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## THINK ABOUT IT

We all experience adversities in our lives at some time and have to call on inner strength for positive thinking in order to endure and persevere. It is at these times that it is crucial to our mental state of mind that we stop everything for a moment of stillness to meditate and think on our many blessings, and then thank the Lord knowing that, "This too shall pass."

We are blessed to be human beings who are made in the image of our God with the ability to show our contentment, hope, joy, and countenance with an universal expression that is understood by all people. This expression is call a smile and it is contagious Try it and see. Give someone a smile and watch them give a smile to you in return.

### SMILE

Today is a brand new day

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So don't start this day with a frown

Because something or someone has let you down

The blues can only last for a short while

When you can remember to smile

There have been times when things were worse

And you may have even thought you were cursed

But you made it through that trial and then another

The same as you will survive this trial, my sister - my brother

So take this trouble just like a little child

With faith knowing that this too shall pass And continue to SMILE

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## LAUGHER

### IT'S SHOPPING DAY!!!

Little Bubba was out in the yard playing when the next door neighbor came by. "Hello little Bubba", she said. "I didn't see your mother all weekend. What did she do yesterday?" Without looking up, little Bubba said, "She done her shopping, ma'am." The neighbor said, "Done her shopping, little Bubba? Where's your grammar?" Little Bubba replied, "She done her shopping too, ma'am!!!" ☺

### GAME DAY MANAGEMENT!!!

Leroy took his girl friend Willie Mae to her first football game. They had really good seats, right behind their team's bench. At the end of the game, Leroy asked her if she liked it. "Yeah, it was great," Willie Mae said. "I mean, with all the tight pants and stuff. I just don't get why all the fuss about a quarter!" Leroy looks confused. "You know. At the beginning of the game," she explained, "I saw the two guys flip a quarter. Then the rest of the game, all everyone screamed was: Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback! Hello! It's only 25 cents!!!" ☺

### THAT WILL KILL YA!!!

A Doctor was addressing a large audience. "The material we put into our stomachs is enough to have killed most of us sitting here years ago. Red meat is awful. Soft drinks corrode your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with MSG. High fat diets can be disastrous and none of us realizes the long-term harm caused by the germs in our drinking water. However, there is one thing that is the most dangerous of all and we all have eaten, or will eat it. Can anyone here tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?" After several seconds of quiet, Bubba, a 75 year-old man in the front row raised his hand, and softly said, "Wedding Cake!!!" ☺

### WRONG DIRECTION!!!

Leroy was an old man who was about to die. He told his wife Willie Mae to put a bag of money in the attic "When I die I'll get it on my way up." chuckled Leroy. Well when Leroy died the wife went up to the attic and found that the bag of money was still there. She shook her head and said, "I knew I should have put that money in the cellar!!!" ☺

### I'M A QUICK LEARNER!!!

Jesse goes on a 2-month business trip to Europe and leaves his cat with his brother, Leroy. Three days before his return he calls Leroy and says, "So how is my cat doing?" Bubba replies, "He's Dead." Jesse screams, "He's Dead! What do you mean he's Dead? I loved that cat. Couldn't you think of a nicer way to tell me! I'm leaving to come home in 3 days. You could have broke the news to me easier. You could have told me that she got out of the house or something. Then when I called before I left you could have told me, well, we found her but she is up on the roof and we're having trouble getting her down. Then when I call you from the airport you could have told me, The Fire Department was there and scared her off the roof and the cat died when it hit the ground." Leroy says, "I'm sorry...you're right...that was insensitive I won't let it happen again. Jesse calms down and says, "Alright, alright, forget about it. Anyway, how is Mom doing?" Bubba says, well, she's up on the roof and we're having trouble getting her down!!!" ☺

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## TAKING MOBILE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

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## Get Involved

The City of Mobile recently held elections for mayor and council positions. The outcome disappointed many and made others happy. The biggest disappointment was the dismal turnout for the election.

Only about one in four people took time to vote. There are several reasons why the turnout was low such as the pandemic, disinterest, and complacency. I'm sure many of us were just weary from the constant divisiveness of the political scene and the negative tone that it has taken over the years. A lot of it stems from the national political climate but it has also dampened the enthusiasm of voters at the local level.

