

# U.S. Senate Candidate Scott Colom and Sen. Ralph Warnock energize voters at Rally in Jackson

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

“Mississippi Matters” has been a central theme for Scott Colom since he announced his campaign for the U.S. Senate race in September of 2025. He continues to convey the message that he is running for U.S. Senator because he believes Mississippi matters, and the people who work hard in the state of Mississippi deserves a senator who will work for them. Colom held a rally at his campaign headquarters, 811 River Place, in Jackson, Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2026, with doors opening 3:00 in the afternoon, alongside him was Senator Raphael Warnock, (D-GA).

Community members, faith leaders, and supporters from all across the state came to rally with the duo that had a strong message to deliver to the citizens of Mississippi and voters throughout the country.

Prior to the start of the rally, Colom took part in a private remote interview inside his campaign office with Journalist Madison Mills, representing the network MS Now. Colom allowed this MS Link writer to remain in his office during the interview. While the interview was taking place, droves of supporters with campaign signs were seen through the office



Senator Warnock is preparing to address crowd of enthusiastic crowd at rally. PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON

window that showed up early for the event that was scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m.

During the interview, Colom told Mills that he was having the time of his life on the campaign trail, having had the opportunity to meet so many Mississippians and hear their concerns. He said, “ I have done over 60 town halls, unlike our Junior Senator who has not done a town hall in over six years.” He was speaking of Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith. Colom further emphasized, “Not one

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Scott Colom addresses enthusiastic supporters.

## Right Here Among Us

*Legends are right here among us - our neighbors. Honor them with your vote*

By Christopher Young  
Contributing Writer

Election Day – Tuesday, November 3rd – just thirteen days away. It will be a critically important day in our state and in our nation. Who will “we the people” choose to represent us, to serve us, to stand up for our concerns? Historically, these mid-term elections draw much less voter turnout than in presidential election years. Nationally, four years ago, just 46 percent of eligible voters participated. In Mississippi the number was 32 percent – you guessed it, the lowest in the nation. In the 2024 Presidential election, the turnout rate for the nation was 64 percent. In Mississippi it was 57.5 percent. Only five states had a lower turnout rate than Mississippi, all per Pew Research Center.

We must do better. All elections matter despite many believing that they don’t. The League of Women Voters keeps it very simple and



Dr. Flonzie Brown Wright. PHOTO: VOICE OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.



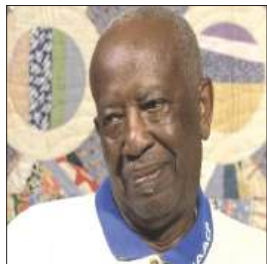
Dr. James Howard Meredith. PHOTO: APNEWS



Douglas MacArthur “Mac” Cotton. PHOTO: INSTAGRAM



Carroll Rhodes, Esq. PHOTO: THE MISSISSIPPI LINK NEWSPAPER



Clarence Magee. PHOTO: LIBRARY OF CONGRESS



Representative Alyce Griffin Clarke. PHOTO: MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE



Hezekiah Watkins. PHOTO: VISIT JACKSON

spot-on: “Elections affect every area of our lives, from health care to jobs to racial justice. When we choose our leaders by voting, we’re choosing the people who will make decisions that shape the direction of our country and our communities.”

This year as we go to the polls, we do so against a backdrop of selfish leadership that is hurting our country in so many ways.

We see clearly the unquenchable greed and megalomania that harms us. “We the people” are paying the price. We have watched our institutions be denigrated, our norms be erased, massive increases in racial and cultural division, a daily barrage of lies, and cost of living that continues to explode. The lawless would-be King, based on a recent Fox News poll, has a disapproval rate of 64

percent. Some Republicans who have endorsed his behaviors are now finally breaking from him in hopes of saving themselves on election day.

If that doesn’t motivate us to do better on November 3rd here in Mississippi, then consider something else. Consider our very own neighbors, right here among us,

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## Mississippi Needs A COLOM-oscopy

By H Ralph Samuels, Jr.

Something is lurking inside our State and it needs to be removed. Like a debilitating and deadly cancer, the diagnosis has already so proved

For too long Mississippi, things have worsened and gone unchecked. And if we don’t address the issue immediately the health of our State will be a wreck.

The handwriting’s on the wall and it’s plain for everyone to see. We need to remove the HYDE-ing political polyps. Mississippi needs a COLOM-oscopy

All the symptoms are pretty clear. The systemic problem has been discovered; High prices on food, gas and more taxes. Traces of moral corruption has been uncovered.

Like an irritated and inflamed hemorrhoid where the pain never seems to quit; And the only prescription that will help is a heavy dose of “FLIP IT.”

Mississippi really matters. So let’s change the flow from red to blue. Let’s stop HYDE-ing behind the lies. A COLOM-oscopy will reveal the truth.

Affordable healthcare for everyone should readily be available; It shouldn’t be just for the wealthy or the well-to-do financially able.

There are families across our State suffering because some folk are greedy. They care nothing about the poor the under-served or the needy.

Rural hospitals are facing closure. Mothers and fathers have to drive for miles; Just to find a caring doctor to help their sick or disabled child

Gerrymandering district lines is nothing but political manipulation; It seeks to suppress the people’s voice a racist form of voter intimidation.

We need to keep our communities safe with law enforcement we can trust. But the biggest threat to our safety right now is the one that is failing to represent us.

They only care about big business and supporting that awful ugly Bill So after Mississippi gets a COLOM-oscopy let’s see if we can give one to Capitol Hill.

We need to properly fund teachers and education. Increase the wages of the working man. It’s not welfare as some would call it. It’s giving a brother a helping hand.

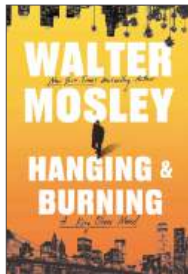
Is that not what we should do, lend a hand to one another? Jesus said, “You did it unto me when you did it to the least of these my brothers.”

If you call yourself a Christian as the Bible truly describes; You would do justice, love mercy and walk with God, and not run away and HYDE

Don’t twist the scripture to push your agenda. Don’t say let’s pray but never change. Stop “Talkin’ Out the Side of Your Neck” Do you really wanna witness somebody hanged?

Mississippi we CAN and MUST do better! Every age, race and ethnicity; November 3rd every county has an appointment. Let’s give Mississippi a COLOM-oscopy!

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“The Name Inspires the Pen”



# Savour Downtown

## A Thriving Restaurant

By Christopher Young  
Contributing Writer

The name reflects its owner, casual dining yet upscale, and fitting like a glove in the capital city’s downtown. Savour Downtown owner Willie Williams has been building his brand since 2010, after moving to Jackson in 2000.

Make no mistake, the name is important, not savor, but deeper – Savour, meaning “to enjoy food, a drink, or a special experience slowly and completely - to get the maximum amount of pleasure from it,” says the Cambridge Dictionary. Sitting inside the neat and clean establishment, between lunch and dinner service, on Oct. 9, 2026, with Williams – it becomes clear that’s what it’s all about – a quality dining experience, great tasting food, served at the right price.

Williams was born and raised in challenging circumstances in Forest, Mississippi. He shared freely that his family lived in poverty, in low-income housing. His mother had troubles with drugs, his father was gone, running businesses in Jackson. He’s been cooking throughout his life but really stepped out on his own at age 22, after studying business administration at East Central Community College, in Decatur, Mississippi.

He is a homegrown chef with no formal culinary experience. In 2010, he had a restaurant, nightclub, and eventually a food truck. For four years he operated The Sweet Spot, in the One Place Building at 1100 John R Lynch Street, adjacent to Thee I Love Jackson State University.

“Originally Jackson State didn’t own One Place, but when they bought it, we could no longer serve alcohol, so that’s why we left and moved down here,” Williams explained. “Over there it was more of a nighttime vibe, here it’s more of a daytime vibe - lunch crowd. We’re open for lunch from 11AM to



Entrance to Savour Downtown, 157 E. Pearl Street.



Owner Willie Williams.  
PHOTOS: CHRISTOPHER YOUNG.

2PM, Tuesday through Friday, and typically serve 150-200 customers. On Friday and Saturday nights we’re open for dinner from 6PM to 1AM and usually serve 75-100 customers.”

He stressed the importance of developing the right team. He has a staff of six. The same six he has had for many years. “In order to deliver quality, you must have the right people in place, and I have been fortunate. I’m always here, I cook everything. Some people



Beautiful interior – 12 tables and expansive bar.

think a restaurant can be successful even if the owner is not present, but I believe you need to be hands-on all the time. You have to be passionate to excel in the restaurant business.”

Menu items include everything from lobster bites to a huge variety of flavored wings to lamb chops, catfish and shrimp, salmon, pan trout, and several chicken and seafood salads. Savour Downtown has daily specials and a Happy Hour from 6-8 PM on Fridays and 7-9 PM on Saturdays.

The full menu can be viewed at <https://www.savourdowntownms.com>. Online orders can be generated from the website or on Facebook. When asked about his biggest sellers, he shared, “catfish and wings at lunch and lambchops, steak, and pasta at dinner.”

When I asked about operating a

business Downtown, he indicated, “It can be a challenge. We really need grocery stores and convenience stores. We need an entertainment district. We have too many empty buildings, and the city loses tax dollars.” He has considered another location – the I-55 North corridor – but says there is a lot to think about. “It’s important to have the experience and the right manpower. Business owners crash when they try to do too much and don’t have the right people. That could sacrifice quality.”

