. “We’re sorry,” said the statement, first released on Friday. “We understand why this image is deeply upsetting and recognize that we got this wrong. We removed it from our channels and are working to remove it everywhere it appeared. This should not have happened and we will do better.”

Converse, based in Boston, declined on Sunday to answer questions seeking additional information, including how the company screens ads before



The Converse logo is displayed on the roof of the company’s world headquarters in the West End neighborhood of Boston, Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2016. AP PHOTO/CHARLES KRUPA, FILE

they are posted and how the ad was approved.

Karina and her management company, SM Entertainment

Group, did not immediately respond to messages through their Instagram accounts.

Retailers and top fashion

brands have issued a string of apologies over the years for products criticized as being racially insensitive.

Last month, retailer Target pulled a children’s Halloween costume from its shelves after widespread social media back-

lash, apologizing for selling a garment that critics said evoked racist minstrel caricatures.

The Converse photo sparked swift criticism, including calls for staff involved in the ad to be fired and for a boycott of the company. In a slew of comments on social media, posters questioned how the ad could have cleared the company’s advertising vetting process. Other commenters defended Converse, saying they didn’t believe it was intentional.

Lee Merritt, a civil rights attorney based in Texas, posted on Instagram that Converse’s apology “doesn’t undo what got past legal, marketing and leadership at every step.”

“We keep having this conversation because corporations keep failing the same test,” he wrote. “Do better means catching this before it airs — not after we’re offended.”

Converse, founded in Malden, Massachusetts, in 1908, makes the iconic Chuck Taylor All Star sneaker. It was first released in 1917 as a non-skid basketball shoe, adding the signature of Taylor — a basketball player who promoted the sneaker — in 1934, according to the company’s website

‘Post-Racial America’ – A myth destroying a half-century of gains

The term coined by white people, now furthered by the Majority of the US Supreme Court

Due to an error by The Mississippi Link, the incorrect text for this article was published in our Sept. 17th print edition.

The correct text has been placed with this story. We sincerely apologize for the error.

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

By now the world is familiar with the Supreme Court of the United States decision in the Louisiana v. Callais case, gutting Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. The High Court, not the Congress, changed the interpretation that once protected racial vote dilution. Before this decision a plaintiff would have to prove discriminatory effects of redistricting, now – based on the 6-3 majority ruling – a plaintiff must prove discriminatory intent, a much higher burden. Justice Samuel Alito wrote the opinion, and was joined by Justices Clarence Thomas, Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett, Neil Gorsuch, and Chief Justice John Roberts. Justice Clarence Thomas went further with a separate concurring opinion, which was joined by Justice Gorsuch.

The dissenting opinion was written by Justice Elena Kagan and joined by Justices Sonia Sotomayor and Ketanji Brown Jackson, is 48 pages long. It begins on page 45 of the opinion –https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/25pdf/24-109_21o3.pdf.

It is an undeniable lesson in U.S. History, un-white washable, and erasure proof. Here is an excerpt, “And for 40 years now, this Court has recognized that language to encompass districting decisions that, in the way illustrated above, result in vote dilution—the ‘minimiz[ing]’ of minority voters’ ‘ability to elect their preferred candidates.’” But no longer. Under the Court’s new view of Section 2, a State can, without legal consequence, systematically dilute minority citizens’ voting power. Of course, the majority does not announce



The Supreme Court of the United States as composed June 30, 2022, to present. Front row, left to right: Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Associate Justice Clarence Thomas, Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., Associate Justice Samuel A. Alito, Jr., and Associate Justice Elena Kagan. Back row, left to right: Associate Justice Amy Coney Barrett, Associate Justice Neil M. Gorsuch, Associate Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh, and Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson. Credit: Fred Schilling, Collection of the Supreme Court of the United States CREDIT: FRED SCHILLING, COLLECTION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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today’s holding that way. Its opinion is understated, even antiseptic. The majority claims only to be “updat[ing]” our Section 2 law, as though through a few technical tweaks. But in fact, those “updates” eviscerate the law, so that it will not remedy even the classic example of vote dilution given above. Without a basis in Section 2’s text or the Constitution, the majority formulates new proof requirements for plaintiffs alleging vote dilution.”

Justice Kagan continued, “The majority tells us that the inability to make out a Section 2 claim will just be a mark of the

Nation’s progress, and therefore “cause for celebration.” I dissent. The Voting Rights Act is—or, now more accurately, was—“one of the most consequential, efficacious, and amply justified exercises of federal legislative power in our Nation’s history.” It was born of the literal blood of Union soldiers and civil rights marchers. It ushered in awe-inspiring change, bringing this Nation closer to fulfilling the ideals of democracy and racial equality. And it has been repeatedly, and overwhelmingly, reauthorized by the people’s representatives in Congress. Only they have the right to say it is no longer needed—not the Members of this Court. I dissent, then, from this latest

chapter in the majority’s now-completed demolition of the Voting Rights Act.”

Would it help if the conservative majority of the Court could spend part of their three-month Summer-recess visiting Jackson, Mississippi or Lowndes County, Alabama or Baton Rouge, Louisiana? I’m guessing they go to some mighty nice places. It seems like an annual salary of \$306,600 dollars ought to cover a truly inspiring vacation. These are people with brilliant minds, yet I wonder if they ever deliberately select vacation destinations where they can learn or grow more in their knowledge of what real-life in America is like for all Americans.

Do you suppose there are any active racial preferences alive in Mississippi, for example? Ninety-five percent of state agencies are headed up by white people. A solid 70 percent of the State Legislature is white, yet the white population of the state is 54.7 percent based on Census. African American legislators in the state account for the remaining 30 percent, yet African American population in the state is at least 38 percent. Are those preferences, or something more?

In response to a Mississippi Today question at the Neshoba County Fair in June, following the Callais decision, Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann indicated, “the one thing that the Supreme Court decision said was that you cannot consider race in redistricting. We can consider Democrats and Republicans....I don’t know how it’s going to turn out but I will tell you that the districts will be different because we’re going to consider Democrats and Republicans, and the way we get in trouble, and we’ve gotten in trouble before, is if it’s race related.” What you will never hear Hosemann say is “wow, that decision is horribly wrong because it will hurt so many of my fellow Mississippians. We have the highest African American population per capita in the nation, and this decision will reduce their ability to select the representation they want and that is flat-out wrong.”

The Supreme Court’s 6-3 decision in the Callais case welds the barn wide doors open, especially in states like Mississippi, where everything is about race, to go back to doing business the old way – destroying decades of gains toward fairer representation. Non-white voters will absolutely lose representation as soon as the Governor signs the new redistricting plan into law. The idea of a post-racial America is complete myth. Falsely recasting America’s racial truth is devastatingly painful, and now a majority of the U.S. Supreme Court is in on it in broad daylight.

Should Americans get accustomed to eating imported beef and not our own?

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.
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Do you remember the Wendy’s commercial where the lady asked the question, where’s the beef? Clara Peller, an actress made that line famous. At one point years ago, that was a popular tagline.

While I saw that commercial many times, I never thought about the origin of the meat. I always assumed that it was American-made beef. That’s the way it has always been.

However we are in a different era, and I suspect different ex-

pectations and rules apply. The American economy is characterized by high prices in stores, so we are not in a good place.

Buying groceries these days isn’t what it once was. Some things simply stay on the shelves and in the freezer. Plainly stated, we just do without them.

For example, going to the meat section brings shock and awe. The price points have increased dramatically. Ribs and steaks, once a picnic delight, can’t get a ray of light because of the cost. To paraphrase the song lyrics, we just walk on by the meat section.

Why is that happening? According to reports, “The price of American beef has increased significantly with costs climb-

ing about 27 percent over the past three years.” This number doesn’t look good.

According to figures released by the USDA Economic Research Service, the cost that we pay for beef will increase by over 10 percent in 2026.