Despite all of that, we must get engaged with what's happening in our community. We must hold our political leaders accountable and follow up to ensure they are carrying out their campaign promises. The issues of combating crime, improving the infrastructure, annexation, tourist development and improving the quality of life in Mobile are still at the forefront of our daily life in the city.

We need to spend as much time contacting our local officials about these issues as we spend in the barbershop, in the beauty shop, in the church parking lot or on social media complaining about how terrible things are and how nothing ever changes. It can only change if we put the appropriate pressure on elected officials to work harder at solving these problems.

I mention Mobile since it is the largest city in our metro area, but this applies to those living in other cities and even in the unincorporated areas. Contact those leaders and let them know your needs and desires for your communities.

We need to invite them out to our neighborhood associations, our fraternity and sorority meetings, to our churches, or wherever we gather socially. Politicians love an audience, so let them hear what your concerns are and find out what their plans are to address them.

Let's not wait for another election cycle to roll around before we hear from them. Now is the time, especially for some of the newly elected officials, to let them hear from you. The adage, "the squeaky wheel gets the oil," has some validity to it. It takes our continued engagement and involvement to get success. Don't let the negativity of politics stop you from holding your elected leaders accountable. Get involved and stay involved.♦

## MCHD Weekend "Drive Thru" Rabies Clinics



The Mobile County Health Department provides low cost rabies shots for dogs, cats, and ferrets that are good for one year during weekend clinics. Here is the list of the rabies clinics planned during October in Mobile County:

- **OCT 02 (SAT)**; 10am-Noon; City of Mobile Animal Shelter, 855 Owens Street (Mobile)
- **OCT 08 (FRI)**; 10am-Noon; Mobile County Animal Shelter, 7665 Howell's Ferry Road (Mobile)
- **OCT 09 (SAT)**; 10am-Noon; Pet Supplies Plus, 803 Hillcrest Road (Mobile)
- **OCT 16 (SAT)**; 1:30-3:30pm; St. Elmo Feed & Seed Store, 9001 Highway 90 West
- **OCT 23 (SAT)**; 10am-Noon; Glamour Paws Grooming, 10005 Dauphin Island Parkway (Theodore)
- **OCT 30 (SAT)**; 1:30-3:30pm; Kuddles-N-Kisses, 11120 Meadow Lark Road (Grand Bay)

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# Passing the Torch

by Vickii Howell



The untimely passing of City Council President Rev. Levon Charles Manzie on September 19 and 24-year veteran City Councilor Fred Richardson's departure from Mobile City Hall on October 31 raises considerable concerns about the future of Black Mobile, whose need for political protection are stronger now than ever.

Among them is: an annexation proposal that could weaken the growing political power of Black Mobile; gentrification of mostly poor Black neighborhoods east of Interstate 65 that have been left behind on infrastructure improvements for decades; and equitable economic opportunities, especially the fair distribution of federal funds flowing into the Mobile area from President Biden's administration.

The question now is how well the newly elected councilors, William A. Carroll of District 2 and Cory Penn of District 1, will work with re-elected Councilor C. J. Small of District 3 to protect and address these concerns, especially after a bizarre runoff campaign uncovered an outside Republican political action committee (PAC) that poured thousands of dollars into the campaigns of Mobile's majority-Black city council districts.

TSA PAC made an exceptionally assertive push to play on the sympathy of Black voters to elect Manzie after his death, with signs, mailers and ads to "honor Manzie's legacy." The plot made national news as Black leaders in the Mobile NAACP and local ministers openly questioned the intent behind the blatant GOP campaign to re-elect a dead candidate, whose name was still on the October 5 runoff ballot. The same PAC also funded mailers for Cory Penn, the District 1 candidate who his runoff against former Circuit Judge Herman Thomas.

Such suspicions spurred Black leaders like the Mobile NAACP and local ministers, with progressive voters, to rally around Carroll. He had finished a distant second place to Manzie in the August 24 general city election and likely would have lost if Manzie were alive.



## THE REPLACEMENTS

Carroll says he owes a great debt of gratitude to those who stood by him as he woke up in the middle of the night worrying how he could win the runoff with a popular, but deceased incumbent.

So, he vowed to be more transparent about dealings in city hall so that the people living in District 2 are aware of economic opportunities to buy property in city land banks and actively participate in revitalization efforts to improve their own communities.

"A lot of times in the past, this type of information wasn't readily available, but I plan to make sure it's available for everybody through a website where people can log on to get information, and provide resources for people who are not internet savvy," he said.

