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Over \$50 million for local projects

Jackson area lands infrastructure funds

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The April 4 end of Mississippi's legislative session will send lawmakers back to their home districts with money for local projects in hand, boosting infrastructure and their profiles ahead of the 2027 elections.

Legislators from the Jackson area are leaving the Capitol with more than \$50 million from the state for the more than two dozen projects that legislators rub-

ber-stamped for the city and its suburbs. Hinds, Madison and Rankin counties netted nearly a fifth of all of the funds appropriated in the special projects bill approved by both chambers on April 2.

The biggest projects

Most of Jackson's projects are \$750,000 or less, but the area brought in a few big-ticket appropriations that topped the \$1 million mark.

The largest transfer that the city will receive is for the LeFleur's Bluff Conservancy, which oversees LeFleur's Bluff

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Sen. Hillman Frazier, D-Jackson, is bringing back \$2 million for the construction of a water treatment facility in his district after the special projects bill passed both chambers on April 2. AYRTON BRECKENRIDGE/CLARION LEDGER

CARLY GREGG CASE

MS court grants oral arguments in appeal

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Attorneys for Rankin County teenager Carly Gregg, who was sentenced to life in prison for murdering her mother and attempting to kill her stepfather, will get to argue their case in person before the Mississippi Supreme Court.

A letter issued by the court March 27 shows Gregg's attorneys were granted a request for oral arguments in their client's appeal.

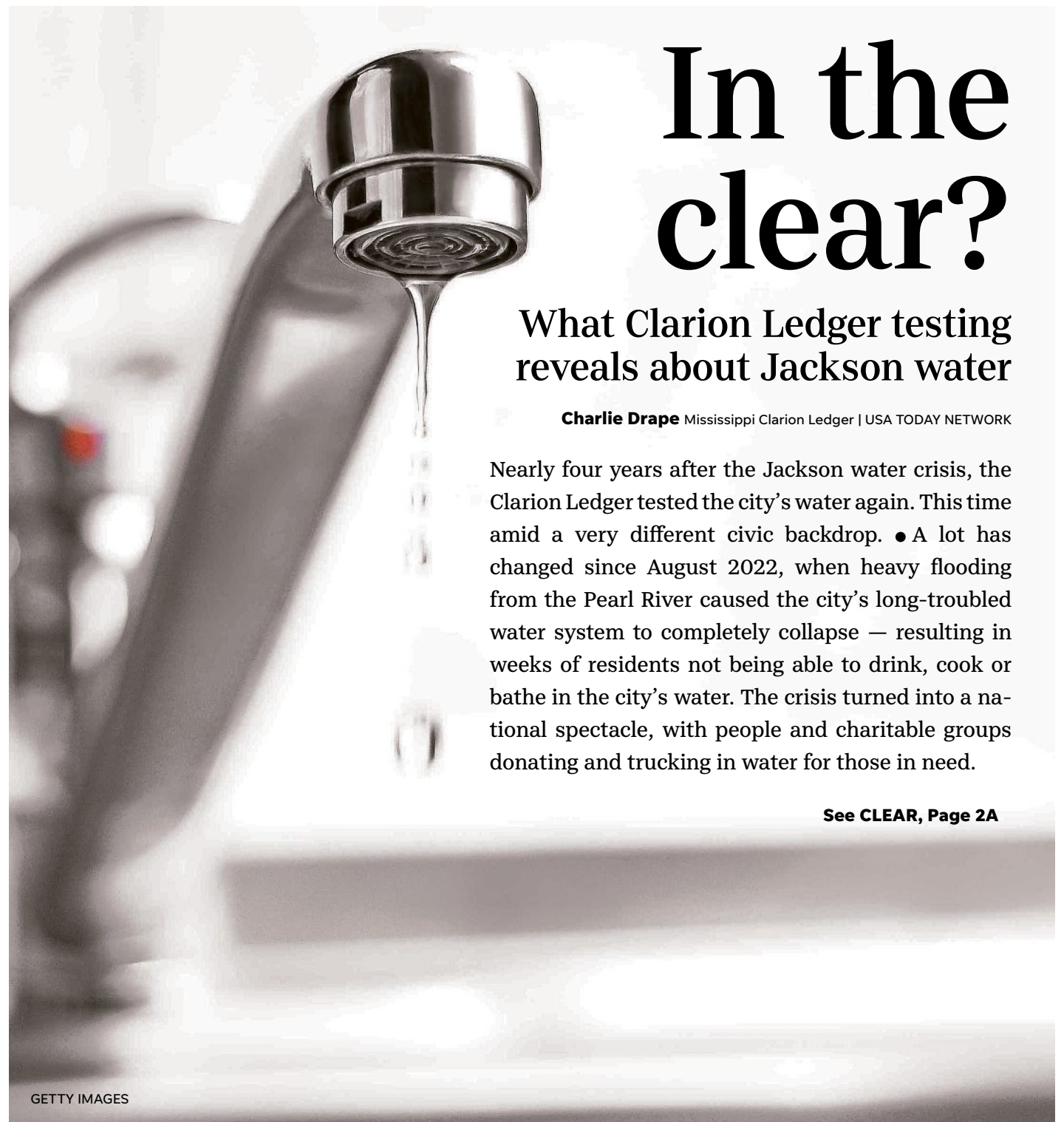
Arguments are set for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 27.

The court letter states each party in the case will be allowed 30 minutes for oral arguments unless a party desires for their case to be submitted on briefs alone without oral arguments.

Gregg, who is a former Northwest Rankin High School student, shot and killed her mother, Ashley Smylie, a teacher at Northwest, and shot her stepfather, Heath Smylie, before fleeing the family's Brandon home in March 2024. Gregg was 14 years old at the time of the crime.

In September 2024, a jury found Gregg guilty of murdering her 40-year-old mother, attempting to murder her then-39-year-old stepfather and tampering with evidence.

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In the clear?

What Clarion Ledger testing reveals about Jackson water

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Nearly four years after the Jackson water crisis, the Clarion Ledger tested the city's water again. This time amid a very different civic backdrop. • A lot has changed since August 2022, when heavy flooding from the Pearl River caused the city's long-troubled water system to completely collapse — resulting in weeks of residents not being able to drink, cook or bathe in the city's water. The crisis turned into a national spectacle, with people and charitable groups donating and trucking in water for those in need.

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