As new findings come out, an additional question must be asked about the cattle industry in the United States of America. Where do they fit in with the rising costs of beef? The current administration’s plan to import beef from foreign countries is being met with resistance by cattlemen in this country.

Justin Tupper, president of the U.S. Cattlemen’s Association said, “You don’t put America first

by putting U.S. cattle producers last. This move will weaken our markets and gamble with food safety in the process.”

There are some rigorous standards for safety that are used by America’s meat producers before it is shipped to the stores for consumers to buy. Many critics believe these regulations will be compromised using foreign beef.

State associations are also vehemently against this plan to bring in foreign beef for us to eat at our dinner tables. This new twist of using foreign beef is going to be tricky in my opinion. One of the expressions that I use is that you can’t defend the indefensible. It applies to what is going on now.

Reports have come out from Washington saying that beef prices will be lower because it is coming from foreign countries. Ground beef up to 300,000 metric tons will be shipped to the United States over a 90-day period. It is coming from Brazil, Australia, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand, Argentina and Paraguay.

We are now paying about \$6.89 for a pound of beef. Just a while back, we were paying \$5.55. Now for consumers like you and me, we’ll have to pause and see when exactly these price drops will occur.

There are several questions about the imported beef that are being asked. First and foremost

is whether it is safe to eat? The Food Safety and Inspection Service says yes that it will be safe to eat because of already established protocols. In addition, reports say the beef will be re-inspected at the border.

Of course, there are beef watchdogs who are casting a watchful eye on these imported beef products. So, I believe we can all agree that we are entering new terrain using large quantities of imported beef. I think there will be some apprehension just because of the many voices that have an opinion.

What happens after the 90 days? Will U.S. cattlemen get a new deal? We will just have to wait and see.

Troy Davis’ ghost still speaks after all these years

By Ben Jealous
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I woke up Monday thinking about Troy Davis. Fifteen years ago, Georgia executed him. He was innocent. I was outside the prison that night.

As the old song goes, that’s the night the lights went out in Georgia.

No physical evidence tied Troy to the killing of Officer Mark MacPhail. The case rested on eyewitnesses. Seven of the nine later recanted or changed their accounts. Several swore the police had pressured them. They pointed instead to another man at the scene, the man who first gave police Troy’s name. One witness testified he saw that man fire the shots.

Good people spoke up. William Sessions, who ran the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) under three presidents, wrote that the case was permeated in doubt. Bob Barr, a Republican who supports the death penalty, wrote that condemning a man on the skimpiest of evidence does not serve justice. I am grateful to them. But they did not have what I had. I worked on that case for fifteen years. I read the affidavits myself. I did not come away with doubt. I came away with certainty. Georgia killed the wrong man.

Troy saw what we could not. He kept telling us the only way to break the killing machine was to make the country watch it work. So, we built our campaign around a hashtag, #TooMuchDoubt. His execution became the second most tweeted event on earth that year. Weeks later, Gallup found support for the death penalty at a 39-year low.

The next spring, Connecticut abolished the death penalty with a horrific murder case still in the headlines. Troy made that possible. A year later, Maryland became the first state south of the Mason-Dixon Line to abolish it. I watched that vote from the Senate balcony in Annapolis, beside Kirk Bloodsworth. Maryland had sent Kirk, a White waterman and former Marine, to death row for a murder he did not commit. DNA freed him. Virginia followed in 2021, the first state of the old Confederacy to abolish it.

Then we stopped. No state has abolished the death penalty since Washington struck it from its books in 2023.

The machine kept running. Since 1973, at least 203 people have been exonerated from death row. For every eight people executed, one has been exonerated. Two

years ago, Missouri executed Marcellus Williams, after the very prosecutor’s office that convicted him asked a court to throw out the conviction.

The death penalty preys on the poor. About 95 percent of the people on death row could not afford a lawyer.

Lynching still haunts us. At least ten Black people have been found hanging this year. Most have been ruled suicides. Their families want independent reviews. This month Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and 59 colleagues asked the Justice Department and the FBI to investigate every one of them.

Frederick Douglass is often called the father of the civil rights movement. He was the first civil rights leader to call publicly for abolishing the death penalty. He said its roots were intertwined with the roots of the lynching tree. Both had to be cut down.

I learned the path thirty years ago at the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. The Eighth Amendment bans cruel and unusual punishment. The Supreme Court judges what is unusual by looking at the states. In 2005, once most states had barred executing children, the Court ended the practice. The threshold for ending the death penalty is 26 states.

We have 23. We need three.

Ohio is closest. Its Republican governor, Mike DeWine, has not carried out a single execution. In June he called for abolition. Pennsylvania’s governor, Josh Shapiro, refuses to sign death warrants. North Carolina has not executed anyone in twenty years.

Much of the country is moving the other way. States executed 47 people last year, the most since 2009. Florida alone killed 19. In January 2025 the president signed an order pressing states to seek more death sentences.

These are hard times. We carry many fights. We cannot sit this one down.

Two weeks before he died, Troy asked me to be an uncle to his nephew, De’Jaun. I said yes. I had known him since he was three. Today he is an engineer, helping build a dental school in Savannah, his uncle’s hometown. Troy should have lived to see it.

Three states. Call your governor. Call your legislators. Douglass told us to cut down both trees. One is still standing. And it is time for the lights to stay on in Georgia.

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Implementing small gestures in marriage matter

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



Yes, it is extremely special and beneficial for couples to go on vacation, date, apply the five love languages in marriages but small gestures are also necessary and vital for building a long lasting, healthy, and loving marriage. Additionally, small gestures in marriage can sometimes excel the major marital adventures like trips, romantic dinners, etc.

Why does implementing small gestures in marriage matter? Implementing small gestures in marriage can have the following benefits:

- Promote bonding
- Builds trust
- Improves one’s mood
- Can be considered as a form of foreplay that can lead to sufficient and efficient intimacy
- Effective Communication/listening increases
- Promotes empathy, care, passion, compassion, etc.
- Spouses simply tend to be happier overall
- Your love grows
- Grow as one

What are simple gestures that spouses can engage in that can significantly positively impact their marriage? They are as follows:

- Praying together daily
- Greet each other in the morning; I’m not a morning person in anyway; however, my husband and I always ask each other, “How did you sleep?” We briefly discuss minor household duty obligations before leaving for work, and we always express, “I love you,” and on the days I am not upset with him (I feel bad though on those days when you consider the what if’s, etc.) - he kisses me every morning before he leaves to work
- Check in daily with each other
- Help with household chores
- Assist with the children – you both are responsible for the children

- Small acts of services like helping with errands – grocery store pickups, hanging each other’s clothes, grabbing a bottle of water out of the fridge, peeling an orange, etc. (husbands if your wives are trying to maintain her nails, please peel the oranges – Big Daddy does it most times)
- Hugging each other
- Expressing your gratitude and appreciation for each other
- Communicating and listening
- Affection matters like holding hands – see the information below regarding the benefits of holding hands

According to Health Experts like the Hello Relish Website, there are serious benefits to spouses holding one another’s hands. The benefits are as follows:

1. Provides a sense of security – Holding hands creates a sense of grounding and reassurance that we belong in this human-to-human habitat.
2. Decreases Stress – Studies found that when people in stressful situations held their partners’ hand, their heart rate and blood pressure were lowered. Their cortisol (stress hormone) level was also significantly reduced.
3. Boost Oxytocin – Physical touch with a partner like cuddling, hugging, and hand holding triggers the release of oxytocin. Oxytocin is often called, the love hormone” because it is released during an orgasm.
4. Strengthens Your Bond – Holding hands with your partner regularly strengthens your connection and encourages the development of the following essential feelings: empathy, compassion, and trust.
5. Relieves Pain – Reaching for your partner’s hand when you are in distress helps you experience less discomfort and greater security.
6. A Language of Love – Hand holding is a simple, readily available way to show your partner that you love and value them.
7. Heart Healthy – Holding hands can reduce blood pressure and lower your heart rate.

