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Telehealth app, drive-through collection to speed up COVID-19 testing



Dr. LouAnn Woodward, UMMC vice chancellor for health affairs, describes the Medical Center's plans to facilitate additional screening and testing of Mississippians for the COVID-19 virus.

By Ruth Cummins
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The University of Mississippi Medical Center is leading an effort to address the state's community COVID-19 outbreak by offering triage for symptoms via a new smart-

phone telehealth app and collection of testing samples at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds.

Residents who believe they have symptoms of the virus must start the triage process beginning Monday by using the free app, C Spire Health



Dr. Alan Jones, UMMC chair of emergency medicine, said Medical Center leaders hope to have an in-house test for the COVID-19 infection, now being developed by UMMC researchers, available in less than two weeks.

UMMC Virtual COVID-19 Triage, created by the Medical Center and C Spire. The app is available for screening from 8 a.m.-8 p.m., seven days a week.

Only those triaged for risk through the app can take part

in the collection of samples, at no cost, at the Fairgrounds beginning Tuesday. They must arrive at their scheduled time and present an identification number given to them from the app.

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Governor Reeves provides unemployment benefits to help Mississippi workers during COVID-19 outbreak

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Recently, Governor Tate Reeves announced efforts to provide unemployment benefits to help Mississippi workers and their families impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak.

Working to support Mississippi's dedicated workforce and relieve undue burdens, Governor Reeves signed an executive order (below) instructing the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) to expedite payments to unemployed Mississippians and relax collection requirements on employers.

The Governor made the announcement directly addressing Mississippi via Facebook Live. "This is not a time for us to



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Black Press establishes Coronavirus Pandemic Task Force and Resource Center



By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent

The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), the trade association of African-American owned newspapers and media companies, is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by establishing the NNPA Coronavirus Task Force and Resource Center.

The task force will include publishers, editors, physicians, nurses, corporate partners, sponsors, associates and supporters of the Black Press of America.

The national resource center will be structured to provide timely and accurate information to stakeholders and the African-American community.

"It is well documented that African Americans get sick more frequently, are screened for illness less often, are diagnosed for disease later, are treated less aggressively and buried earlier than those in other ethnic groups in America," said Sheila Thorne, president and CEO of Multicultural Healthcare Marketing Group, LLC.

"The reasons for health disparities are complex. The deadly spread of the coronavirus in the United States exacerbates not only the poor health status of African Americans but it exposes their persistent lack of access to quality, culturally competent healthcare from testing to diagnosis to treatment," Thorne stated.

"I applaud the NNPA for taking a leadership position to disseminate accurate and culturally relevant health information to black Americans that will protect all in the community and save lives, especially those who are underserved and underrepresented."

Congressional Black Caucus Chair Karen Bass (D-Calif.) said she was pleased that the NNPA has established a task force and resource center and she's looking forward to con-

tributing.

"The NNPA Coronavirus Task Force and Resource Center is a one-stop spot for curated news and resources specific to black people in America," Bass stated.

"Since 1940, the NNPA has built a network of member publications across the country that covers news and issues most important to black people in America. The NNPA is a trusted source to reach the black community, often times overlooked by mainstream media."

Robert W. Bogle, the chairman, president and CEO of the *Philadelphia Tribune*, the nation's oldest and the Greater Philadelphia region's largest audited newspaper serving the African-American community, stated that the mission of the Black Press is being carried out despite the current crisis.

"We became an independent voice to speak up and speak out while deliberately embracing and telling our story," Bogle offered. "It's part of our history, and it's who we are."

He continued: "It doesn't mean that others don't write about us, but are they writing to us and for us? I say, 'No.' People in our business have to understand and recommit themselves and reaffirm who we are and the critical role that we play."

"For a lot of businesses, this is a short interruption. Newspapers will be hurt in a critical and severe way. We've experienced a day where we didn't do a dollar's worth of business. We had cancelations. We have to stop and think about who we are doing business with. If they don't support us, we should not support them."

In a memo circulated by NNPA President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., and on behalf of NNPA Chair Karen Carter Richards and the NNPA

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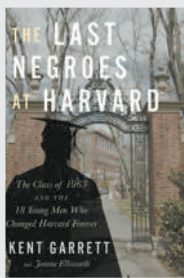
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10 incredible black women you should know about

By Christina Maxouris
CNN

“Being dragged off that bus was worth it just to see Barack Obama become president,” said Claudette Colvin, who before Rosa Parks was arrested for keeping her bus seat in Montgomery, Alabama.