Glancing at his Google and Yelp reviews, Williams understands quality. With his hours of operation, there’s not much time left over for himself. He claims to be 48, though his appearance doesn’t seem to match that. He has a son, 25, who was raised in the resta-

rant business but hasn’t decided on a career, and a daughter who is 17, who wants to be a heart doctor.

Asked what he does when he gets some downtime, he said, “I try to go fishing on Mondays, usually at private lakes. It’s a good de-stressor, very relaxing.” What does he like best? “Cooking and making people happy.”

It all adds up. Two named dishes on the menu caught my eye: Charlie B. Ribeye Steak – “that’s for my uncle who taught me how to cook steak.” Then there is Sherria’s Jambalaya, “that’s Sherria, that’s my mother.” Oh, and that food truck of his – its named Sherria’s 2 Go. Yes, it all adds up.

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## Legends

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who continue to fight for voting rights. Think about Dr. Flonzie Brown Wright. After years of being called out of her name, being asked how many bubbles were in a bar of soap, she successfully registered to vote, then overcame more barriers to run for elected office. “On Nov. 5, 1968, Wright became the first Black woman elected to public office in Mississippi, post-Reconstruction, as the Canton Election Commissioner,” per Voices of The Civil Rights Movement. Voter Registration Day in Mississippi is now named in her honor.

What about another legend, our neighbor James Meredith? After serving his country in the Air Force, he became the first African American to graduate from the segregated University of Mississippi – that process and his personal safety required federal intervention. It took a ruling of the Supreme Court to even get him admitted. Three years after his graduation, he set off on his March Against Fear – a planned 220-mile journey from Memphis to Jackson (June 5 to June 26, 1966) – “it aimed to promote Black voter registration and confront white su-

premacy in the state,” per his 2012 memoir and the National Museum of African American History and Culture. The world knows the story. On Day 2, a white supremacist’s bullets hit him in four places, trying to assassinate him. After time in the hospital, he rose up and rejoined the march before it reached Jackson.

Douglas MacArthur “Mac” Cotton also risked his life to register voters. He was recruited by Bob Moses of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee - while working in the library at Tougaloo College to pay down his tuition fees. He and his friends answered the call and served in some of the most dangerous parts of Mississippi. SNCC leadership gave them dimes to bury deep in their pocket in the event they had to make emergency calls. He led 200 people to the courthouse in Greenwood, to register to vote. That got him arrested and sent to Parchman. One guess as to what Mac Cotton thinks about the importance of voting?

The list of our neighbors, right here among us, who sacrificed so

much goes on and on. Carroll Rhodes, a premier Civil Rights and Voting Rights attorney is surely on the list. Forest County NAACP President Clarence Magee is on the list. Representative Alyce Griffin Clarke – the first African American woman elected to the Mississippi Legislature – who posted on Facebook just two weeks ago, at age 87, “Mississippi, don’t wait until Election Day to make your voice heard. If you’re eligible to vote, consider making a plan to vote absentee,” is easily on the list. Hezekiah Watkins – often referred to as the youngest Freedom Rider, arrested at the bus station in Jackson for absolutely nothing and sent to Parchman’s death row at age 13!

The list goes on and on. This year, at your polling station, consider saying a prayer for our country, and for these legends who paved the way – our neighbors, who risked their lives so that others could exercise their right to vote, and who have never stopped fighting for our rights. This year, of all years, make your voice heard in honor of their profound sacrifices.

## Colom

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Colom & Sen. Rolark being interviewed by reporters.



Retired schoolteacher Carolyn Amerson said, “That’s my Senator.”



Scott Colom being interviewed remotely in his office prior to the rally. PHOTOS BY JACKIE HAMPTON

town hall in six years. She is basically telling the people of Mississippi that she does not care what they think, she doesn’t want to answer their questions. That’s our leadership.”

Mills asked Colom about former Vice President Kamala Harris coming to Columbus, MS to join him on the campaign trail Oct. 22nd. “ I am excited because she will bring attention to the issues that matter,” he stated. “The reality is 400,000 Mississippians don’t have health insurance right now and next year another 100,000 will lose health insurance because of how our Junior Senator voted. She voted to take away health insurance from Mississippians putting hospitals in risk of closing.”

Colom said he appreciates the fact that the former vice president cares so much about the people of Mississippi that are struggling with the excessive cost of living, about the farmer in the delta, as well as high diesel costs and tariffs.

Additional interviews with various reporters took place with Sen. Warnock and Scott Colom prior to the start of the rally.

One reporter asked Warnock, if elected and democrats reclaim the majority what would be the priority he would bring to the Caucus? Warnock stated that people of MS are being crushed by the terrible economy which is unnecessary pain driven by Donald Trump’s tariff taxes. He said, “I would be pushing the argument under the majority that the congress needs to use its power to roll back the tariffs. In addition, he stated that Mississippians and people all over the country are struggling with health care costs that are doubling and, in some cases, tripling and quadrupling. He said, “We need to stop the bleeding of this economy and begin to stabilize the economy.” Warnock said the congress would need to address affordability around housing, and energy costs that are being driven by Trump’s determi-

nation to pay off his donors.

While the interviews were taking place inside, live music and entertainment were happening outside. People were displaying campaign signs and looking forward to hearing from the senator from Georgia and the candidate they came to support. There were food trucks available, and volunteers signed up to work on the campaign and to accept donations to help with campaign costs.

As the duo approached the stage, thundering cheers and applause exploded from the racially diverse audience as well as attendees from all ages. Prayer was led by Pastor Marcus Cathy of West Point Baptist Church in Hattiesburg followed by Warnock.

Warnock in his remarks stated, “I am here because I am tired of the South being overlooked or diminished in terms of its electoral importance. He compared his 2021 victory in Georgia’s senate race between Colom’s Mississippi race noting

his victory in Georgia despite being faced with steep odds in a traditionally Republican state. He said, Mississippi is a blue state. It just doesn’t know it yet.” He argued that long time Republican control should invigorate voters rather than discourage voters.

Colom in addressing “Mississippi Matters” said he will fight for lowering the cost of living, inflation, saving healthcare and rural hospitals, and protecting voting rights, which are of high priority. When referring to raising wages and tax relief he emphasized that in a state with the lowest household income in the nation, he advocates raising the federal minimum wage to align with the cost of living. He also proposed eliminating the federal income tax for Mississippians making under \$75,000 placing emphasis on law enforcement and teachers.

Carolyn Amerson, a retired Jackson Public School science teacher, said she had been enthusiastic regarding attending the rally and was even more enthusiastic after leaving the rally. She said, Colom had her vote prior to attending but hearing him and Warnock on a platform together is something she wish all Mississippians could have witnessed. As a former schoolteacher she said, “Teachers do not nearly receive the income they deserve. They are the ones that teach and prepare young people to enter careers where the sky is the limit, and yet, the pay they receive does not reflect it.” When Scott Colom said he would propose eliminating federal income taxes for teachers and others earning under \$75,000 she exclaimed, “That’s my Senator! I cannot wait to vote for him. I don’t normally vote early but maybe I should head to the circuit clerk’s office today and cast my vote.”

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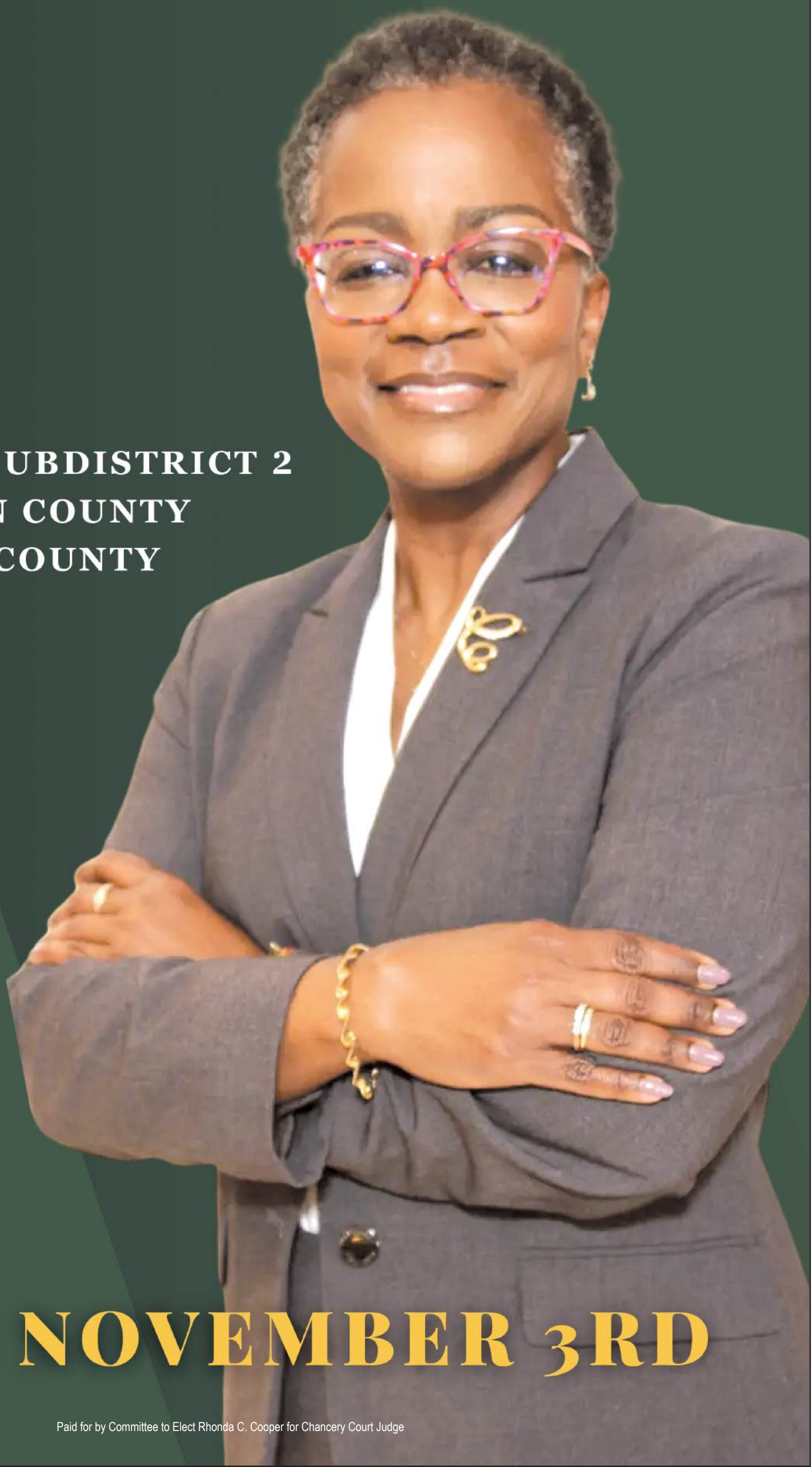
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# Mississippi Senate Race tests GOP strength

By Ivan Sanchez  
The Tennessee Tribune

As Republicans work to maintain control of the U.S. Senate, the race between incumbent Republican Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith and Democratic challenger Scott Colom is drawing increased national attention.