The loving touch of holding your partner’s hand might save your life.

8. Soothes Anxiety – Physical touch, like holding hands, can soothe anxiety before feelings of anxiousness, etc. before it becomes overwhelming.
9. Counteracts Loneliness – Holding the hand of another person provides immediate physical feedback that interrupts that feeling of loneliness and replaces it with feelings of acceptance, belonging, and love.
10. Syncs Brain Waves – Finally, scientists found that a couple’s brainwaves can sync up when they are touching – but most dramatically when they are touching – holding hands. Synched brainwaves mean partners feel a greater sense of connection and empathy for one another. These emotions are fundamental for a strong intimate relationship.

All in all, it doesn’t require: a lot of money, a lot of your time, special planning and it doesn’t cost anything or little to nothing to engage in incorporating small gestures like holding hands in marriage.

In conclusion, my grandparents, who are now deceased, didn’t incorporate major/fancy dates, etc. in their marriage. Yet, they engaged in small gestures centered around sweet tea, their front porch, rocking chairs, and meaningful conversations which led to their loving fifty plus union. Spouses, it is nice to do the “big stuff,” in marriage but implementing small gestures in marriage matters too. Will you?

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8855815 • 2003/

MERCURY/GRAND MARQUIS/4 DOOR/WHITE • 2MEFM75WX3X627846

8855882 • 2003/HONDA/ELEMENT/SPORTS UTILITY/GREEN • 5J6YH28593L053011

8855890 • 1998/NISSAN/ALTIMA/4 DOOR/BLACK • 1N4DL01D8WC138165

8855931 • 1996/NISSAN/MAXIMA/4 DOOR/BLACK • JN1CA21D1TT135999

8855955 • 2018/CHEVROLET/TRAX/SPORTS UTILITY/SILVER • 3GNCJKSB2JL358653

8855978 • 2005/CHEVROLET/IMPALA/4 DOOR/GOLD • 2G1WF52E859274728

8858479 • 2011/CADILLAC/DTS/4 DOOR/RED • 1G6KA5E6XBU110570

8858494 • 2005/CADILLAC/DEVILLE/4 DOOR/SILVER • 1G6KD54Y85U245626

8858538 • 2001/NISSAN/MAXIMA/4 DOOR/RED • JN1CA31D51T833616

8858571 • -/OTHER-NOT FOUND/OTHER/ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE/GREEN • L6ZSCKLA9P1001238

8858931 • 1996/TOYOTA/COROLLA/4 DOOR/GRAY • 1NXBA02E6TZ378668

8858991 • 2001/HYUNDAI/SANTA FE/SPORTS UTILITY/BLACK • KM8SC83D71U096454

8859032 • 1998/TOYOTA/TACOMA/OTHER/BLACK • 4TAWN72N9WZ161010

8859037 • 2008/MERCURY/MILAN/4 DOOR/SILVER • 3MEHM08128R628799

8859050 • 2003/FORD/F150/OTHER/WHITE • 2FTRX17W83CA55425

8859074 • 2016/JEEP/PATRIOT/SPORTS UTILITY/BLUE • 1C4NJPBB7GD763579

8859080 • 2002/CHEVROLET/TRAILBLAZER/SPORTS UTILITY/WHITE • 1GNDT13S422295341

8859127 • 1999/MERCURY/GRAND MARQUIS/4 DOOR/WHITE • 2MEFM74W9XX630180

8859303 • 2002/FORD/EXPLORER/SPORTS UTILITY/BLUE • 1FMDU74WX2UA79472

8859316 • 2003/CHEVROLET/IMPALA/4 DOOR/GRAY • 2G1WH52K339439646

8859335 • 2003/NISSAN/XTERRA/SPORTS UTILITY/WHITE • 5N1ED28T53C683980

8859396 • 2007/CHRYSLER/PACIFICA/SPORTS UTILITY/RED • 2A8GM78X47R175356

8861479 • 2017/OTHER-

NOT FOUND/OTHER/TRAILER/BLACK • 5RHCT1622HH002843

8861547 • 2008/NISSAN/ALTIMA/4 DOOR/RED • 1N4AL21E08N494253

8861632 • 2015/HYUNDAI/SONATA/4 DOOR/BLACK • 5NPE34AF1FH022446

8861651 • 1998/FORD/EXPLORER/SPORTS UTILITY/BLACK • 1FMYU24E9WUB23110

8861657 • 2006/LINCOLN/OTHER/4 DOOR/WHITE • 3LNHM261X6R627991

8861675 • -/TOYOTA/CAMRY/4 DOOR/SILVER • 4T1BG22K3YU708130

8861693 • 1998/INFINITI/I30/4 DOOR/GRAY • JNKCA21A5WT610544

8861738 • 2014/TOYOTA/COROLLA/4 DOOR/GRAY • 5YFBURHE0EP093732

8861935 • 2009/TOYOTA/CAMRY/4 DOOR/GOLD • 4T1BK46K39U074999

8862010 • 2006/NISSAN/ALTIMA/4 DOOR/GRAY • 1N4AL11E06N334784

8862066 • 2001/CHEVROLET/TAHOE/SPORTS UTILITY/SILVER • 1GNEC13TX1J130363

8862083 • 2007/FORD/TAURUS/4 DOOR/SILVER • 1FAFP56U97A199931

8862111 • 2020/KIA/FORTE/4 DOOR/GRAY • 3KPF24AD3LE148135

8862124 • 2000/MERCURY/GRAND MARQUIS/4 DOOR/GOLD • 2MEFM75W0YX621755

8862142 • 1988/CHEVROLET/GMT-400/OTHER/MULTI-COLOR • 2GCDK14K4J1200332

8862144 • 2013/CHEVROLET/CRUZE/4 DOOR/BLUE • 1G1PE5SB7D7144470

8864104 • 2011/TOYOTA/CAMRY/4 DOOR/BLACK • 4T1BF3EK8BU209674

8864178 • 2013/HYUNDAI/ELANTRA/4 DOOR/WHITE • 5NPDH4AE0DH285352

8864281 • 2005/FORD/TAURUS/4 DOOR/WHITE • 1FAFP53U55A252447

8864612 • 2007/CHEVROLET/SILVERADO/OTHER/TAN • 1GCEC19V57E140950

8871593 • 2013/DODGE/AVENGER/4 DOOR/BLACK • 1C3CDZABXDN536120

8872250 • 2007/CHEVROLET/IMPALA/4 DOOR/BLUE • 2G1WS55R479191259C118

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8879600 • -/OTHER-

NOT FOUND/OTHER/ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE/RED • 3JB3GA548RJ000272