(CNN)Black history is American history.

It’s easy to say. But while most grade school teachers agree that the experience and contributions of African-Americans are essential to understanding the nation’s past, only about 9% of total class time – about one or two lessons – gets devoted to it, a 2015 study by the National Council for the Social Studies found.

Part of why, the study found, is that teachers often lack the confidence to teach black history and aren’t sure “how and what content should be delivered.”

Certainly worthy are these trailblazers, who excelled in fields that, until they made their mark, had been off-



Wheatley, the first published poet

limits to black women.

The first published poet

Phillis Wheatley was the first African-American poet to publish a book.

Born in 1753, she was brought to New England from West Africa as a slave when she was nearly 8 years old.

The Wheatley family purchased and named the young girl, and after discovering her passion for writing (they caught her writing with chalk on a wall), tutored her in reading and writ-



Patterson, the first college graduate

ing.

She studied English literature, Latin, Greek and The Bible. With the family’s help, Wheatley traveled to London in 1773 and published her first poems. Soon after, when she returned to America, she was granted her freedom.

The first college graduate

Mary Jane Patterson made history when she graduated in 1862 from Oberlin College.

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Patterson was 16 years old when her family, among others, moved to Ohio in hopes of sending their children to college. The daughter of a master mason, Patterson became the first black woman to graduate from an established American college, Oberlin College.

Three years after her completing her studies in 1862, Patterson was appoint-



Mahoney, the first nurse

ed a teacher assistant in the Female Department of the Institute of Colored Youth in Philadelphia, according to the African American Registry.

She later taught at the Preparatory High School for Colored Youth, renamed Dunbar High School, serving as the school’s first black principal from 1871 to 1874.

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MS Senate passes legislation allowing local entities to pay employees administrative leave during emergency, adjourns Session temporarily

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Senate unanimously supported a bill giving counties, cities and schools the ability to pay employees who are placed on administrative leave during a State of Emergency Declaration.

On March 14, 2020, Governor Reeves issued a State of Emergency recommending the closure of school districts for one week

due to the presence of or threat of the presence of COVID-19. Other local and state governmental agencies have adjusted hours and other working conditions because of the virus.

Under current law, state agencies may pay state employees when they are placed on administrative leave because of an emergency declaration. House Bill 1647 (companion Senate Bill 2925) extends

this authority, using their current budget, to local governments and school districts. The authority is voluntary, not mandatory, and has been provided by the Legislature in previous emergency situations including post-Hurricane Katrina.

“The last thing our local governmental entities and schools need to be worried about is how to pay their janitors, cafeteria workers, bus drivers and so many others,”

Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann said. “Before we temporarily adjourned the Session, it was imperative we take this concern off the table for our local officials.”

House Bill 1647 now heads to the governor for his signature.

The Senate also voted unanimously to adjourn the 2020 Legislative Session until April 1 to conform with recommendations from the federal government and State

Health Officer.

House Concurrent Resolution 65 provides the Session may reconvene earlier or later than the date specified upon agreement of the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House.

For more information about COVID-19, visit www.healthys.ms.com.

To learn more about Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann, visit www.ltgovhosemann.ms.gov.



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panic. This is a time for us to come together as Mississippians, as Americans. Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and their employees are the people who keep our economy going. We have worked very closely with the Mississippi Department of Employment Security to help employees of small businesses that are having a difficult time keeping their doors open in these challenging times,” said Reeves.

Reeves is waiving the one-week waiting period to receive unemployment benefits for all claims filed from March 8 to June 27 and

suspending all work search requirements that normally must be met to receive benefits.

To relieve some of the pressure on employers, the governor is also suspending all collection activities, such as enrollment of liens and tax garnishments, and providing MDES and employers some flexibility as we move forward during this difficult time.