Concerning annexation, Carroll said the new census data has to be analyzed and new city council district lines drawn before that issue comes back to the council. "We should make sure that the entire process is transparent and everyone knows what's going on," he said. For Africatown, Carroll is committed to making sure the community "gets all the resources it needs" to translate the intense tourism interest in the Clotilda discovery into community redevelopment. "We've got to get resources at all costs into the hands of the people who can make the greatest impact to the community," he said.

District 2 includes the Downtown Central Business and entertainment corridor, the Port of Alabama, historic Mobile, with its historically Black neighborhoods. It is now 60 percent Black and 40 percent white, a balance that Black leaders did not want to see upset in a special election. Carroll said that he has to represent the best interests of all his constituents. "But I can tell you that our agenda is to make sure we're looking out for our Black communities, but to do that, we will need support from the other side to protect them" Carroll said.

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## THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

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### Thoughts And Second Thoughts

Now that the municipal elections are over, I have to wonder what direction the Mobile City Council will take when it comes to working to handle the city's business.

Can it continue what progress was made under previous council members, who will no longer be in office after November 1st? Or, will it be stuck in neutral?

Those and other questions will have to be answered—and soon. There are many issues hanging over the city, and in order to handle said issues, councilmembers will have to work for the good of the people in their district, and for the city as a whole. Otherwise, there could be some serious problems ahead.

Before I go further with this column, there's something I need to say about the turnout in the Oct. 5 runoff election. As with the Aug. 24 election, turnout was poor, to say the least. Several people have talked with me about it, and we've come to this consensus: If you don't vote, you shouldn't complain.

But I digress.

As I said before, there are some issues which will bear watching over the next few months. One of those burning issues is Africatown. Here's a golden opportunity for Mobile to get on the map, as well as uplift a community. The city council should do its part to ensure the citizens of Africatown are not left out in the cold once development starts taking place in earnest.

There's way too much at stake for people living in that area not to have a say in their community. In fact, they should be the primary stakeholders in an effort to uplift the area. True, there are several groups working hard to ensure the citizens are not being "messed over," but they need all the support they can get.

Then, there's the matter of annexation. If there was ever a hot potato, annexation is definitely it. No matter what your stance is, any attempts to annex should be thought out very carefully. Ideally though, inside the city limits should be a top priority, because Mobile is hemorrhaging citizens left and right. Right now, we're only the fourth-largest city in the state—behind Huntsville, Birmingham, and Montgomery.

Oh, did I mention that Tuscaloosa, home of the University of Alabama, recently hit the 100,000 mark in population?

There are other topics to discuss that will present challenges for the city council, but I'll save that for another issue. Meanwhile, we can only hope and pray there will be some positive things happening for Mobile's citizens.✿



-October 08 , 2021-

#### City of Mobile Recycling Centers Set to Reopen October 13

The Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA) in Escambia County, Florida, has announced it will resume the collection of recycled materials beginning October 11.

Accordingly, the City of Mobile's recycling centers at 308 Pinehill Drive and 4851 Museum Drive are tentatively set to reopen for drop-offs at 7 a.m. on October 13.

"We are grateful so many Mobilians have made recycling part of their regular routines, and we are fully aware that the closure of our recycling centers due to the fire at ECUA's facility has been an inconvenience," Mayor Sandy Stimpson said. "We appreciate everyone's patience during this time, and we look forward to seeing residents making use of our recycling drop-off facilities again soon."

Beginning October 13, the normal hours of operation for both City of Mobile recycling centers will be weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please remember that recycling at these two drop-off locations is a service provided for Mobile residents only.

For more information, call (251) 208-5311 or visit our recycling page at [cityofmobile.org/services/recycling/](http://cityofmobile.org/services/recycling/)

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### Q. What is IndigoBlu PR?

IndigoBlu PR is a boutique public relations and marketing agency specializing in brand management for non-profits and small businesses. We pride ourselves in delivering affordable services that help non-profits bring awareness to issues and assisting small businesses in reaching their goals.

### Q. Why did you choose the name IndigoBlu PR?

A. As a creative, you rely on the use of colors to help communicate a message. Indigo is a combination of colors blue and red. Red is associated with energy and strength. The color blue represents loyalty, trust, and stability. IndigoBlu PR, established in November 2014, prides itself on delivering trustworthy marketing and public relations services to non-profits and small businesses.