8912537 • 2006/HONDA/MC - CBR-SERIES/MOTORCYCLE/BLUE • JH2PC37046M309184

8912552 • 2002/SUZUKI/OTHER/MOTORCYCLE/BLACK • JS1GN7BA322102473

8912578 • 2008/YAMAHA/YZFR6/MOTORCYCLE/BLUE • JYARJ06E38A036709

8936757 • 2006/KAWASAKI/OTHER/MOTORCYCLE/BLUE • JKAEXMF166DA18252

9398417 • 2015/FORD/EXPEDITION/SPORTS UTILITY/OTHER • 1FMJK1JT4FEF48054

9409126 • 2000/MERCURY/GRAND MARQUIS/4 DOOR/WHITE • 2MEFM75W4YX667802

9413048 • 1995/CHEVROLET/TAHOE/SPORTS UTILITY/GREEN • 1GNEK13K5SJ366625

9422210 • 2007/TOYOTA/CAMRY/4 DOOR/SILVER • 4T1BK46K67U549591

9422247 • 2003/FORD/EXPLORER/SPORTS UTILITY/WHITE • 1FMZU63K53ZA91435

9429288 • 2024/OTHER-NOT FOUND/OTHER/OTHER/BLUE • L2BB9NCC3RB518391

9433014 • 2012/HONDA/CIVIC/4 DOOR/BLUE • 19XFB2F84CE343922

9433045 • 2004/CHEVROLET/SILVERADO/OTHER/BLUE • 2GCEC19V841170375

9433095 • 2001/LINCOLN/TOWN CAR/4 DOOR/TAN • 1LNHM83W31Y653121

9446157 • 2005/GMC/SIERRA/PICK UP/BLUE • 2GTEK13T851124329

9446412 • 2003/HYUNDAI/SANTA FE/SPORTS UTILITY/BLACK • KM8SC13E53U514156

9449542 • 2006/NISSAN/ALTIMA/4 DOOR/SILVER • 1N4AL11D96C237537

9469463 • 2017/FORD/FUSION/4 DOOR/BLACK • 3FA6P0H7XHR278025

9469519 • 2005/CHEVROLET/SILVERADO/PICK UP/GRAY • 1GCEC14X65Z274395

9469597 • -/HONDA/OTHER/RECREATIONAL VEH/RED • 1HFTE3500A4303580

9470415 • 1999/ISUZU/OTHER/SPORTS UTILITY/ORANGE • 4S2CK58W0X4337045

9472704 • 2e005/JEEP/LIBERTY/SPORTS UTILITY/BLUE • 1J4GK48K15W540459

LEGAL

ORDINANCE GRANTING DMG REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS SBC, LLC A REZONING FROM I-1 (LIGHT) INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO CMU-1 (COMMUNITY) MIXED-USE DISTRICT, PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED TO ALLOW FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE RECREATIONAL CENTER TO MULTI-FAMILY UNITS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 800 E. RIVER PL. (PARCELS 1008-2, 1008-43 & 1032-1). CASE NO. 4337.

WHEREAS, DMG Real Estate Holdings SBC, LLC. has filed a petition to rezone the property located at 800 E. River Pl. (Parcels 1008-2, 1008-43 & 1032-1), in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for the conversion of the recreational center to multi-family units; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the property from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for the conversion of the recreational center to multi-family units; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, August 17, 2026 to consider said change based upon the record of the case as developed before the Jackson City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Jackson City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on July 2, 2026 and July 16, 2026 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on July 22, 2026, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board has offered the recommendation to rezone the above described property from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for the conversion of the recreational center to multi-family units; and

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

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

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

Parcel 1032-1

That certain part of Lot 3, of Section 2, Township 5 North, Range 1 East, Hinds County, Mississippi, described as follows:

Commencing at the center of said Section 2, run East for a distance of 1116.99 feet, more or less, to the point of intersection of said line with the East right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 55, in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, which point of intersection is on the North line of said Lot 3 and the Point of Beginning of the parcel of land hereby described; thence run South 31 degrees 05 minutes East along said right-of-way line for a distance of 271.9 feet to a point; thence run South 08 degrees 11 minutes West along said right-of-way line for a distance of 119.71 feet to a point (which point is the Point of Beginning of that certain boundary line established and described in the Boundary Line Agreement, dated July 23, 1976, and recorded in Book 2386 at Page 611 of the records in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, between Capitol Broadcasting Company and Robert N. Stockett); thence leaving said right-of-way line run South 80 degrees 36 minutes East along said boundary line for a distance of 600 feet, more or less, to a point on the line between Hinds and Rankin Counties, Mississippi (being the center line of the Old River Bed of the Pearl River); thence meander Northwesterly along the line between Hinds and Rankin Counties (following the center line of the Old River Bed of the Pearl River) for a distance of 600 feet, more or less, to the point of intersection of the North line of said Lot 3 as extended with the line between Hinds and Rankin Counties; and thence run West along the North line of Lot 3 for a distance of 437.64 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning of the parcel of land hereby described.

LESS AND EXCEPT: Property conveyed to the City of Jackson, MS, dated March 8, 2011, in Book 7116 at Page 7527.

LESS AND EXCEPT: Property conveyed to Treehouse, Inc, in Book 2816 at Page 7009.

Parcel 1008-43

Lot 12, East River Place, according to a map or plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi,

Parcel 1008-2

Commencing at the concrete monument marking the South right-of-way line of East Fortification Street, as extended, in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, and the East right-of-way line of U.S. Interstate Highway No. 55 ("I-55"), run thence Southerly along said I-55 right-of-way line for a distance of 1149.6 feet to the Point of Beginning of the property herein described and conveyed; thence turn to the left through an angle of 90 degrees, and run South 70 degrees 46 minutes East for a distance of 600.0 feet, more or less, to the centerline of the Old Channel of the Pearl River; thence turn to the right and run along the centerline of said channel for a distance of 360.0 feet, more or less, to the Southeast corner of the property of Grantors (being the Southeast corner of the property herein described); thence turn to the right and run due West for a distance of 572.3 feet, more or less, to a point on the East right-of-way line of the High Street interchange to I-55; thence turn to the right and run North 28 degrees 57 minutes West along said right-of-way line for a distance of 122.7 feet to a point; and thence continue to run along said right-of-way around a curve to the right, having a radius of 616.2 feet for a distance of 407.01 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning, being situated in the NE ¼ of Section 2, Township 5 North, Range 1 East, Hinds County, Mississippi, and containing 5.45 acres, more or less.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the of the property located at 800 E. River Pl. (Parcels 1008-2, 1008-43 & 1032-1) from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to CMU-1 (Community) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for the conversion of the recreational center to multi-family units. However, that before any structure is erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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

Council Member Parkinson moved adoption; Council Member Brown-Thomas seconded.

Yeas – Brown-Thomas, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley and Parkinson.
Nays – None.
Absent – Clay and Stokes.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Zoning Council Meeting August 17, 2026 and recorded in Minute Book "7D, Pgs. 1162-1164".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 15th day of September, 2026.


Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

9/24/2026

LEGAL

RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NETRA COOPER, DECEASED CAUSE NO. P2025-430 G/2

PETITIONER: GABRIELLE COOPER

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF NETRA COOPER, DECEASED

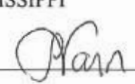
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Gabrielle Cooper Petitioner, seeking the adjudication of heirs of Netra Cooper, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. o'clock, on the 19th day of October, 2026, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hinds County before Honorable Tiffany Grove, Chancellor. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 9th day of September, 2026.

EDDIE JEAN CARR
CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI

BY: 



9/17/2026, 9/24/2026, 10/01/2026

LEGAL

ORDINANCE GRANTING MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS ALLIANCE INC. A REZONING FROM R-5 (MULTI-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-1 (RESTRICTED) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 720 N. PRESIDENT ST (PARCELS: 36-27, 36-26 & 36-26-1) TO ALLOW FOR THE OPERATION OF A PROFESSIONAL OFFICE. CASE NO. 4336.

WHEREAS, Mississippi Business Alliance Inc. has filed a petition to rezone the property located at 720 N. President St (Parcels: 36-27, 36-26 & 36-26-1), in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi from R-5 (Multi-family) Residential District to C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District to allow for the operation of a professional office; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the property from R-5 (Multi-family) Residential District to C-1 (Resticted) Commercial District to allow for the operation of a professional office; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, August 17, 2026 to consider said change based upon the record of the case as developed before the Jackson City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Jackson City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on July 2, 2026 and July 16, 2026 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on July 22, 2026, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board has offered the recommendation to rezone the above described property from R-5 (Multi-family) Residential District to C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District to allow for the operation of a professional office; and

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

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

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

Parcel of land being Lot 7 and part of Lot of Institute Survey as recorded in Plat Book I, at Page 34, in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Binds County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the East line of North President Street, said point being 193.4 feet North from the North line of George Street and also being designated as the southwest corner of Lot 7, Institute Survey; run thence northerly 96. 5 feet to a point on the East line ofNorth President Street: thence turn right through 89 degrees 40 minutes and run easterly 160 feet to a point on the East line of Lot 6, Institute Survey: thence run southerly along the East line of Lots 6 and 7 of said Institute Survey a distance of 98.5 feet to the southeast corner of Lot 7, Institute Survey: thence westerly along the South line of Lot 7 a distance of 160 feet to the point of beginning.