Reeves is currently working on next steps to take care of Mississippi employers and help them navigate this unprecedented time.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
Office of the Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1462

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(b)(17), I issued a Proclamation declaring that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Mississippi as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 beginning on January 27, 2020; on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a nationwide state of emergency due to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and Mississippi significantly impact the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the risk of spread of COVID-19 within Mississippi constitutes a public emergency that may result in substantial injury or harm to life, health, and property within Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Mississippi State Department of Health confirmed the first presumptive case of COVID-19 in Mississippi and as of March 20, 2020, there are 80 presumptive and confirmed cases in Mississippi that have tested positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for responding to COVID-19 recommends avoiding crowds as much as possible, especially for older adults and individuals with serious chronic medical conditions, and the Mississippi State Department of Health has recommended avoiding social gatherings where 10 people or more may come into close contact; and

WHEREAS, due to health and safety concerns related to the risk of possible transmission of COVID-19, many businesses within the State of Mississippi have either significantly downsized their staffs in order to adhere to CDC guidelines or have temporarily closed business operations until further notice, leaving many employers and employees without regular work and/or income; and

WHEREAS, this public emergency has taken a significant financial toll on countless employers and employees in the state of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi is committed to helping the plight of the employers and employees adversely impacted by this emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (hereinafter "MDES") is committed to the timely processing of all Unemployment Insurance claims in this time of emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby order and direct as follows:

its expiration on June 27, 2020, MDES has the discretion to reinstate this measure and will modify, continue or cancel this measure as needed in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

2. That due to essential efforts in response to the COVID-19 emergency, the work search requirements established in Miss. Code Ann. § 71-5-511(a)(1) and MDES Regulation 305.02 would prevent and hinder the expeditious disbursement of vital Unemployment Insurance benefits necessary to cope with the COVID-19 emergency. Accordingly, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(c)(1), all work search requirements that normally must be met to be considered eligible for Unemployment Insurance benefits shall be suspended beginning the date this Executive Order is signed until June 27, 2020. Prior to its expiration on June 27, 2020, MDES has the discretion to reinstate this measure and will modify, continue or cancel this measure as needed in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

3. That due to essential efforts in response to the COVID-19 emergency, the collection activity measures established in MDES Regulation 403 and Miss. Code Ann. §§ 71-5-19(4), 71-5-367, 71-5-369, and 71-5-375, would create an undue burden on the public during the COVID-19 emergency. Accordingly, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(c)(1), all collection activities including, but not limited to, interception of state tax refunds, payment agreements, enrollment of liens, tax garnishments, and claimant overpayment garnishments shall be suspended until June 27, 2020. This will only apply to delinquencies and will not affect the timely filing of employer contributions or wage reports. Prior to its expiration on June 27, 2020, MDES has the discretion to reinstate this measure and will modify, continue or cancel this measure as needed in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

4. That any waivers granted by the United States Congress related to the COVID-19 emergency may be adopted and implemented by the State of Mississippi. Moreover, MDES has the express authority to actively seek any waivers that it deems necessary to serve the people of Mississippi in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

5. That the Mississippi Department of Employment Security shall be empowered with the administrative flexibility to carry out this Executive Order pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §§ 33-15-34 and 71-5-115.

6. That all departments, commissions, agencies, institutions, and boards of the State of Mississippi, political subdivisions thereof, counties, municipalities and school districts are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions and measures taken in response to COVID-19 during the State of Emergency.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 21st day of March, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fourth.


TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR


MICHAEL WATSON
SECRETARY OF STATE

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Board of Directors, the trade association noted that all are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It is important to note that the majority of the NNPA member publishers across the nation are remaining on the frontline of providing vital and crucial information to African Americans and others who are challenged by the expanding and growing public health crisis confronting our families and communities,” Chavis wrote.

“Our member newspapers are still printing, and our online and digital distributions of vital life-saving accurate information on COVID-19 are all being done responsibly and effectively. Yet, many of our newspapers are facing a reduction in advertising at a time during this crisis when our news businesses are crucially needed.”

NNPA’s national office has put out an urgent call to federal, state and local public health officials to immediately increase their outreach to Black America via NNPA member publications.

Through the unprecedented public health crisis, personnel at the NNPA’s main office in Washington, D.C., have worked nonstop to find additional ways to help Black America push through the pandemic.

The task force, which will include top infectious disease doctors, medical and health experts from various organizations, and public officials, will aggregate facts and update information about how COVID-19 is impacting Black America in all age categories across the nation.

The task force will send out periodic national COVID-19 alerts to all in the NNPA database, and establish daily coordination between the NNPA and the National Medical Association (NMA), National Black Nurses Association (NBNA), and medical schools at HBCUs to collaborate on best practices and other vital information to assist Black America throughout the pandemic.