### Q. What's your biggest concern when starting your business?

The unknown. It's scary to leave a structured 8 to 5 job and start your own business. You worry about competition and whether the market is saturated. However, I knew the time was right for me to take this journey into entrepreneurship. Everyone has unique skills and abilities. You have to find your niche and build on what you bring to the table.

### Q. What sets you apart from the competition?

In the words of Tom Brokaw, "It's easy to make a buck. It's a lot tougher to make a difference." I want to use my talents to make a difference for small businesses and non-profit agencies. Their passion for their cause often supersedes the marketing budget. I can provide cost-effective solutions to help them spread the word about a cause or issue affecting their communities.

### Q. How has education impacted your career?

Education has allowed me to have more options. I am a college graduate (Livingston University, now the University of West Alabama) and educated in the Mobile County Public School System (Vigor High School—Go Wolves). My creative side began to flourish thanks to my photography teacher Richard Scardamalia (RIP). I attribute my love for writing and journalism to my teacher Lula Turner (RIP).



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### My Concern is for the Election of 2024

We can fast forward passed 2022... because the Democrats are going to lose the House and the Senate and thereby render the next two years of the Biden administration a lame duck. The stakes are the elections of 2024, how will the Dems fare? This is a very important question because a sweep of the House, Senate and White House by the Republicans could take our country towards an economic holocaust for those who are already living hand to mouth; that will be disastrous as our country comes out of a world pandemic.

The problem is that the Democratic party is in serious danger of losing nearly one half of their most loyal base of support -- the Black male vote. Unlike most Black women, most Black men aren't as enamored by speeches and token positions without any real substantive policy moves to address the Black conditions in America. So, therefore, Black men have been voting in fewer and fewer numbers since 2012. The Dems should've seen this coming in 2012 after promises were made for the second Obama term didn't come to fruition. Marginalized since the '70s, Black men watched in silence as women, gays and illegal immigrants replaced Civil Rights as the new focal point of the Democratic Party.

So what does the Democratic National Party do between now and the Armageddon of 2024? Embrace the Black agenda of REPARATIONS. I know that this will scare the bejesus out of some of our white centrist Dems, but you have two years to explain to them that crumbs and token appointments won't get it done any longer.

It's REPARATIONS or bust in 2024.

The key is for the Biden administration to develop a plan that will finally begin to address the injustices and inequities caused by 400 years of benign neglect and callous indifference without bankrupting our country.✿

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### IF NOT NOW ... WHEN?

By the time you read this I will have been the guest speaker at the Historic Mobile Preservation Society.

And every time I get the opportunity these days to speak to a group of mostly white Mobilians, many from old Mobile money, I can't help but think back to times growing up in Plateau (Africatown to many of you now) when my daddy would take me downtown with him on the bus before he got a car after his payday at Brookley Field.

We headed on down Telegraph Road, got off at Bienville Square then walked to pay bills at Alabama Power and Mobile Gas, before walking back to pay Hoffman Furniture Company on Dauphin Street, before a stop at the Peanut House for some jelly beans, then get back on the bus and head home where MuDear had his favorite "payday supper" waiting... fried fish and creamed potatoes.

It was a time when that's just about all most black people in Mobile did was pay bills to the white folks who controlled every facet of life in this town.

A couple of years ago I spoke to another mostly white group at the Athelstan Club, a place where the only way blacks could get into when I was young was if they worked there.

Now, I'd like to think that a black Mobilian being warmly welcomed to speak in these kinds of places in 2021 means we've come a long way. But we all know in our hearts we really still haven't come nearly as far as we should've by now.

As far as the Preservation Society goes, its website says it was "formed in 1935 and eighty-two years later its members are still proud advocates for preservation of beautiful, historic Mobile." But my talk with the group will have been about which part of Mobile history are they preserving?

It's surely not the part where many wealthy families in this town amassed their financial wealth on the slave trade? And it's certainly not the part where toxic mills were inserted into the Africatown community that created health issues still prevalent among many residents and former residents today.

And it's an even better bet that the Society isn't embracing how the three commission form of government that was allowed to languish for too long only served to push this town further and further behind others of similar size in this country... including now even Montgomery, a bastion of racism when I was growing up.