That certain parcel of land in the "Institute Survey" of Five Acre Lot, Five, North, and the North half of the North three-quarters of Ten Acre Lot Ten, North Jackson, filed for record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi, First Judicial District and particularly described as: beginning at a point on the line between Lots Six and Fourteen, which point is 19 feet North of the southeast corner of said Lot Six; run thence North along the Eastern boundary line of said Lot Six 61 feet to the Northeast corner thereof; thence West along the northern boundary line of said Lot Six 160 feet

to the Northwest corner. of said Lot Six; thence South 63.5 feet along the East line of President Street to a point 16.5 feet North of the Southwest corner of

said Lot Six of said Institute Survey; thence Easterly in a straight line 160 feet to the point of beginning; together with all the improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto belonging.

Parcel 36-26 and Parcel 36-26-1

Parcel of land being Lot 7 and pail of Lot 6 of Institute Survey as recorded in Plat Book 1, at Page 34, in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Binds County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the East line of North President Street, said point being 193.4 feet Nmih from the N01ih line of George Street and also being designated as the southwest corner of Lot 7, Institute Survey; run thence northerly 96. 5 feet to a point on the East line ofNorth President Street: thence turn right through 89 degrees 40 minutes and run easterly 160 feet to a point on the East line of Lot 6, Institute Survey: thence run southerly along the East line of Lots 6 and 7 of said Institute Survey a distance of 98.5 feet to the southeast corner of Lot 7, Institute Survey: thence westerly along the South line of Lot 7 a distance of 160 feet to the point of beginning.

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is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the of the prope1iy located at 720 N. President St (Parcels: 36-27, 36-26 & 36-26-1) from R-5 (Multi-family) Residential District to C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District to allow for the operation of a professional office. However, that before any structure is erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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

Council Member Parkinson moved adoption; Council Member Grizzell seconded.

Yeas -Brown-Thomas, Foote, Hartley, Grizzell and Pai-kinson. Nays-None.
Absent- Clay and Stokes.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Zoning Council Meeting August 17, 2026 and recorded in Minute Book "7D, Pgs. 1160-1161".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 15th day of September 2026.

9/24/2026

LEGAL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE

JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, October 7, 2026 AT 11:00aM IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

NEW BUSINESS

CASE NO. HPNC-26-29
LOCATION: 1525 DEVINE ST (PARCEL 9-253)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: JOHN SHARP
REQUEST: ADD SUPPORT COLUMNS FOR PRINCESS BALCONY

CASE NO. HPNC-26-30
LOCATION: 1331 ST MARY ST (PARCEL 16-39)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: WALT WOFFORD
AMENDED REQUEST: CONSTRUCT A STORAGE ROOM ON THE NORTH ELEVATION OF THE HOME

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
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P R E S E R V E D

There's an 'APP' for that

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



A few years ago, I had a conversation with a friend about how someone she knew bragged about using an app instead of going to church. Since my friend was an active churchgoer, she could not understand how you could get the same sense of spiritual intimacy with God by using a smartphone. She explained how she could see how using digital and live streaming services could provide a way for those who

could not get to church because of work, illness, or another reason to enjoy the worship experience. The shift to more online services during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic made using social media as part of worship the norm.

In many ways, I agreed with my friend back then and still do about how hard it is to duplicate the powerful transformation that takes place during a church service with a smartphone app. But like so many others, even though I've returned to attending church services face to face, I still use my smartphone for many things, including daily

devotionals for encouragement, and see the benefits of churches using social media as part of their outreach. I agree with my friend that reading a daily inspirational word from a smartphone app is not the same as being in church. However, worshipping online during the pandemic related shutdown made me realize that connection with God is not limited to a building; God's presence can find us anywhere if we are open to receiving it.

After our conversation, I continued to think about how God has already given us an APP that we can use whether we have a smartphone or not.

God's APP is the Appointed Purposeful Prayer (APP). A smartphone must have enough memory (space), and often wireless internet and data to access an app. Likewise, we must be empty enough of our stuff (emotional and spiritual baggage) as well as open enough to talk to and receive from God. I've been through seasons in my life where because of my baggage, I didn't want to pray to God and even if I had prayed, the prayer would not have been answered because of the wrong motivations. James 4:2-3 warns us about asking for things with the wrong intentions. But let-

ting go of my baggage and submitting myself to hear His will changed my life because I was then able to use God's APP.

A search for the word prayer in the Bible shows that there are over 150 references for the word prayer and over 360 for the word pray. Out of these references, there are details of the various types of prayer like the prayer of thanksgiving (Colossians 1:3), the prayer of repentance (Psalm 51), and of course, the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13).

God's APP is appointed because it is prayed at the right time and in the right season of your life, purposeful because it

focuses on God-ordained tasks and prayer is the most effective method of communication with God. Using God's APP doesn't guarantee that you will always get the things that you want when you want them. But like any app, it will keep you connected... when you need it the most.

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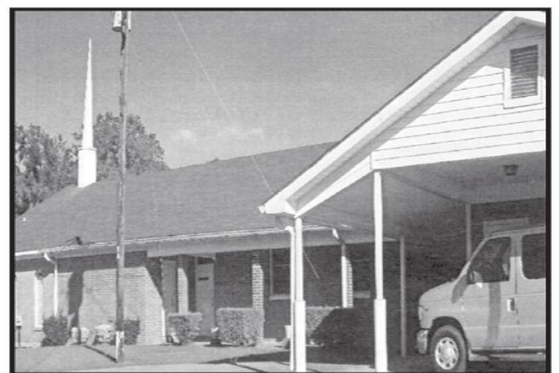


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Why health concerns matter when choosing a pet

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Buying a pet is exciting, joyful and often life-changing. But before you bring home a new companion, it's important to understand the health concerns that come with owning an animal. A pet can improve your well-being, but it can also introduce risks if you're not prepared. This article will walk you through the major health issues to consider so you can make a smart, safe decision for yourself, your family, and your new furry friend.

The moment you adopt a pet, you're adding a living creature to your home, one that eats, sheds, plays and sometimes gets sick. Pets can carry germs, trigger allergies and require regular medical care. Understanding these concerns ahead of time helps you protect your health and the pet's health. It also helps you choose the right animal for your lifestyle.

One of the biggest health concerns people face when getting a pet is allergies. Many people are allergic to pet dander, saliva or urine. Even animals that are labeled "hypoallergenic" can still trigger reactions.

Signs you may have a pet allergy include:

- Sneezing or coughing
- Itchy or watery eyes
- Skin rashes
- Trouble breathing

If you or someone in your home has asthma, allergies can make symptoms worse. Before adopting, spend time around the type of animal you want. Visit a shelter, a friend's house or a breeder to see how your



body reacts. It's better to know ahead of time than to discover the problem after the pet is already living with you.

Pets can carry diseases that pass to humans. These are called zoonotic diseases and while many are rare, they are still important to understand.

Common zoonotic risks include:

- Salmonella from reptiles, birds, or contaminated pet food
- Ringworm, a fungal infection that spreads through touch
- Toxoplasmosis from cat litter
- Parasites like fleas, ticks, and worms
- Rabies, which is deadly but

preventable with vaccines

Young children, older adults and people with weakened immune systems are more likely to get sick from these infections. If you fall into one of these groups, talk with a veterinarian about which pets are safest.