Although Mississippi remains a Republican-leaning state, the contest has become part of a larger discussion on the political environment heading into the November midterm elections.

David Nir, founder of The Downballot, an independent political news site focused on elections, sat down with this writer to discuss the Mississippi Senate race, the fight for Senate control and the issues shaping campaigns across the South.

“Democrat Scott Colom

seems to have Mississippi Republicans a bit freaked out,” Nir said.

Colom, a district attorney from Lowndes County, has attracted national Democratic attention as he challenges Hyde-Smith. Former President Barack Obama recorded an advertisement endorsing Colom that began airing statewide in October. Other prominent Democrats, including U.S. Sens. Cory Booker, Angela Alsobrooks and Lisa Blunt Rochester, have also campaigned for him, reflecting a growing effort to make the race competitive.

Nir said Colom’s campaign merits attention even though the Democrat faces a difficult path in a state where Republicans have maintained a strong advantage in statewide elections.

“He remains a long shot, but the fact that Republicans have to worry about Mississippi at all shows that the playing field is enormous for Democrats, and that the GOP is playing a ton of defense,” Nir said.

The contest is unfolding amid voter concerns about the economy and the direction of the Trump administration. Nir identified President Donald Trump’s standing with voters as a major factor shaping the midterms, pointing to the cost of groceries and gasoline, immigration enforcement and other administration policies.

“The thing I’m watching most closely, and have been for two years, is Donald Trump, and specifically, how deeply unpopular he is,” Nir said.

Colom has sought to make

economic concerns central to his campaign, including by highlighting Hyde-Smith’s comments about rising beef prices. A campaign advertisement featuring her remark that Mississippians have “so many proteins to choose from” gained viral attention. Hyde-Smith and her allies, meanwhile, have criticized Colom’s ties to national Democrats, arguing that his political affiliations do not reflect Mississippi voters.

The race will test whether Democrats can turn national dissatisfaction with Republicans into gains in a state that has long favored the GOP. Colom remains a long shot, but the attention from national Democratic figures has put Mississippi on the party’s broader electoral map.

The election is also unfolding amid concerns about Black political representation following the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *Louisiana v. Callais*. Nir said the ruling could have significant consequences for Black voters by making it harder to challenge congressional maps that dilute minority voting power.

He pointed to Memphis as an example of what could be at stake, saying the city could end up represented by a conservative white Republican rather than a progressive Democrat. He also cited Louisiana, where redistricting could leave longtime Democratic Rep. Cleo Fields with a district that is less favorable to him politically.

“The Voting Rights Act is about ensuring the voting rights

of minorities, not about electing a particular party,” Nir said.

The debate over Callais centers not just on which party wins, but on whether Black voters retain the opportunity to elect candidates of their choice. Nir said he has seen signs that the ruling has prompted a backlash among Black voters, particularly in the South.

“We’ve seen signs that the Callais ruling has sparked a serious backlash among Black voters, especially in the South,” Nir said. “So, I’ll be keeping a close eye on Black turnout throughout the region.”

Nir will watch Black voter turnout across the South as Democrats test whether dissatisfaction with Trump can make traditionally Republican states more competitive.



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# Truth and rational thinking are on the sidelines in the United States of America

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.  
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It’s football season and of course you hear the word “sidelines” a lot. It’s a word that you understand regardless of your level of sports knowledge. The television cameras will pan the sidelines many times throughout the game. You and I will see players and coaches talking to each other. You will also observe support personnel like trainers carrying out their duties. All these engagements make football games even more excit-

ing. You can only imagine what is being said. Instant medical decisions are made as well when players get injured. During my career in higher education, I was on a few college football sidelines. Those were some great moments and many I remember like they just happened yesterday. Now in 2026, we are on a different type of sidelines. Succinctly put, we are on the sidelines, and the American people are losing. There isn’t any cheering, no standing ovations and no winning streaks. We have lost our voice of reason and defeat has crept into our psyche. Unfortunately, we have a losing mentality and that doesn’t

feel good. Our lives are chaotic and crisis filled. There are no touchdowns, only low downs. Going to the supermarket, we are being penalized. The price points for goods have us crying foul and there is no instant replay. Political officials that are currently on the playing field in Washington and many states aren’t reversing any policies. We are simply stuck on our own one-yard line. That means that we have a long way to go. Diversity, equity and inclusion aren’t on the playing field anymore. In fact, they aren’t even in the stadium. Life is far different now. The rules have changed and the commissioner in charge doesn’t

hear us. He is blowing a different kind of whistle and penalizing people is what he does best. Where did truth and honesty go? Can we get them back? I believe that we can. Our democracy is rooted in citizens following a set of guidelines and principles which have been around for over 200 years. Will they fail us now? No, they will not. Some have attempted to tweak the democratic ideal. It is without question the forces of ill that have come calling. They call with false promises and pretenses. They can’t win and they won’t win. However, some critics have said that our nation has become

socially benign. We have fallen for a tainted bill of goods. Our voices have become silent. We don’t speak up and speak out as we should. Our position on rules and regulations has become almost mute. Is this what we want? Is this the future we want for our children and grandchildren? They are watching our passivity and our lack of passion. Despite the negativity, it is not too late. One of the most important elections in our lifetime will happen on November 3rd. Your vote and my vote will be important. Over recent years, we have watched the slow erosion of truth and honesty. We have been bom-

barded with an unending stream of unethical leadership. It goes on and we pretend that it is ok. The overall mood of our beloved country isn’t good. At every turn, we are beset with problems and no solutions. What happened to the land of the free and the home of the brave? We have lost our standing in the world. Other countries look at us now with both contempt and sadness. That is my opinion. The fabric of our democracy is torn and tattered. Too many excuses veiled as remedies are being given. America, let’s not continue to be maligned and motionless in our actions. We can do better, we must do better, and we will do better.

## Fix The Minor Stuff Before It Becomes Major

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



Do you have a vehicle? If so, how should you maintain proper maintenance for your vehicle? Many mechanics recommend the following: get routine diagnostic check-ups, change fluid/filters, verify tire pressure/tread, test your wipers and lights, and check for battery erosion, get brake inspections, etc. and maintain scheduled services for the duration of your vehicle. If car owners fail to properly take care of their vehicles as described above –it can eventually lead to major issues. Similarly to marriage, if you fail to maintain proper marriage maintenance in marriage it can lead to an unhealthy marriage, separation, and divorce. If BOTH spouses engage in maintaining proper maintenance in your marriage – it can help increase your chances of having a healthy, happy, wholesome marriage and possibly a divorce proof marriage. In other words, don’t wait until the engine light comes on for you to realize there is trouble in paradise that could have been addressed before getting to a breaking down point. What does the engine light coming on in your marriage possibly mean? It doesn’t necessarily always signal that you are having major issues – it could be on for minor reasons like needing a new gas cap. But if you fail to purchase a gas cap for your vehicle according to Auto Zone online website it can yield further trouble like losing gas, fuel vapors can easily ignite, can create a foul gas smell and intoxicate the air and water, and it can collect debris, dust and other harmful materials which ultimately all adds up to be unsafe and will negatively impact your vehicle’s overall performance and longevity. Some of you only have minor issues like your husband not letting the toilet seat down, spouse leaving dirty dishes in the sink overnight, leaving shoes, etc. on the floor - these are easy fixes. However, failing to address these minor issues can trigger engine light for something major like a transmission issue. Believe it or not these minor issues mentioned are considered a hazard for safety, health, and your spouse is extremely annoyed by it. Fix the minor stuff before it becomes major. How Do You Engage in Marriage Maintenance? • Pray together daily – ensure that God is prioritized • COMMUNICATE ABOUT EVERYTHING • Invest in your mental/physical health • Spend quality time with each other • Work as a team not a coach and a player – both are team players and God is your coach

- Be in unity about parents, finances, house chores, etc.
- Don’t force your spouse to live your dream, forgetting they have dreams and ambitions too
- Maintain respect – even when you argue it doesn’t have to cross the lines of disrespect like name calling, vulgar and divisive language, etc.
- Quench your spouse’s thirst
- Keep family/friends out of your marriage – their names not on your Marriage License
- Apologize for your wrong
- Forgive quickly
- Make amends
- Join a marriage ministry like ours
- Attend events like Family Life Weekend Getaways
- Consistently seek professional marital counseling, etc. – choose someone neither of you know to avoid bias, etc.
- Treat each other’s hearts the way that you want to be treated

And lastly let LOVE rule!