My point here is in no way to bash the Preservation Society, because it serves a necessary role like so many other organizations like it in towns with rich history.

But what I'm getting at is ALL history is history, and it behooves groups like it to embrace what happened to bring this town to where it is, and acknowledge how even through periods when evil was allowed to flourish, somehow Mobile still made it through.

Embrace the John LeFlores, Dr. James Alexander Franklins, Dr. H. Roger Williams and so many others that were as big a part of what got this town to where it is ... despite efforts by staunch racists to keep blacks downtrodden, broke and disgusted.

Maybe I will have been pleasantly surprised when I got to the Oakleigh House Museum, where the Society is housed, that there is more "complete" Mobile history on display than I expected. But, I'm not naive... I'm from Mobile!

The Society's director called to ask what the topic of my talk would be, and of course I'll have touched on Clotilda and Africatown.

But I told her my topic will be: "If Not Now... When?".

If this world (not just this country) doesn't wake up during this global period of reckoning going on now and realize we MUST find a way for all people to live together harmoniously, then when?

It's not the 12 million Africans' fault that they were brought here to never be anything BUT slaves. And when that plan didn't work out, the country resorted to lynching, and scare tactics and rule changes to the law to continue to suppress them and their ancestors.

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# ATTENTION LADIES!

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## THE REAL REASONS JOBS ARE NOT BEING FILLED

More than ever headlines are stating that jobs are available and people do not want to work. The real answer is more complex than that.

### GENERATIONS

The younger generations are challenging status quo. They are requesting, sometimes demanding, that their consumer dollars be invested for the good of society. In addition, they are challenging what my generation accepted too long – bosses, bullying, intimidation, harassment, stressful working conditions and unbalanced work/life environments. CBS Morning News show said 4.3 million people resigned their jobs by August 2020.

### COVID-19

The Pandemic death and sickness numbers are still mounting. Yet, it allowed many an opportunity to review their lives, career goals, work environment, passion and purpose. Some have decided they do not want to work in toxic environments. Others are aligning their passion and purpose with careers. Many are pivoting, seeking more freedom and monetizing their value.

### BAIT AND SWITCH

There are companies, industries and leadership teams who are well known for not investing in employees. They write glowing vision statements, amazing verse on their dedication to customers and employees. But beyond the view of the public they are bullies, and focus only on their bonuses. The ‘working poor’ became a trending term in the Post-Recession. Workers with full or part-time jobs whose pay is so low they could not afford company health plans, rent or other essentials. People are seeking companies who allow an equitable opportunity with jobs, not biased relationships. They want businesses to invest in their talent. But all too often it is a bait and switch. Glorious job descriptions turn into grunt work, bottom pay offered and worse yet, poorly trained supervisors.

### CAREER SOLUTIONS

If businesses do not see your value, build a platform that will highlight your proficiencies. There is a surge in Microbiz, businesses with fewer than five employees. These businesses supplement income and in some cases are the primary income for frustrated candidates and employees. Freelance opportunities are available on multiple professional websites. Utilize the power of your network to identify aligned opportunities or volunteer to gain access and experiences.

The job title belongs to the business. Your knowledge and talent belong to you. Do not depend on one income source.♦

\*NOTE: Nathaniel Patterson owned a marketing firm in Southern California for 24 years, was a corporate director for HMOs and Software companies and provided leadership on thirty Board of Directors.

Penn is well aware that he is following in the footsteps of a staunch crusader for Black communities in taking over from Richardson, whose District 1 is 80 percent black. Addressing the funding his campaign received from TSA PAC, Penn point out that it gave money to other Black candidates, including Richardson. “You can’t control the people who support you, who gave money for whatever their reasons I have no hidden agenda, I have nothing to hide.”

As the son of a single mother, Penn recalls growing up relatively poor, going to church in District 1, attending all of its schools, and seeing some of his friends killed in acts of violence as a teenager. He’s giving back to the youth of his area through the community Boys and Girls Club where he works. He has electrified the youth in District 1, he says, because they have never seen an elected official, much less played basketball with one.

So as a Black male, he says he clearly understands that his role as a new city councilor is to bring those experiences with him in his political decision-making. “My community has given so much to me before this position, and I’m excited to serve them in this capacity,” Penn said. “I love my community. I want to make sure my community has the best resources. I won’t do anything to hurt my community, and I will be a strong advocate for my community.”