Good hygiene such as washing hands, cleaning cages and keeping litter boxes tidy goes a long way toward preventing illness.

Even friendly pets can bite or scratch when scared, excited or stressed. Dogs and cats are the most common animals involved in bite injuries, but small animals like hamsters or

birds can also cause harm.

Bites can lead to:

- Skin infections
- Scarring
- Nerve damage
- Rabies (in rare cases)

Training your pet, socializing them early and supervising children around animals can reduce the risk. If you're adopting a dog, ask about its behavior history. If you're adopting a cat, find out how it reacts to handling.

A pet's size can affect your health more than you might expect. Large dogs can accidentally knock people over, especially older adults or anyone with balance issues. Strong breeds may pull hard on a leash, causing falls or shoulder injuries.

If you have mobility challenges, chronic pain or balance problems, consider a smaller or calmer animal. A gentle senior dog or a cat might be a better fit than a high-energy puppy.

Pets change your home environment. Some of those changes can affect your health.

Indoor air quality:

Pet hair and dander can build up in carpets, furniture and air vents. This can worsen allergies or asthma. Regular cleaning and using air purifiers can help.

Litter boxes and cages:

Poorly cleaned cages or litter boxes can attract insects, create odors and spread germs. If you choose a pet that needs a cage, commit to cleaning it often.

Noise:

Loud barking or squawking can increase stress levels. If you're sensitive to noise, think

carefully before choosing a loud pet.

A pet's health needs can affect your financial health. Veterinary care can be expensive, especially for animals with chronic conditions.

Costs to consider include:

- Vaccines
- Spay or neuter surgery
- Emergency visits
- Dental care
- Flea and tick prevention
- Special diets

If you're not prepared for these expenses, your pet's health and your peace of mind can suffer. Before adopting, research typical costs for the type of pet you want.

Your personal health plays a big role in choosing the right pet.

If you have asthma:

Avoid animals that shed heavily or produce strong odors.

If you have allergies:

Spend time around the animal first and consider allergy-friendly cleaning routines.

If you have limited mobility:

Choose a pet that doesn't require heavy lifting, long walks or fast reflexes.

If you have a weakened immune system:

Talk with your doctor and a veterinarian before adopting. Some pets, like reptiles or very young animals, carry higher infection risks.

Pets can reduce stress, ease loneliness and bring joy. But they also require time, energy and emotional commitment.

If you're dealing with depression, anxiety or high stress, a pet can help, but only if you're

ready for the responsibility. Caring for an animal can be overwhelming if your mental health is already strained.

Think about:

- Your daily schedule
- Your energy level
- Whether you have support from family or friends

A pet should add comfort, not pressure.

Here are some general guidelines:

- Dogs: Great companions but require exercise, training and regular grooming. Good for active people.

- Cats: Lower maintenance than dogs but still need care. Good for people who want affection without constant activity.

- Fish: Very low allergy risk but require clean tanks and water changes.

- Birds: Beautiful and social but can be noisy and produce dust that affects breathing.

- Reptiles: Interesting pets but carry higher risks of salmonella.

- Small mammals (hamsters, guinea pigs): Cute and manageable but can bite and need clean cages.

Match the pet's needs with your health, lifestyle, and home environment.

Bringing home a pet is a big decision. It's not just about choosing an animal you like, it's about choosing one that fits your health, your home and your life. When you understand the health concerns ahead of time, you can create a safe, happy environment for both you and your new companion.



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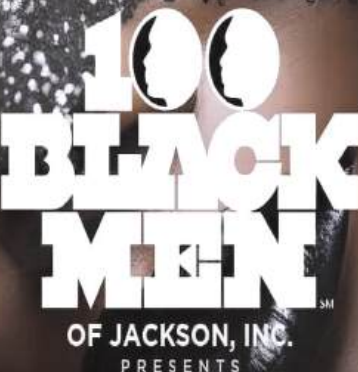
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Brittany Cain customizes fashion from her ‘She Shed’

By Janice K. Neal-Vincent, Ph.D.
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While on bedrest with her younger daughter, Brittany Cain realized that she could learn the art of sewing. During a recent interview, she voiced that she turned to YouTube and taught herself how to sew. She became fascinated with the beauty of sewing while watching countless tutorials.

“I always wanted to learn how to sew because I loved the idea of creating custom, one-of-a-kind clothing. With two daughters competing in pageants, purchasing pageant outfits could become expensive, so learning to sew made sense to reduce costs,” voiced Cain. This realization not only produced cost-reduction, but it gave rise to another outlet. Other pageant moms were mesmerized by the interviewee’s meticulous devotion to detail in the outfit she made for her older daughter. They began asking her to make outfits for their daughters.

“That’s how my sewing business got started,” said Cain. What did Cain learn from the tutorials? “I’ve learned that there is more than one way to accomplish a task when sewing. From the tutorials and resources available online, I’ve discovered different techniques for achieving the same result. Finding the method that works for you helps you achieve the look you envision, Cain stated. In that vein, she acknowledged that hemming is the easiest technique for her, while tailoring dresses for the perfect fit is the most challenging.

The seamstress has been sewing professionally for nine years. Her primary clientele consists of



Brittany Cain takes pride in creating a garment to perfection. PHOTOS BY JANICE K. NEAL-VINCENT

young pageant girls, ages 0-10. She shared that she’s had “amazing experiences,” and it’s been a joy to watch them grow over the years. She recollected, “One of my most memorable experiences was being featured in a television news segment, where four of my customers joined me and proudly modeled outfits I created for them.”

Cain acknowledged that quality sewing requires patience. Rushing can create mistakes that could be avoided. Also, no two customers are alike. While some have specific requests, others allow creative expression from her artistry.

The seamstress likes to begin her day early and sew while

her children are at school. That way, when they return home, she can spend quality time with them. On weekends, she wakes up around 5:00 a.m. and starts sewing.

Cain has several sewing machines. But her favorite machine is the newest edition – an industrial sewing machine – that was a recent graduation gift. From that machine she can sew different types of fabric.

Enjoying the art of experimentation, Cain indicated that she is most comfortable sewing horse-hair braid into the hems of dresses. This provides several things. The fabric is given structure and a smooth, polished and professional finish is created.



To ensure accuracy for body measurements and cutting fabric, the visionary has each customer complete an order form that includes all the measurements needed to create the garment. To better understand the customer’s body shape, the seamstress requests photos. Viewing the photos allows Cain to resort to the best possible fit.

All jobs bring with them challenges. But when goals are for achievement, dedication matters and takes priority over everything else. The skillful designer understands that sometimes “things don’t always go as planned.” In that regard, seeking solutions for positive outcomes are helpful for both the customer

and her.

“Most recently, I created a dress that ended up being too small for a customer because of the dress’s unique design and intricate details. I had to completely take it apart and restart the construction process to achieve the proper fit,” said the seamstress. All was not lost. Cain was able to restore the dress to “a perfect fit” after eight hours of work.

When it comes to patterns, the creative has a dual approach. While she purchases printed patterns online, she also designs her own patterns. “When I can’t find what I’m looking for, I design my own patterns from scratch. Some outfits require intricate

details or specific designs, so I make adjustments and modifications to ensure each piece comes together, just the way I envisioned it,” the creative claimed.

On another note, the professional seamstress keeps a calendar in her she shed for organizational purposes. It is essential to keep track of all orders. “Each order has its own designated bin, where I store all the materials and supplies needed for that specific project. According to Cain, “this system helps me stay organized and ensures that nothing gets misplaced.”

Cain does not believe in cluttering items. To combat it, she focuses on one project at a time. She manages to keep her workspace clean by staying organized, maintaining her focus and avoiding mistakes.