Yes, your marriage is more valuable than a vehicle and you can get all the maintenance required for the life cycle of your vehicle and the engine light could still come on. But think about this – what would happen if you didn’t properly maintain the upkeep – it could come on sooner and with problems on top of each other. Read these words carefully – EVERY MARRIED COUPLE NEEDS MARRIAGE MAINTENANCE especially to avoid and/or delay an engine light coming on for serious reasons. This – even applies to newlyweds – some have reported their brand-new cars engine lights coming on days after leaving the parking lot. In other words, it doesn’t matter how long you’ve been married - ALL marriages need consistent and immediate proper love and care until death do you part.

In conclusion, if you KNOW that your marriage is in trouble and you and your spouse desire help or if you know a couple who is struggling in their marriage and want help join our Marriage Ministry at The Restoration Church (contact and address is below). There is NOTHING too hard for God to do; the engine light came on in our marriage, but God saved our marriage, so I know He can save your marriage too!

Contact Dr. LaShunda Calvert for speaking engagements (Motivational, Ministering, Marriage Counseling, Marriage Workshops, Marriage Seminars, Marriage Conferences, etc.) Marriage Ministry: The Restoration Church, 3931 Hanging Moss Rd., Suite H, Jackson, MS 39206; follow on Instagram: letsstaytogether4ever (Dr. LaShunda Calvert), Facebook: Dr. LaShunda Calvert, Email: letsstaytogether4eva@gmail.com or via contact# 601-596-2528.

## Justice is Coming

By H Ralph Samuels, Jr.

“Justified” is the returned verdict. That’s what the Attorney General has ruled. But there are lingering questions that need answering. What will the bodycam prove?

Were the officers really in danger?  
Had a crime really been committed?  
We have seen this movie play out before;  
Where the guilty ends up getting acquitted.

But the real tragedy of the situation is that a one-year-old child was killed; Kohen Wiley had nothing to do with any of it. He was not sitting behind the wheel.

Kohen did not steal any diapers.  
Kohen did not steal any clothes.  
Kohen had no weapon to defend himself.  
Why Kohen? Only heaven knows.

Who’s to blame for such a tragedy?  
Apparently to some it does not matter. We must do a better job than this or the lives of more children will be shattered.

The officer has not made a personal statement. His attorney said his client had no choice; It is sad that the adult in question can freely speak, and the child he killed has no voice.

Something is wrong if no one is held accountable. No matter what the legal experts say. No diapers or clothes that were allegedly stolen, was worth a child being killed that day.

The whole nation should be in an uproar. As mama would say, “it is a crying shame.” Who knows what that child would have grown up to be. Now all that’s left is the memory of his name

Gone is the opportunity to go to school. Gone is the chance to make new friends. Gone is the potential of a little black child whose life was over before it began.

It’s been reported there are problems in Senatobia. Serious problems of a racial kind. I just wonder if justice was truly upheld, what would a thorough investigation uncover and find?

History has shown many acts of injustice that both black and white have incurred; And the Bible is true that a heart becomes sick when justice, truth and hope are deferred.

But before we lose all faith and hope remember what James Russell Lowell said; In his poem titled “This Present Crisis” around stanza number eight that I have read.

“Truth forever on the scaffold,  
Wrong forever on the throne,—  
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and,  
behind the dim unknown,  
Standeth God within the shadow,  
keeping watch above his own.”

I’m glad that God is the righteous judge. His rulings and verdicts are always true. And one day He will right every wrong done, in spite of what evil men continue to do.

I don’t know the family of Kohen Wiley but I’m sure this experience has been numbing; My prayer is that God will comfort their hearts. Trust in Him because Justice is Coming!

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

To all interested parties, known and unknown,Pursuant to the MS State Code of 1972, Section 21-39-21, the City of Jackson, Mississippi, will sell at Public Auction, the impounded, abandoned, lost, stolen, or misplaced motor vehicles and equipment listed on the attached schedule. Unclaimed motor vehicles and equipment may be sold after the expiration of ninety (90) days from their receipt or recovery by the City of Jackson. The auction will be held online at <https://marketplace.ventura.com/auctions/jac-ms/> on October 27 at 10:00 am

A list and description of abandoned/unclaimed vehicles will be posted pursuant to statutory requirements in the following locations:

Hinds County Court House  
Hinds Country Chancery Court Building  
Jackson City Hall/  
City Clerk's Office”  
(10/1/2026)

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FORD/F150/TAN •  
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FUSION/WHITE •  
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8847294 • 2001/  
KAWASAKI/OTHER/RED •  
JKAZXB0101B513198

8847319 • 2006/SUZUKI/  
OTHER/BLACK •  
JS1GT76A462113164

8847322 • 2016/YAMAHA/  
OTHER/SILVER •  
JYARM06E6GA009963

8847348 • 1992/YAMAHA/  
OTHER/PURPLE •  
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SONATA/WHITE •  
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FOUND/OTHER/BLUE •  
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VERSA/WHITE •  
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MAXIMA/BLACK •

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

99037-112426-Emergency Ambulance Services with Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support Capabilities

The City of Jackson (City) is requesting proposals from qualified Service Providers to provide emergency ambulance services with advanced life support (ALS) and basic life support (BLS) transport within the City. Said services are to be operated twenty-four (24) hours per day, each day of the calendar year. The successful Proposer, after contract negotiations, will be granted an exclusive contract to provide emergency ambulance services with ALS and BLS transport within the City, as well as non-emergency patient transport/transfer services, for an initial term of four (4) years, with the option to extend the contract for an additional four (4) year term. The award of a contract for this proposal is subject to the availability of funding.

THE CITY OF JACKSON RESERVES THE RIGHT, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, TO COORDINATE, PARTICIPATE IN, OR OTHERWISE PURSUE A SEPARATE PROCUREMENT PROCESS FOR SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR AMBULANCE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WITH HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHETHER THROUGH A JOINT SOLICITATION, COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENT, OR SEPARATE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. THE ISSUANCE OF THIS RFP DOES NOT OBLIGATE THE CITY TO AWARD A CONTRACT PURSUANT TO THIS SOLICITATION. THE CITY MAY, AT ANY TIME BEFORE CONTRACT EXECUTION, REJECT ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THIS RFP, DISCONTINUE THIS PROCUREMENT, OR ELECT TO OBTAIN THE REQUESTED SERVICES THROUGH A SEPARATE PROCUREMENT PROCESS, INCLUDING A PROCUREMENT PROCESS CONDUCTED JOINTLY WITH OR THROUGH HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. PROPOSERS SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY COMPENSATION, REIMBURSEMENT, DAMAGES, OR OTHER RELIEF ARISING FROM THE CITY'S DECISION NOT TO AWARD A CONTRACT UNDER THIS RFP.

It is the City's intent to evaluate properly submitted proposals based on technical merits, management plans, and service providers' in-person presentations. The City intends to choose the Service Provider whose proposal provides the best overall value to the City. Responding Service Providers shall be able to meet the City's demand for quick and safe responses to all emergency calls and must be able to constantly meet strict response time requirements.

Responding Service Providers understand that the City will need to spend, at a minimum, in order to qualify for grants from the State's Emergency Medical Services' Operating Fund (EMSOF), fifteen cents (\$0.15) per capita based on the population computed from the most current federal census, which equates to: Twenty-Three Thousand Fifty-Five Dollars and Fifteen Cents (\$23,055.15) (\$0.15 x 153,701 = \$23,055.15).

The City reserves the right to waive any irregularities, reject any and/or all proposals, in whole or in part, when, in the City's opinion, such rejection is in the best interests of the City.

For more detailed information, please review the City's RFP that is the subject of this advertisement.

Selection of the Service Provider for Contract negotiation will be based on an evaluation of the following criteria:

- Price Proposal (50%)
- Technical Proposal (20%)
- Management Plan (which includes items such as prior experience, performance history, references, etc.): (20%)
- Service Provider's Presentation/Interview: (10%)

The City is committed to cultivating and ensuring the quality of life of its citizens through various programs, employment, initiatives, and assistance. The City encourages all persons, corporations, and/or entities doing business within the City, as well as those who seek to contract with the City on various projects and/or conduct business in the City to assist the City in achieving its goal by strongly considering City residents for employment opportunities.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all bidders that in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d-4 all bidders will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability in consideration for an award.

Ambulance service providers responding to this Request for Proposals shall provide:

one (1) electronic and (1) bound hard copy of the complete original (non-redacted) version of the proposal including all attachments in a searchable Microsoft Office® format, preferably in Word® or Portable Document Format (PDF®) labeled accordingly.

Section components must be clearly distinguished as follows:

- COVER LETTER Transmittal Form Sheet (Attachment A)
- COMPONENT 1 – Technical Proposal
- COMPONENT 2 – Management Plan
- SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTS

If the proposal contains trade secrets, or confidential commercial or financial information, one (1) additional copy of the proposal, whether electronic or bound, including all attachments, shall be submitted in a searchable Microsoft Office® format, preferably in Word® or Portable Document Format (PDF), unless a bound hard copy is submitted, but shall be labeled CONFIDENTIAL, and shall redact trade secrets, or confidential commercial or financial information only.

All Service Provider responses shall be submitted in a sealed envelope or box. The exterior of the sealed envelope or box shall be clearly labeled "Ambulance Services' Proposal" and include the Proposer's business name. The original and copies of the proposals shall be indexed with tabs as requested in Section 2.13 - Proposal Contents.

