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## Grass Lawn granted after all

*\$500K goes from rejected to accepted*

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**GULFPORT** — Two weeks after pulling the plug on Grass Lawn, the City Council on Tuesday voted to revive the historic mansion.

The council last month voted against accepting a \$500,000 grant from the state Department of Archives and History to help rebuild the antebellum Grass Lawn mansion.

But after several days of what some considered unfair media scrutiny, the council voted 6-1 to accept the money.

The mansion was so revered by Gulfport that the home had a place on the city's official seal.

Councilwoman Ella Holmes-Hines was the lone vote against the grant, saying she was unhappy that the Warr administration did not get the council's approval when it applied for the grant.

"To go to this level of the grant process without council approval is disturbing to me," she said.

Some members of the group poised to save the old downtown library expressed chagrin over a grant to rebuild Grass Lawn while the library's days seem numbered.

Mayor Brent Warr said the federal government considers Grass Lawn an iconic structure. Library lovers said the library was iconic, too. Grass Lawn was built in 1863. The library is 43 years old.

Councilwoman Barbara Nalley said if the city rebuilds Grass Lawn, it should also save the library. Nalley had to leave last month's session early before the council voted against the grant, but after some questioning, she voted for the grant this week.

"I had a prior commitment," she said. "This is a part-time job; however, we have been crucified in the press lately. We all take this job very seriously."

The city already has insurance and  
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# TRIPLE MURDER, SUICIDE IN SAUCIER



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Harrison County Coroner Gary Hargrove, front left, and Riemann Family Funeral Homes' Tommy Franklin, right, recover one of the bodies from the scene of Tuesday's triple murder-suicide in Flushing Meadows subdivision in Saucier.

## Man kills stepdaughters, 2nd man, then himself

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**SAUCIER** — The shock of a triple homicide followed by a suicide spread Tuesday as authorities confirmed the devastation of a husband's rage in the fatal shooting of three teenagers.

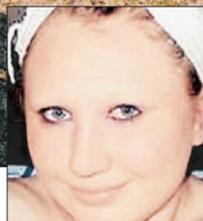
The only survivor was the gunman's wife, Zonia Ferri, who was assaulted but escaped, unaware Walter Ferri would turn his wrath on her

teenagers and a fiancé at their home on Andre Drive, said Harrison County Sheriff Melvin Brisolaro.

Coroner Gary Hargrove identified the victims as Sherry Lee, 17, her sister, Stacy Lee, 19, and Stacy's fiancé, 19-year-old James Glass of Long Beach. Sherry Lee was a senior at Harrison Central High. Stacy Lee was a cashier at the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Wiggins.

For more photos, go to [sunherald.com](http://sunherald.com)

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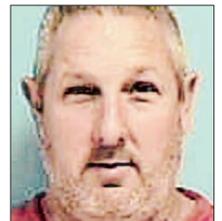
SHERRY LEE



STACY LEE



JAMES GLASS



WALTER FERRI



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A crew demolishes the SS Hurricane Camille on Tuesday. The rusting ship could no longer be maintained by its owner and was removed for scrap.

## SS Camille receives champagne send-off

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**GULFPORT** — From her perch along the highway, the SS Hurricane Camille saw thousands of flounder lights and tourists in flip-flops.

But it all ended Tuesday when a large tractor pulled up to her starboard rail and began ripping the rusty vessel apart.

"The Coast won't be the same," said Gayle Wiemers, a local who was around when the boat was first beached. "She had

survived two major hurricanes and now it's sad that she's being pulled down by man's hands."

A crowd gathered Tuesday morning to snap some final photos and say "farewell" to Camille. She was dismantled following a champagne toast from her owner, Lucille Moody, and a few friends.

"It is kind of sad, but I have no other choice," Moody said. "So we're toasting her goodbye."

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## WEB EXTRA

Watch video of the SS Hurricane Camille demolition and find more photos at [sunherald.com](http://sunherald.com)

## SOUND OFF OF THE DAY

"As I walked across the new Biloxi/Ocean Springs bridge with my husband and children I saw a beautiful site. No it wasn't the lights dotting the shoreline, the beautiful sunset over the water or even the cool breeze blowing across our faces; although those were breathtaking. It was the presence of the wonderful people we came across, their smiling faces and happy dispositions. Then I realized, maybe there is a place in this world where evil abates and the greater good rules supreme. I now know where that place is — the Mississippi Gulf Coast."

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