Does Cain free herself from the labor of sewing? She needs time to “recharge” and “avoid feeling overwhelmed.” After completing several outfits in a short period, she takes breaks that can range from two weeks to two months, “depending on how much time I need,” said she.

What advice does the creative give to people who desire to sew but don’t have the courage to do so? She suggests that you start with small, simple projects and gradually challenge yourself as your skills and confidence grow. She believes that you can make it if you try. “I started by making simple dresses, and over time, I worked my way up to creating more detailed and intricate pageant dresses,” she vocalized.

For further inquiry, Brittany Cain can be contacted via Facebook and Instagram: Brittany Cain Designs.

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Don’t let scammers crash your school year

Source: Oakland Post

Today’s students and young adults are true digital natives, having grown up online, learning to navigate digital spaces as a normal part of daily life. As they transition to college, they turn to digital platforms and social media for everything from apartment hunting and job searches to shopping, banking and talking with friends.

That familiarity, however, can create a false sense of security, making younger adults just as much of a target for fraud and scams as older individuals. According to the FBI’s Internet Crime Report, Americans ages 20–29 reported more than \$500 million to internet-crime losses in 2025.

As scammers become more sophisticated, including using AI, students need to be more vigilant than ever about fraud and scams. Understanding the most common ones can help you avoid becoming a victim.

Common Scams Targeting Students

Online shopping and marketplace scams

Whether you’re furnishing a dorm, moving into an apartment or buying textbooks, online deals and secondhand marketplaces can help you save money while also creating more opportunities for scammers.

Buy from official and trusted retailers whenever possible, double check website URLs for misspellings or other red flags, and make sure the site uses https://. Be wary of deals that seem too good to be true as well. Avoid clicking links in unsolicited emails or text messages, including fake “missed delivery” notifications that often lead to fraudulent websites or malware.

Before making a purchase, read seller reviews and ratings. If you’re buying locally, meet in a safe public place and inspect the item before paying.

Job scams

As students are returning to school this fall, some may be looking for part-time jobs or internships. Scammers target students with fake jobs offering high salaries, flexible schedules or jobs you can do from your residence hall, apartment or home.

If you receive a job offer by text, email, or direct message – be cautious, especially if you never applied to work at that company. Always use well-known job boards and then apply directly through the company’s official website.

Also, if an employer asks you to pay upfront for training, equipment, background checks or application fees, it may be a sign of a scam. Legitimate companies will never charge you to get a job. They also won’t send you money and then ask you to return a portion of it.

Rental and housing scams

Scammers know student housing is in high demand. They’ll often post fake apartment listings or copy legitimate ones to trick po-



tential renters into sending money for a deposit.

Rental prices that seem unusually low should raise a red flag. Use a reverse image search to see if photos of the property appear on a different website or in a different location. Research unfamiliar property managers or housing websites before sending money, and avoid paying deposits through wire transfers, gift cards or peer-to-peer payment apps.

Double check the address, read online reviews of the property management company and schedule a tour of the house or apartment before signing a lease or sending a deposit. That way, you’ll know the listing and location is real.

The influence of AI

Thanks to artificial intelligence, scammers can now create cloned voices and deepfake videos, along with fraudulent emails, text messages and even websites and apps that look real. These AI tools let scammers impersonate family members, employers, banks, law enforcement, delivery companies and trusted brands to get you to send money or share personal information.

How to protect yourself

No matter what type of scam you encounter, a few simple habits can go a long way toward reducing your risk:

Limit the personal information you share online and make social media profiles private whenever possible. This can help reduce the information scammers can use to target you, guess your security questions or attempt to access your financial accounts.

When you’re making a payment, use more protected methods, such as credit and debit cards, which generally offer stronger consumer protections than wire transfers, gift cards or peer-to-peer payment apps. Treat peer-to-peer payments, such as Zelle, like cash — once the money is sent, it’s often difficult to recover.

Scammers can spoof phone numbers to make calls look like they’re coming from your bank, law enforcement or another trusted organization. Don’t automatically trust your caller ID – if you get a call demanding immediate action or claiming there’s a problem with your account, hang up and call back directly using a verified phone number. Banks will never call and ask you for account information, tell you to transfer money to ‘protect’ it or pressure

you to act immediately.

Don’t click links or download attachments from unexpected emails or text messages and avoid accessing your financial accounts or making online purchases on public Wi-Fi, where savvy cybercriminals can gain access to your login credentials.

Perhaps most importantly, slow down. Back-to-school season brings a flurry of financial decisions and scammers know students are looking for deals. They often create a false sense of urgency to try to pressure people into making quick decisions. Taking a few extra minutes to verify information can make the difference.

The bottom line

Whether you’re shopping for school supplies, searching for a job or signing your first lease if you’re entering college, your status as a student can make you a prime target for scammers.

Stay skeptical of unsolicited offers, verify before you pay or share personal information, and slow down when something feels rushed. Those simple habits can help protect your money, your identity and your peace of mind throughout the school year from scams and fraud.

For more financial health tips, visit chase.com/scamproof.

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BOOK REVIEW:

MAZYWOOD

BY TANANARIVE DUE

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

The brochure made it look so relaxing. Roomy accommodations, gourmet meals, personalized service, ample staff, and every wish fulfilled. Who wouldn't want a vacation at a place like that? It almost sounds too good to be true, doesn't it? In the new novel, "Mazywood" by Tananarive Due, it is. Johnny Washington needed a vacation. As a Hollywood screenwriter, his life was one long string of stress, and the latest problem

was the last straw. His daughters, Sharise and Imani, were teenagers now – Sharise would leave for college soon - but Johnny's wife, Tasha, just learned that she was pregnant again. Was that welcome news? They weren't quite sure yet. Then Tasha suggested a weekend getaway at Big Bear, to the lodge he'd inherited from his grandmother, Mazelle, putting Johnny even more on edge. The daughter of vaudeville entertainers, Mazelle Washington, had big dreams. One of them came true after she wished for a "best friend forever," and

she found a dirty stray dog on her way home, a dog that turned out to have a strange mental connection with her. Scout would do anything Mazelle wanted. Anything at all. A trained dog and a cute kid were Hollywood catnip and Mazelle and Scout became famous movie stars in racist roles that embarrassed Mazelle, but her contract kept the family afloat. Later, after being phased out of kiddie movies because of puberty, she took a brief hiatus before returning to Hollywood where, encouraged by the likes of Hattie McDaniel and Clark Gable,

she hoped to revive her career. Instead, she was contracted for a movie series in which she played a shiftless Jim-Crow-era maid the producer called "Lazy Mazy." When Mazelle learned that she'd been tricked, she angrily fled, purchasing a compound in the mountains, creating a retreat where Black entertainers were welcome. But Johnny was never welcome there. As a child, Mazelle terrified and abused him, and he couldn't forget. Nor could he forget seeing things scurrying beneath the snow outside his

grandmother's cabin... If you're looking for a good scary novel for your fall enjoyment, you really can't expect it from "Mazywood." This isn't a slasher kind of story, and there is no maniac to blame. Nothing will jump out at you here, and there's minimal blood. Instead, author Tananarive Due tells a good story while also making readers want to turn on all the lights and double-check the locks against an evil hides in a slyly implied, barely specified something, an unknown entity that could be lurking silently behind you right now, waiting for you to let down

your guard. Then, keeping you wrapped in that tale, Due makes you understand that those cautions won't help, that monsters know no boundaries. That makes readers squirm with a deliciously foreboding sense, starting at page one. Oh, and there's authenticity and history inside this novel, like icing on the cake. Kick off your front-of-the-fireplace, dark-of-night reading season with this nice, hefty book. Take "Mazywood," lock the doors, head to your easy chair, and never mind about relaxing.