Electronic proposals MUST be submitted at <https://www.jacksonmsbids.com>. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call PH Bidding at 662-407-0195.

All proposals (both electronic and physical hard copies) MUST be received no later than 3:30 p.m. Central Daylight Time, on November 24, 2026. All physical hard copies shall be submitted to the attention of:

If by hand delivery:  
City of Jackson  
Office of the Municipal Clerk  
219 South President Street  
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

If by mail:  
City of Jackson  
Office of the Municipal Clerk  
Post Office Box 17  
Jackson, MS 39205-0017

Specifications for this proposal are available for inspection at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201. Specifications are also available for download through PH Bidding, <https://www.jacksonmsbids.com>, and on the City of Jackson website, [www.jacksonms.gov/bid-opportunities/](http://www.jacksonms.gov/bid-opportunities/). Hard copies are available upon request from the City of Jackson Fire Department Headquarters, 555 South West Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.

RaSean Thomas, City Fire Chief  
Jackson Fire Department

10/15/2026, 10/22/2026

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, November 4, 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-26-33  
LOCATION: 1055 MANSHIP ST (PARCEL 19-4)

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4343

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Hugh J. Thomas has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting an Use Permit to allow for a tattoo studio and museum within a UTC - Urban Town Center (Mixed Use) District on property located at 2763 Old Canton Rd. (Parcel: 47-4-1) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A certain parcel of land being a part of Lots B and C of the Isham Cade Survey, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, as now recorded in plat book A at Page 229 and Plat Book B at Page 7, and part of Lot 30 of Odeneal Survey, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof, on file and of record in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's office, as now recorded in Plate Book A at Page 256, and being more particularly described as follows:

Begin at an existing pk nail marking the Northeast corner of the former J.A. Moore one acre lot being the Northeast corner of the aforesaid Lot B, Isham Cade Survey; said point also being the Southeast corner of that certain parcel of land conveyed to Katherine Rhymes Speed described in deed recorded in Deed Book 586 at page 344, on file and of record in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's office; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, run thence North 74 degrees 58 minutes 00 seconds West along the North line of said Lot B and along the South line of said Speed property for a distance of 116.00 feet to a point on the East face of an existing concrete block wall; run thence South 19 degrees 04 minutes 00 seconds West along said East face of an existing concrete block wall for a distance of 0.56 feet to the Southeast corner thereof; leaving said East face of an existing concrete block wall, run thence North 70 degrees 54 minutes 00 seconds West along the South face of said existing concrete block wall for a distance of 91.58 feet to a point; leaving said South 19 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 85.94 feet to a set iron pin; run thence South 74 degrees 49 minutes 48 seconds East for a distance of 120.11 to a set pk nail being 0.20 feet northeasterly of the Northwest corner of an existing 1-story brick building located at 2747 Old Canton Road; run thence South 15 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West for a distance of 0.20 feet to the Northwest corner of said existing 1-story brick building located at 2747 Old Canton Road; run thence South 75 degrees 20 minutes 04 seconds East along the North face of said 1-story brick building located at 2747 Old Canton Road and along it's southeasterly extension thereof for a distance of 87.87 feet to a set pk nail in asphalt on the West right-of-way line of Old Canton Road; run thence North 19 degrees 42 minutes 00 seconds East along said West right-of-way line of Old Canton Road for a distance of 79.90 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 0.387 acres, more or less.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS, APPLICANTS AND THE GENRAL PUBLIC HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. PLEASE EMAIL <mailto:ERICL@JACKSONMS.GOV> TO REGISTER FOR THE TELECONFERENCE/ VIDEO INFORMATION PRIOR TO OCTOBER 21, 2026.

WITNESS my signature this 30TH day of September 2026.

/s/Eric D. Lewis  
Zoning Administrator  
City of Jackson, Mississippi

10/08/2026, 10/22/2026

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4344

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Eddie Lee Jr. has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting an Use Permit to to allow for an Adult Day Care Center within a R-4 (Limited Multi-family) District on property located at 5260 Manhattan Rd. (Parcels 516-12) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

LOT 15, BLOCK 6 NORTH MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, PART 5, (ABANDONED) SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST 1/4, NORTHEAST 1/4, Q654 SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 14, BLOCK 5 NORTH MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, PART 4, A SUBDIVISION ACCORDING TO A MAP OR PLAT THEROF WHICH IS ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, RUN THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 06 MINUTES EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 110 FEET; RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES WEST FOR A DISTANCE OF 168.98 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF MANHATTAN ROAD; RUN THENCE NOTHERLY AND IN A STRAIGHT LINE FOR A DISTANCE OF 110.13 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 14; RUN THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES EAST FOR A DISTANCE OF 174.30 FEET AND ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 14 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

BEING THE SAME REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THAT CERTAIN SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 5013 AT PAGE 913 IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, HAVING A STREET ADDRESS OF 5260 MANHATTAN ROAD, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI AND BEARING HINDS COUNTY TAX PARCEL 5116-12.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 2nd day of October 2026.

/s/Eric D. Lewis  
Zoning Administrator  
City of Jackson, Mississippi

10/08/2026, 10/22/2026

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RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO INCREASE THE LEVY OF THE TOURIST AND CONVENTION TAX CURRENTLY LEVIED ON HOTELS AND MOTELS BY ONE PERCENT (1%) AND ON RESTAURANTS BY ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT (.5%) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO THE JACKSON CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU, AS AUTHORIZED BY SENATE BILL 3328, ENACTED BY THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE DURING ITS 2026 REGULAR SESSION, AND SETTING AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER SUCH TAX SHOULD BE LEVIED.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3328 authorizes the City Council to adopt a resolution declaring its intention to levy the increased tourist and convention tax, setting forth the amount of the tax to be levied, the date upon which the tax shall become effective, and calling for an election to be held on the question of whether the tax should be levied; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Legislature, during its 2026 Regular Session, passed Senate Bill 3328, and Governor Tate Reeves signed Senate Bill 3328 into law on April 8, 2026. Senate Bill 3328 extends the repeal date of the local and private law that created the Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau until 2030; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3328 further authorizes an increase in the current tourism and convention tax levied on the gross proceeds of room rentals of hotels and motels by one percent (1%) and on the gross proceeds of sales at restaurants, including but not limited to the sale of beer and alcoholic beverages sold to be consumed on the premises, by one-half of one percent (.5%); and

WHEREAS, before any tax authorized under Section 7(2)(b) of 2026 Senate Bill 3328, the governing authorities of the City of Jackson, Mississippi must adopt a resolution declaring their intention to levy an increase on the tourist and convention tax on the gross proceeds of room rentals of hotels and motels from 1% to 2% and on the gross proceeds of sales at restaurants from 1% to 1.5.%; and

WHEREAS, the taxes authorized by Senate Bill 3328 are levied for the purpose of providing funds to the Jackson Convention and Visitor's Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau was created by local and private legislation in 1999; and

WHEREAS, the participation of the Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau is vital to advancing the economic vitality of the City of Jackson and strengthening the City's competitive advantage in recruiting events, meetings, conventions, and activities for current and future years; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Convention and Visitors Bureau require adequate funding to support its endeavors; and

WHEREAS, increasing the current tourism tax levied on hotels and motels by 1% and on restaurants by one-half of one percent (.5%) is reasonable as following the increased levy, the total tourist and convention tax levied on the gross proceeds of room rentals of hotels and motels will be two percent (2%), and the total tourist and convention tax levied on the gross proceeds of sales at restaurants, including but not limited to the sale of beer and alcoholic beverages sold to be consumed on the premises, will be one and one-half percent (1.5%); and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3328 authorizes the City Council to set a date for the election on the question of whether the tax should be levied.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Bill 3328, enacted during the 2026 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature, the City of Jackson intends to increase the levy of the tourist and convention tax levied on the gross proceeds of room rentals of hotels and motels by one percent (1%) and on the gross proceeds of sales at restaurants, including but not limited to the sale of beer and alcoholic beverages sold to be consumed on the premises, by one-half of one percent (.5%).

Following the increased levy, the total tourist and convention tax levied on hotels and motels will be two percent (2%), and the total tourist and convention tax levied on restaurants, including but not limited to the sale of beer and alcoholic beverages sold to be consumed on the premises, will be one and one-half percent (1.5%).

An election shall be held on November 3, 2026, on the question of whether the additional tax should be levied, where all qualified electors of the City of Jackson may vote.

The ballot used in such election will include the following brief statement of the amount and purposes of the proposed tax levy, the language of which has been approved by the Mississippi Secretary of State:

Shall the City of Jackson increase the tourism tax to support efforts to attract more visitors, conventions, sporting events, cultural events, and tourism-related economic activity to Jackson by:

- Increasing the restaurant and prepared food tax by 0.5%; and
- Increasing the hotel, lodging, and vacation rental tax by 1%;

With the additional revenue dedicated solely to Jackson Convention & Visitors Bureau d/b/a Visit Jackson for destination marketing, convention sales, tourism promotion, visitor services, and economic development initiatives that generate visitor spending, jobs, and tax revenue for the City of Jackson.

\_\_\_\_ "FOR THE TAX" - YES  
\_\_\_\_ "AGAINST THE TAX" - NO

The ballot shall also include the words "FOR THE TAX" and, on a separate line, "AGAINST THE TAX" and the voters shall vote by placing a cross (x) or check (?) opposite their choice on the proposition.