Penn unveiled his “I AM DISTRICT 1 Challenge,” which includes three points: Safer Streets, by working with community leaders; Economic Growth, by working with business leaders and emerging entrepreneurs to “buy back the block”; and Listening, Learning and Leveraging, by encouraging those who have “made it” to give their time, talents and tokens (money) to support the community that nurtured their success.

### AN OLD SOLDIER REMEMBERS

As he prepared to attend Manzie’s funeral on Sept. 25, Richardson spoke of the great respect, camaraderie and teamwork among Mobile’s three Black city councilors, who together protected and fought for the interests of Black citizens, now Mobile’s majority population.

He was proud when Manzie and Small stood with him after the four White city councilors flatly refused to back former Mayor Sam Jones (the first and only Black person to hold that office), Richardson’s appointment to the Mobile Area Water Works Board in 2013. The White councilors called Jones -- one of Mobile’s longest serving elected officials -- “unfit” for the position, which angered Black citizens in and out of Mobile.

Manzie, Small and Richardson would even leave the council chambers together, holding up important agenda items that required a 5-vote supermajority to approve, under the Zoghby rule. That rule was created by state law to protect the minority councilors and the Black citizens they served from being run over by the four White councilors in a simple majority (4-3) vote. The standoff heightened racial tensions in Mobile in a way not publicly seen in decades, and required intervention.

The three also stood together to oppose a 2019 Stimpson plan to annex unincorporated neighborhoods into Mobile, further diluting growing Black voting power. Besides, Richardson said, the neighborhoods didn’t bring in enough tax revenues to cover the added cost of providing city services to them.

“We had to put our heads together every week on that issue (Jones’ appointment) to decide what agenda items to support or not. We got a lot of condemnation because of that, but we stuck together,” he said. “And if there was anything that we felt would have a negative impact on the communities we serve, we would not support that.”

Therefore, Richardson said he hopes that the newly elected leaders will do their parts to make sure the Black community’s interests are protected as the city grows.♦

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And when none of that worked the way they’d hoped it was an increase in drugs introduced into our communities that led to more mass incarceration of young black boys.

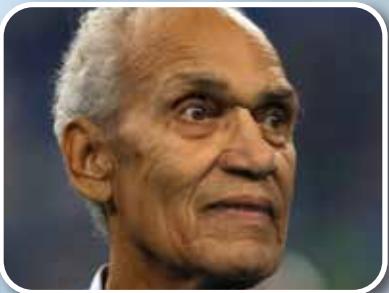
It’s been wicked ride black people in America have been forced to endure. And it’s too bad that neither you nor I, or maybe even our children won’t be around to see things ... hopefully ... turn around for the better one day.

But one thing’s for sure ... it HAS to turn around or this country can kiss its sweet ass goodbye.

If not now, when?  
THAT is the question.♦

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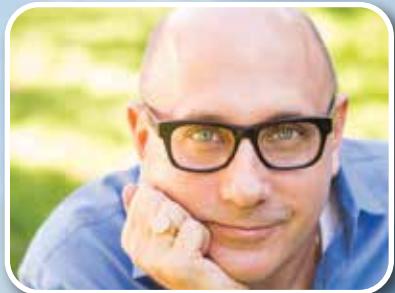
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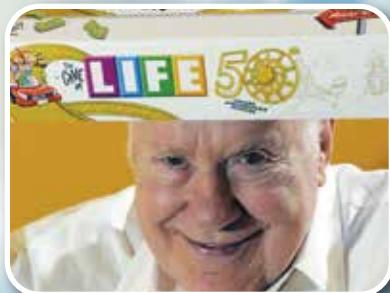
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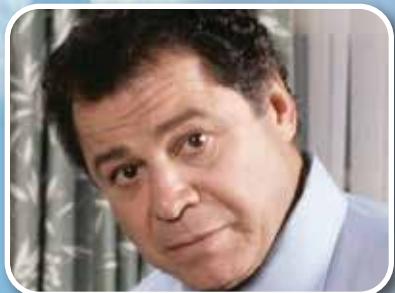
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## NEWS RELEASE

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### MCHD making changes to COVID-19 clinic schedule

MOBILE, Ala. — The Mobile County Health Department's (MCHD) COVID-19 Response Team will be making changes to its clinic schedule starting next week.