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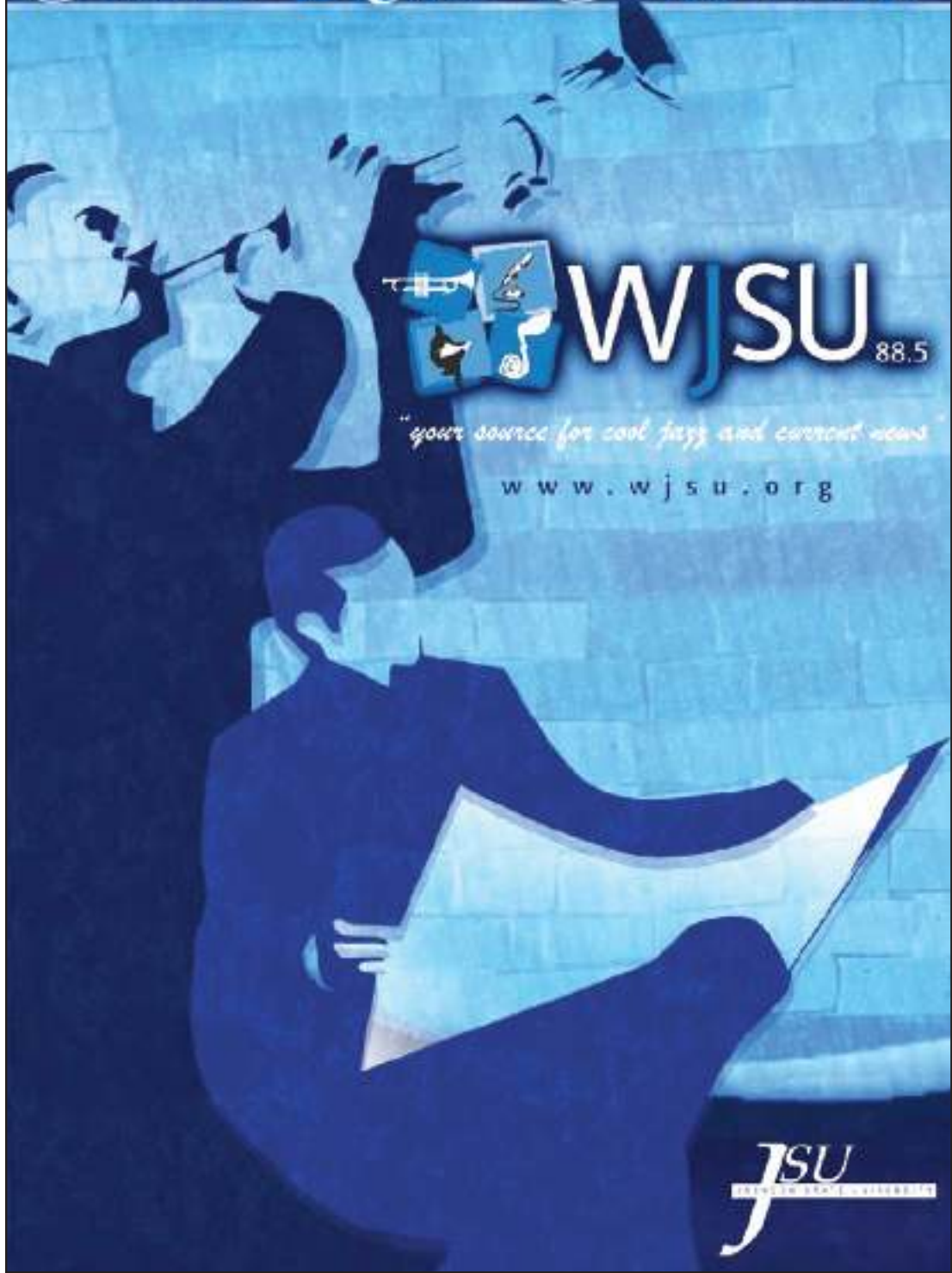
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Jackson State came out aggressive in the second half; pulls away from Tuskegee 41-7

By Tim Ward
Sports Writer

Sometimes the final score doesn't tell you how a game started. Tuskegee came into Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium ready to compete, and for a while, the Golden Tigers made Jackson State work for everything it got. But once the Tigers found their rhythm, the game changed in a hurry. Being off for a week allowed some rust to settle in. Jackson State used a big second half to pull away for a 41-7 victory in the W.C. Gorden Classic, improving to 3-0 in the season.

The first quarter was a defensive battle with neither team able to put points on the board. Jackson State finally broke through in the second when Andrew Ivaniciuc connected on a 42-yard field goal. Then quarterback Jared Lockhart started getting comfortable. Lockhart found Nate Rembert for a 39-yard touchdown strike, putting JSU up 10-0 going into halftime. But Tuskegee was still hanging around. That changed after halftime. Jackson State came out of the locker room with a different level of energy, and the offense started clicking. Lockhart connected with Nate Blount IV on a 15-yard touchdown before delivering one of the biggest plays of the night — an 84-yard touchdown pass to his brother, Jaden Lockhart. Just like that, Tiger Nation goes crazy.

Tuskegee answered when quarterback Bryson McGrew broke loose for a 17-yard touchdown run, but Jackson State didn't allow the Golden Tigers to build any momentum from it. JSU Quarterback Jared Lockhart went right back to work. He connected with Sebastien Saint-Louis for another touchdown, giving Jackson State three touchdown passes in the third quarter alone and pushing the lead to 31-7. JSU piled up 225 yards on only 12 offensive plays during that quarter. Momentum was on JSU's side.

Lockhart finished the night completing 21 of 30 passes for 376 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions. It was another strong performance from a quarterback who continues to look comfortable running the Jackson State offense. But he wasn't the only one having a good night. Junior running back, Nate Blount continued to make his presence felt out of the backfield. The Brandon High School product rushed for 108 yards on 14 carries while adding 41 receiving yards and a touchdown. His 149 yards from scrimmage led Jackson State and earned him Offensive MVP honors.



Head Coach TC Taylor holds up the WC Gorden Classic Trophy



Michael Johnson Jr Defensive MVP

Wide Receiver, Jaden Lockhart also gave the Tigers another explosive weapon on the outside, finishing with four receptions for 101 yards, highlighted by that 84-yard touchdown. And while the offense was putting points on the board, the Jackson State defense was doing its job. JSU held Tuskegee to 198 total yards and only 35 yards rushing. The Tigers recorded four sacks, forced two turnovers and kept pressure on Tuskegee throughout the night. Michael Johnson Jr. was named Defensive MVP after recording two sacks. The defense even got into the scoring column late. Keith Bass Jr. recovered a fumble in the end zone with 3:28 remaining, putting the finishing touches on the 41-7 victory. Jackson State finished the night with 492 yards of total offense compared with Tuskegee's 198. The Tigers also played clean football offensively, finishing without a turnover. But beyond the numbers, this was another opportunity for Jackson State to show what kind of team it wants



Sonic Boom drum majors

to be. Tuskegee came to Jackson State ready to fight. The Golden Tigers kept the game within reach during the first half and made Jackson State earn its separation. JSU responded. When it was time to turn things up, the Tigers did exactly that. Three games. Three wins. Now the attention shifts to something different. SWAC football.

Jackson State stays home and welcomes Southern University to The Vet on Saturday, Sept. 26, for the next chapter of the Boombox Classic. And

if night's se last week's performance is any indication, Jackson State is entering conference play with plenty of weapons and plenty of confidence. New Southern Head Coach Marshall Faulk is anxious to get his first SWAC win. Southern comes into the game 2-2 on the season. Stealing a victory over JSU will be the boost the program needs to give them confidence they can dethrone Prairie View in the western division of the SWAC. Head Coach TC Taylor is looking to show the rookie Southern



Jared Lockhart



Offensive MVP Nate Blount IV

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