Upon canvass and certification of the election results, if at least sixty percent (60%) of the qualified electors voting in the election vote in favor of the tax, the increased levy shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date on which the election results are officially certified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of Council is directed to publish the notice of intention and election once each week for at least three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation and the publication of the notice must not be made less than twenty-one (21) days before the date of the election, as set forth below, and not more than seven (7) days before the election.

BE IT, FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of Council is directed to furnish a certified copy of the resolution evidencing the tax to the Mississippi Department of Revenue at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the tax.

Council Member Stokes moved adoption; Vice President Parkinson seconded.

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

ATTEST:  
Angela Harris  
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting August 25, 2026 and recorded in Minute Book "7D, Pgs. 1235-1237".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 25th day of September 2026.

Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

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# Grace Factor

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



When negative situations and tragic circumstances don't change for those we care about, we who are on the outside looking in wonder if there is anything more we can do to help. This past year, I've had situations happen to those that I care about that didn't change despite fervent prayers and reaching out to God. Those situations have left me feeling helpless and unsure.

Often, the best thing we can do is to remind others of the power of God's grace. Perhaps the best Biblical example of one who understands the grace factor is King David from the Old Testament.

We first meet David when he is a young man tending sheep in 1 Samuel 17:12. Later in this same chapter, the bible describes David's triumph over Goliath. But before he could get to the fight with Goliath, David had to deal with men who questioned his intentions. 1 Samuel 17:28 reads, "Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men

and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, 'Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see a battle.'"

Despite the response from others and his using the simple tools of a slingshot and stones from a brook, David persisted and went on to kill Goliath. It wasn't the greatness of the tools that allowed him to be victorious; it was the grace of God. David went on to become one of the greatest Kings of Israel. This

incident concerning Goliath is one of the first where we see the young shepherd boy exercising great faith.

Taking a little look closer, we see that it was also God's grace that allowed David to have such great successes. However, it was this same grace that allowed David to endure his most difficult times of turmoil that later existed in his family. Even near the end of his life, he knew that the grace factor was still working in his life as shown in 2 Samuel 23:5, "Yet he has made me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. For this is all

my salvation and all my desire; "

I like to think of grace as God's Reaching All Continually with Excellence. As shown in David's life, grace is God's way of protecting his children from "seen and unseen dangers" as the seasoned saints like to say. Others describe it as the "unmerited and abundant gift of God's love and favor to man." Sometimes the lack of change in a situation forces us to make decisions to move on rather than staying stuck. It is also God's way of protecting us from being part of circumstances that in the end may be more harmful to us.

For those who are frustrated because situations keep getting worse after your prayers and spiritual warfare increase, we have to maintain our commitment to excellence and trust that God's grace will allow us to endure.

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

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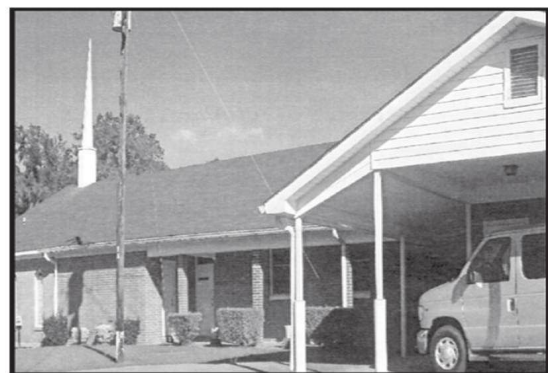
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## Kith and Kin fondly remember the View in downtown Manhattan, New York City

By Janice K. Neal-Vincent, Ph.D.  
Contributing Writer

ABC's *The View*, a long-running American daytime talk show, has filled homes and other spaces since 1997. Currently in its 30th season, the show was created by Barbara Walters (a trailblazing American broadcast journalist, author, and television personality) and Bill Geddie (an American television producer). Consisting of a multi-generational panel of women who discuss current events, entertain with celebrity interviews, and engage in lively, often polarizing conversations, *The View* is a staple of U.S. daytime television.

While visiting New York, the writer and several family members from Mississippi teamed up with other family members from Georgia and friends from Texas for a live showing of *The View* on Thursday, October 1, 2026. All concurred that standing in the long line while waiting to enter the building was well-worth the pause. Besides friendly faces, the welcoming temperature was mild in the mid-to-upper 70s and low around the mid-to-upper 60s.

Outside, the custom pictures of *The View* panelists brought to mind what our visiting team have seen over the years — involved persons who were adamant about their opinions but at the same time listening actively, with the intent



L-R: Ramona Jones, Dr. Janice Neal-Vincent, Lisa Dobbins, and Dana Rice wait for *The View* to begin. PHOTOS: COURTESY OF FAMILY



The line is long, but we're determined to get inside the ABC building to participate.



Jessica Neal heads the line, flanked by panelists' photo.

to give satisfactory feedback. Once we were inside the studio and waiting for the show to begin, the comedienne came in abruptly, greeted the audience, and struck up conversation by bringing the audience into her space. In her swift, energetic conversational tone, she talked as if she knew us all. She singled different persons out in her comedic act and had us to engage in conversation with her. She induced laughter beyond measure while keeping our attention throughout the duration of her presence.

Seeing the panelists enter the studio was like a breath of fresh air. While Whoopi Goldberg and Joy Behar were out, Sonny Hostin, Sara Haines, Ana Navarro, and Alyssa Farah

Griffin were on time with their points of view. Among their guests were American actress and comedienne Sherri Shepherd and multi-faceted entertainer Harry Connick, Jr. Shepherd gave words of inspiration, and Connick paid tribute to his deceased mother with his book, *BABE: ELABORATIO*.

Those on the Mississippi and Georgia front made a few remarks about the show. "The View was most rewarding for the New York City trip. The dialogue with Sunny Hostin was pleasing. I'm thankful to God for rewarding us with great weather and health to see the cast for ourselves. He heard my prayers," voiced Autry Richmond.

Damian Rice commented,

"Attending *The View* was a great experience. Seeing firsthand how the panelists addressed complex and sensitive issues, including the incident at Cornell University, was both powerful and insightful. It gave me a greater appreciation for the conversations that take place on the show. Having the opportunity to speak with one of the hosts during the break made the experience even more memorable."

His wife, Dana Rice, recalled her experience in several entities. "I'm really glad that we had the opportunity to be part of the live audience of *The View*. The best part for me was having this experience with family."

Interjected Jessica Neal, "I

really enjoyed the experience. I think that seeing how happy my mom and aunts were highlighted the entire scene. Nothing is more deserving for them, especially being that they have been fans of the show forever. I am forever grateful to have witnessed such an awesome memory to share."

"What a memorable experience to attend *The View* talk show while visiting New York. The highlight was having the wonderful opportunity to personally meet and talk with co-host Hostin and to see the talented Sherri Shepherd as a guest, as well as *The View* crew along with several other wonderful guests. The audience's energetic facilitator was amazing. She kept everyone engaged and

medicated with full laughter. To top it all off, we met new friends and received great gifts. I would love to participate again," specified Ramona Jones.

The writer was impressed with the professionalism of the entire cast. She was spellbound with the camera crew's fast-paced organization that zoomed in on the panelists and the audience. The skill that the facilitator had in getting the audience to follow cues like clapping and cheering promptly was a lesson in and of itself. Further, she was pleasantly startled by Sunny Hostin's warm acknowledgment of her as her Divine Nine Black Greek sister.

Friends from Texas had reactions of their own. Vivica Harison indicated, "I thought it was a great experience to see how the taping happens behind the scenes. It was nice to meet the hosts as well."

"Yes, I second that. Having watched the show over the years, I can attest that Sunny Hostin has come a long way. It was good to be there in person to see how the show operates," said Lisa Dobbins.

Who knows? Perhaps *The View* will be around another thirty years. Nevertheless, family from the Magnolia State, the Peach State, and their friends from the Lone Star State were fascinated with this long-running talk show and experienced a welcome format that they will long cherish.

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# The Plague in three forms: Bubonic, Septicemic, and Pneumonic, what we know, why it matters and whether it could ever become a pandemic

By Vince Faust, MA  
Health Educator and Motivational Writer

Across Mississippi, publichealth challenges often hit Black communities hardest. From rural counties with limited medical access to urban neighborhoods facing environmental risks, health literacy remains essential. Plague though rare is still present in parts of the world and worth understanding.

The word plague still carries a chill, even in an age of antibiotics and advanced publichealth systems. It evokes images of medieval cities, masked physicians, and catastrophic death tolls. Yet plague is not a relic of the past. It remains a living infection, found in pockets around the world including parts of the western United States and it still appears in small outbreaks every year.

Understanding plague means understanding its three distinct forms: bubonic, septicemic and pneumonic. They are caused by the same bacterium, *Yersinia pestis*, but they behave very differently inside the human body. Their symptoms, transmission routes, and dangers vary widely, and those differences determine how publichealth officials respond when cases appear.

Plague begins with *Yersinia pestis*, a bacterium carried primarily by rodents and transmitted through fleas. Once inside the human body, the infection can take one of three paths.

**Bubonic Plague: The Most Common Form**

Bubonic plague is the form most people recognize from history books. It attacks the lymphatic system, causing painful swelling of lymph nodes. This is

the infamous “buboes” that gave the disease its name.

How it spreads:

Bubonic plague is typically transmitted through the bite of an infected flea. Fleas become carriers after feeding on infected rodents such as rats, prairie dogs or ground squirrels. Humans can also become infected through direct contact with contaminated animal tissue.

Symptoms:

Patients usually develop sudden fever, chills, weakness and extremely tender swollen lymph nodes. Without treatment, the infection can spread to the bloodstream or lungs, transforming into septicemic or pneumonic plague.