Because of decreased demand and competing priorities, all COVID-19 testing and vaccinations at the Keeler Memorial Building (251 North Bayou Street in Mobile) will cease on Monday, September 27, until further notice.

The public can continue to get the Pfizer vaccine (for those 12 and older), the Moderna vaccine (for those 18 and older) or Johnson & Johnson vaccine (for those 18 and older) at MCHD's Newburn Building (248 Cox Street in Mobile facing Saint Stephens Road). The weekday hours are from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Vaccine is also available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

On every Thursday, MCHD offers the Pfizer vaccine at the Occupational Health Center. This facility is located near the Mobile Aeroplex at Brookley (2050 Michigan Avenue in Mobile). The vaccine clinic will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Along with offering vaccine, the Newburn staff provides walk-in rapid testing during those same hours. Testing is free to all ages. Results are provided within 15 to 30 minutes while you wait. No appointments are necessary.

Individuals requesting a molecular test (Abbott ID Now) or a PCR test (through LabCorp) for personal preference or for travel must be tested at one of the Family Health locations. Appointments for these specific tests may be made by calling 251-690-8889.

For those wishing to make an appointment to receive COVID-19 vaccine, MCHD is now offering first-dose and second-dose Moderna vaccinations at several of its Family Health locations conveniently located throughout Mobile County. To secure a time to receive the shot, please call 251-690-8889.

To learn the latest on MCHD's vaccine events, visit [www.MCHDcares.com](http://www.MCHDcares.com) or call 251-410-MCHD (6243).

## Fifth Grade Assignment (Wouldn't this be great if it was taught in every school)

**A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in ways to communicate ideas about GOD.**

**Here are some of the results...**

### GOD is like HALLMARK CARDS

*He Cares Enough to Send the Best*

### GOD is like GENERAL ELECTRIC

*He Brings Good Things to Life*

### GOD is like ALLSTATE

*You're in Good Hands with Him*



## MOBILE COUNTY COMMISSION REQUESTS PROPOSALS

**American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**  
**Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**  
*more info and application at*  
**[www.bit.ly/MCCARPA](http://www.bit.ly/MCCARPA)**

FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION  
PROPOSALS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 25, 2021

Commissioners Merceria Ludgood, Connie Hudson and Randall Dueitt seek proposals from agencies, nonprofit organizations, private entities and local governments for project funding through Mobile County's \$80.14 million American Rescue Plan Act allocation.

**The deadline for priority consideration of proposal submissions is 5:00 p.m. October 25, 2021.**

This allocation comes from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. These funds will be used to continue the County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic while investing in initiatives for a strong economic recovery and reducing demand for state taxpayer dollars used for recovery efforts.

PDFs of the application, eligibility requirements and other information related to the proposal submission are available at <https://www.mobilecountyal.gov/mobile-county-commission-the-american-rescue-plan-act>. Printed copies of the proposal submission form and eligibility rules are available by calling 251-574-INFO.

To be considered for funding, proposed projects must be focused on or located in Mobile County and demonstrate they are an allowable use under American Rescue Plan Act guidance. Submitted proposals will be reviewed by Mobile County for fiscal impact, eligibility, and alignment with County priorities.

Mobile County will hold a virtual training session to discuss the funding and application process on October 08, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. The training session link and a recording of the session will be posted on the site above.

For questions about the application form or to request more information about the submission acceptance process email...  
[arpa.info@mobilecountyal.gov](mailto:arpa.info@mobilecountyal.gov).

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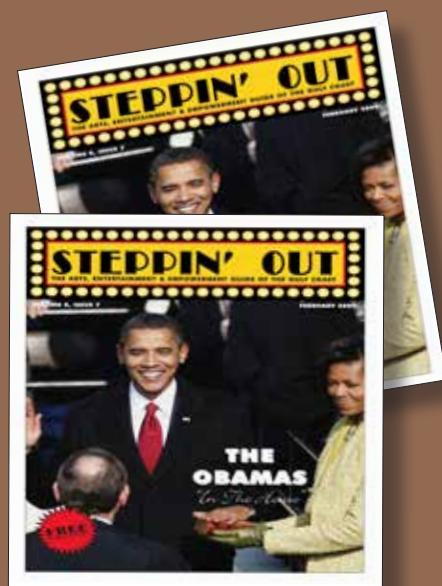
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