Treatment:

Modern antibiotics that include streptomycin, gentamicin, doxycycline and ciprofloxacin are highly effective when given promptly. Most patients recover fully if treatment begins within the first 24–48 hours.

Danger level:

Untreated, bubonic plague kills roughly half of those infected. Treated early, the fatality rate drops dramatically. Bubonic plague does not spread person-to-person, which limits its ability to cause large outbreaks.

**Septicemic Plague: The Deadliest Form in the Bloodstream**

Septicemic plague occurs when *Y. pestis* enters the bloodstream directly or when Bubonic plague progresses without treatment. It is the most rapidly fatal form if untreated.

How it spreads:

Like Bubonic plague, Septicemic plague is usually transmitted through flea bites or contact

with infected animals. It does not spread through the air and cannot be passed from person to person.

Symptoms:

Septicemic plague causes fever, chills, abdominal pain, shock and bleeding under the skin. Patients may develop blackened fingers and toes due to tissue death. This is one reason the plague was historically associated with “black death.”

Treatment:

Immediate intravenous antibiotics are essential. Without treatment, septicemic plague is almost universally fatal. With rapid medical care, survival is likely.

Danger level:

Because septicemic plague does not spread person-to-person, its publichealth risk is lower than its lethality suggests. The danger lies in how fast it progresses: patients can die the same day symptoms begin if untreated.

**Pneumonic Plague: The Most Contagious and Fastest-Moving Form**

Pneumonic plague is the most feared form because it infects the lungs and spreads through respiratory droplets. It is the only type capable of causing human-to-human outbreaks.

How it spreads:

Pneumonic plague spreads through coughing, sneezing or close contact with respiratory droplets. It can develop when bubonic or septicemic plague reaches the lungs, or it can occur as a primary infection if a person inhales infectious droplets.

Symptoms:

Patients develop high fever, chest pain, shortness of breath and a cough that may produce bloody or watery sputum. Respiratory failure can occur within

24–72 hours.

Treatment:

Antibiotics must be administered immediately. Ideally treatment should take place within the first 24 hours. Patients require isolation and close contacts are given prophylactic antibiotics to prevent spread.

Danger level:

Untreated pneumonic plague is almost always fatal. Its ability to spread through the air makes it a serious publichealth threat, though modern surveillance and rapid treatment greatly reduce the risk of widespread transmission.

Despite its terrifying reputation, plague is highly treatable with modern antibiotics. The key is speed. The recommended medications include:

- Streptomycin
- Gentamicin
- Doxycycline
- Ciprofloxacin

Patients with pneumonic plague require strict isolation and anyone exposed to them receives preventive antibiotics. Publichealth departments also investigate rodent populations, flea activity and environmental conditions to prevent further spread.

Plague persists in natural reservoirs around the world. In the United States, cases occur most often in:

- New Mexico
- Arizona
- Colorado
- California

Globally, plague remains endemic in parts of Madagascar, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Peru. Most outbreaks are small, quickly identified and rapidly contained.

Could Plague Become a Pandemic Today?

The short answer: extremely unlikely but not impossible.

**1. Bubonic and Septicemic Plague Cannot Cause Pandemics**

Neither form spreads person-to-person. They require flea vectors or direct contact with infected animals. That means outbreaks tend to be small, localized and manageable.

Even in areas with high rodent populations, publichealth systems can quickly identify cases and treat them before they spread.

**2. Pneumonic Plague Can Spread Between People — But Modern Systems Limit Its Reach**

Pneumonic plague is the only form capable of causing sustained human transmission. Historically, it caused explosive outbreaks, including the Manchurian epidemics of the early 20th century.

However, several modern factors dramatically reduce pandemic risk:

- Rapid diagnosis: Hospitals can identify plague quickly through lab testing.
- Effective antibiotics: Treatment stops transmission within 48 hours.
- Isolation protocols: Pneumonic patients are quarantined immediately.
- Contact tracing: Close contacts receive preventive antibiotics.
- Global surveillance: Health agencies monitor rodent populations and report cases promptly.

For pneumonic plague to become a pandemic today, it would require a perfect storm: delayed detection, widespread untreated cases and breakdowns in publichealth response. That scenario is

highly improbable in most parts of the world.

**3. Plague Is Not Easily Spread Compared to Modern Pandemic Viruses**

Plague does not spread as efficiently as influenza, measles or COVID19. Pneumonic plague requires close contact, not casual exposure. It does not linger in the air for long periods and it does not spread before symptoms appear.

While plague is unlikely to become a global pandemic, it remains dangerous on an individual level. All three forms progress rapidly, and pneumonic plague can kill within days. The danger lies in delayed treatment, misdiagnosis or lack of access to medical care.

In rural regions with limited healthcare infrastructure, small outbreaks can still cause significant harm. That is why publichealth education, rodent control and early reporting remain essential.

Plague is no longer the world-shattering force it once was, but it has not disappeared. Understanding its three forms helps demystify the disease and highlights the importance of rapid medical care.

- Bubonic plague is the most common and least contagious.

- Septicemic plague is the most rapidly fatal without treatment.

- Pneumonic plague is the most contagious and the greatest publichealth concern.

All three are treatable. All three are monitored. And while pneumonic plague has the theoretical ability to spark an outbreak, modern medicine and publichealth systems make a true pandemic extraordinarily unlikely.

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# Newly trained Emergency Medical Techs graduate from AMR In-House “Earn While You Learn” Course

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

Fourteen newly trained emergency medical technicians graduated from American Medical Response’s in-house “Earn While you Learn Course” Monday Oct. 14th at 10:00 AM at the Jackson facility located at 600 Melvin Bender Drive in Jackson.

Friends and family members were at the ceremony cheering and applauding as the graduates were handed certificates.

Lead Instructor Malcolm Robinson stated in opening remarks, “I’m just the presenter of the information they need to obtain to be successful in what they are about to do.” He went on to say that it is the students’ hard work and dedication that makes this class a success.

AMR Operating Manager Ryan Wilson stated that the students are asked to do a lot in a short amount of time. He complimented them on their dedication and hard work. He also stressed that the students chose to do something incredibly special in their lives by serving

their community, emphasizing they will be touching people’s lives in ways that will not be forgotten, especially when it comes to saving a life.

The group of graduates is the nineteenth since 2019 to complete AMR’s EMT course at its Jackson facility. Calling the program “Earn While You Learn,” AMR hires strong applicants and pays them to take the ten-to-twelve-week course.

After passing a mandatory national exam, each will become an EMT in the Hinds County EMS system. Seven will work full-time at AMR with starting base pay of \$41,200 per year plus overtime.

Six of the graduates currently work fulltime for the Jackson Fire Department and one works fulltime for the Clinton Fire Department. The fire department personnel are eligible for part-time EMT positions that open at AMR.

Including the current class, approximately 300 metro area residents have graduated from AMR’s in-house paid EMT courses.



“Earn While You Learn Graduates”: Front row L – R: Grace Myers, Jamaal Maxon, Larry Funches, Genesis Moore, Jada Collins, Christina Rouser, Clevana Palmer; Back row I –Rr: Darren Rogers, Joseph Frazier, Luke Dorough, Armondous Barnes, Che’Mar Milton, JuQuitta Hill, Malcolm Robinson(Instructor) Not Pictured: Shakka Woodwar. PHOTOS BY JACKIE HAMPTON



Operations Manager, Ryan Wilson says this is a day he genuinely enjoys being a part of.



Not certain who is happier, Jamaal Maxon (Right) or his mom with all smiles



Malcolm Robinson, Lead Instructor speaks to the attendees and students



Grace Myers is presented certificate by Malcolm Robinson, instructor and Kolandra Rucker, AMR Central MS clinical education specialist



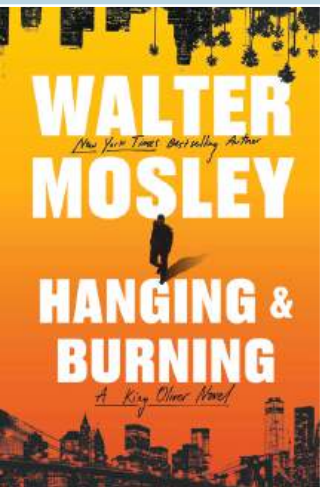
Jada Collins is immensely proud of her achievement



Color Guards presenting flags



Six of the graduates are full time firemen



# BOOK REVIEW: HANGING & BURNING: A KING OLIVER NOVEL BY WALTER MOSLEY C.2026, LITTLE, BROWN \$30.00 • 320 PAGES

By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
Columnist

It's been awhile. Awhile since you saw that smile, since you looked into your beloved's eyes and knew that the next few minutes or days or weeks would be among the best of your life. It's been too long, in fact, since you were together, and you miss that. But in the new novel "Hanging & Burning" by Walter Mosley, beware: the next reunion could be deadly. Joe "King" Oliver wouldn't have given Arman Babylon

the time of day, were it not for Joe's Grandma Brenda. It was she who'd vouched for the ailing man, a neighbor in a nearby room at the pricey private Los Angeles hospital where she was getting cancer treatment. Arman had confided in Brenda that he'd been looking for his granddaughter, Twyla, and Grandma B said that Joe, a former New York City cop, would find the girl. Problem was, Twyla Mann didn't want to be found. She had a couple of aliases and she moved here and there around

New York City pretty often. This intrigued Joe, as did the fact that Arman gave him only the briefest of clues, claiming that Twyla's mother was not really her mother but Arman was still Twyla's kin. Obviously, the old man was holding something back, but he did hint that he was involved with organized crime on both coasts. An internet search led Joe to even more information, none of it good. Arman wasn't exactly who he said he was – and neither was Twyla or her supposed

mother or, for that matter, the woman who ran a nightclub that had distant ties to Arman's past. The man who owned the club apparently had some beef with Joe from way back, and a woman who tied them all together was presumed dead. Finding Twyla Mann before her grandfather died should've been an easy case. Joe knew that it shouldn't have taken long to solve, and it shouldn't have involved two last-century murders. It definitely should not have plunged Joe Oliver's life into danger...

So, you're flipping through the TV, looking for something to watch, and you come across an old 1940's mobster movie. You know how easy it is to get caught up in it, right? Well, reading "Hanging & Burning" is a lot like that. Though this novel is set in modern times with modern tools and weapons, you can absolutely picture the criminals here as the mobsters author Walter Mosley portrays them. This old-new mix adds gravel to the tale, with two cities full of witnesses and hideouts, a

ruthless pair of mercenaries, and an appealing sense of dark alleys and cement shoes. You'll love Joe Oliver for his smarts, and he'll make you chuckle sometimes. But don't get too complacent; soon enough, this novel grabs you, throws you in the trunk of a fancy car, and races, screaming, to a stunning conclusion. If you love a good mystery-thriller, "Hanging & Burning" – so-titled after a Yiddish saying – will make you very happy. Look for it; you'll be glad to take awhile.



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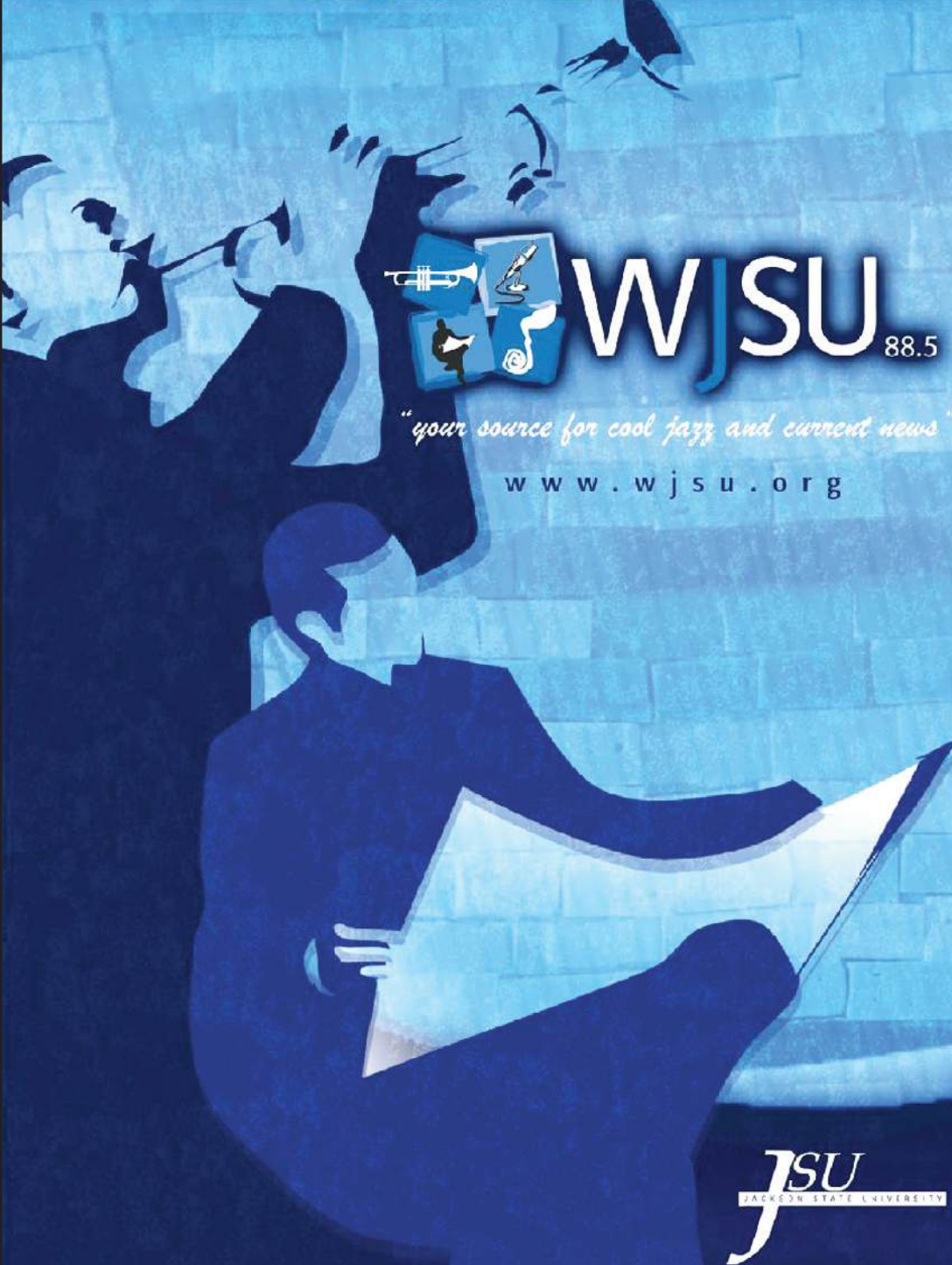
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# Jackson State takes down FAMU 27-17 during Homecoming



Li'Darious Pryor rushed for 80 yards for the game



FAMU QB Armond Parker



Nate Blount scores a touchdown PHOTOS BY TIM WARD

By Tim Ward  
Sports Writer

Homecoming at Jackson State. You already know what comes with that. The tailgating, the alumni coming back to town, the Sonic Boom of the South, and thousands of fans dressed in blue and white. It's one of those weekends where the football game is just part of the experience.

Nobody wants to be another team's homecoming opponent. Deemed disrespectful. It works out that way sometimes. Florida A&M (FAMU) came to Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium and gave Jackson State all it wanted for three quarters. The Rattlers carried a five-point lead into the fourth, and for a while, it looked like they might spoil the Homecoming celebration.

Jackson State had other plans. The Tigers scored 15 unanswered points in the fourth quarter, forced five turnovers in the afternoon, and walked away with a 27-17 SWAC victory in front of 44,173 fans. Jackson State got things started early.

The Darkside Defense came to play. B.J. Washington picked off Florida A&M quarterback Armond Parker on the Rattlers' opening possession, giving the Tigers excellent field position. Five plays later, Caron Tyler took it in from eight yards out. Just like that, Jackson State was up 7-0. Tyler started the game for Jared Lockhart. Parker responded by leading the Rattlers on an 11-play, 69-yard drive, finishing it himself with a five-

yard touchdown run. Game tied at seven.

The Rattlers took their first lead in the second quarter when Gabriel Caison connected on a 23-yard field goal. FAMU 10, Jackson State 7. Jackson State answered late in the half. Andrew Ivaniciuc drilled a 31-yard field goal with 39 seconds left to tie the game. Then, just six seconds later, the Tigers picked up two more points on a safety following the ensuing kickoff. Halftime, JSU 12, FAMU 10.

At halftime, the J-Settes celebrated their 55th year anniversary with alumni J-Settes from every era participating at halftime with the Sonic Boom of the South.

FAMU came out to start the second half looking to make a statement. Florida A&M running back Jamal Hailey broke loose for an 81-yard touchdown run early in the third quarter. Eighty-one yards. One play. And just like that, FAMU was back on top, 17-12. Hailey finished the afternoon with 111 rushing yards on just 12 carries.

The Tigers couldn't find the end zone in the third quarter, and as the game moved into the final 15 minutes, Jackson State was looking at a five-point deficit in front of its Homecoming crowd.

Jackson State quarterback Jared Lockhart entered the game last in the first half. Coming out to start the fourth quarter, he went to work with the Tigers trailing 17-12 and put together a seven-play, 58-yard drive.

With 12:21 remaining, Lockhart found Jabari Jones for a 25-yard touchdown. Jackson State back in front. Lockhart then ran in the two-point conversion, giving the Tigers a 20-17 advantage. On FAMU's next possession, quarterback Armond Parker lost the football, and Terrance Hibbler Jr. recovered it at the Rattlers' 29-yard line.

Jackson State took advantage. Four plays later, Nate Blount IV punched it in from two yards out. Ivaniciuc added the extra point. Jackson State 27, FAMU 17. Tiger Nation erupts.

BJ Washington and Mikey Johnson came up with interceptions during FAMU's remaining possessions, taking away any chance of a late comeback. Fifteen unanswered points in the fourth quarter. Homecoming victory sealed!

The final score says Jackson State won by 10. The numbers tell you how the Tigers got there. Five takeaways. Three interceptions. Two fumble recoveries. The defense came ready to play despite a hiccup or two. BJ Washington finished with two interceptions, while Mikey Johnson grabbed another. Hibbler's fourth-quarter fumble recovery set up the touchdown that gave Jackson State some breathing room.

Jackson State was able to run the ball effectively during the game. Li'Darious Pryor led the team with 80 rushing yards. Blount added 63 yards and a touchdown, while Lockhart



Alumni JSU J-Settes and twirlers celebrating 55 years PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

contributed 53 yards rushing. Jackson State finished with 228 rushing yards and controlled the football for more than 36 minutes. The passing game suffered, with only 140 yards, but the win

and ball control were more important.

For Jackson State, the win moves the Tigers to 6-1 overall and 3-1 in SWAC play. Florida A&M falls to 2-5 and 1-2 in the

conference. Up next, Jackson State heads to Daytona Beach to face Bethune-Cookman on October 24.

**Homecoming 2026. Tigers 27, Rattlers 17.**



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