Chavis said Bass, the CBC chair, has been instrumental in the drafting of the stimulus bill that’s now before the U.S. Congress and she’s worked diligently to ensure that the legislation would include some form of assistance for the Black Press.

“At a time like this, our people cannot afford to be ill-informed,” Bass stated. “The creation of the NNPA Coronavirus Task Force and Resource Center is a great step in the right direction to ensuring black people get the pertinent information not just at the national level, but at the local and community level. When we leave out the Black Press, we leave a gap and miss out on effectively safeguarding our community during this global pandemic.”

Chavis noted that daily briefings of the pandemic and original and pertinent content about COVID-19 would be published at www.BlackPressUSA.com.

“The Black Press of America has always taken a frontline position during a time of crisis to keep Black America informed about the truth and facts,” Chavis said.

The leadership of the NNPA established the Coronavirus Task Force and National Resource Center as a responsible action to inform and to engage millions of black Americans and others in response to the coronavirus pandemic, Chavis added.

“We want to contribute to the saving of black lives and to protect our families, businesses and communities from this fatally contagious virus,” Chavis stated.

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In celebration of Women's History Month, we honor Patricia W. Bennett.



Patricia W. Bennett is the dean of Mississippi College School of Law and the first African-American female President of the Mississippi Bar. Before joining the MC Law faculty, Bennett worked as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice. Patricia Bennett has a national reputation for excellence!
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COVID-19 update

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) will now be keeping an active list of local COVID-19 testing sites throughout the state.

The list has been provided to MSDH from local county emergency management agencies and local providers. It will be updated daily when positive cases are updated on the MSDH website (usually mid-morning).

Residents are asked to call the facility before coming in for possible testing as procedures will differ from site to site. A fever of 100.4 and severe cough or chest pain is required to receive testing.

The list of facilities that will be testing starting Monday is as follows:

Forrest General Hospital –

Hattiesburg

Hattiesburg Clinic – Hattiesburg

Gulfport Memorial Hospital – Gulfport

St. Dominic Hospital – Jackson

Itawamba/Med Plus Urgent Care – Fulton

Lee/Med Plus Urgent Care – Tupelo

Memorial Drinkwater Internal Medicine Walk-In Clinic – Bay St. Louis

Memorial Long Beach Walk-In Clinic – Long Beach

Memorial Physician Walk-In Clinics – Walmart – Biloxi

Memorial Primary Care Cedar Lake – Biloxi

Memorial Stone County Medical Center – Wiggins

Memorial Surgery Center of Ocean Springs – Ocean Springs

Neshoba General Hospital – Philadelphia

North Mississippi Medical Center – Tupelo

Singing River Health System Clinics – Ocean Springs

Singing River Health System Clinics – Pascagoula

Singing River Health System Clinics – Hurley

Singing River Health System Clinics – Vancleave

Singing River Health System Clinics – Woolmarket

For contact information for these facilities, visit www.HealthyMS.com/covid-19. Keep up with the latest COVID-19 information by downloading the free MS Ready mobile app or follow MSDH by email and social media at www.HealthyMS.com/connect.

Coronavirus epidemic: What are viruses anyway?

By Glenn Ellis
TriceEdney Newswire



During the current coronavirus epidemic, the CDC recommends that we wash our hands long enough to sing Happy Birthday two times.

But, were they talking about the traditional version or the Stevie Wonder version? Every black person I know now, and every birthday celebration I’ve been a part of, for years, sings the Stevie Wonder version. The lack of clarity on this by the CDC lets me know that there is a need for different sets of information needed for different communities and cultures (according to their needs and interests) in communicating and providing information during this current epidemic.

According to the National Assessment of Adult Literacy, only 12 percent of adults in the United States have a high level of health literacy, according to the National Assessment of Adult Literacy. In other words, nearly nine out of 10 adults lack the skills needed to fully manage their health care and prevent disease.

Public health officials and the medical community assume patients understand and can manage their own health care. If a patient doesn’t have the literacy skills necessary to comprehend basic words, it is unlikely that he or she will be able to engage with their care, which is typically made up of complex directions and complicated terminology. That means that on a good day, most have no idea what the basics are for being health; not to mention understanding strains of viruses, transmission, vaccine development, incubation, etc.

Wouldn’t you think that at some point in this current coronavirus crisis, government or public health officials would have provided us with a basic understanding of exactly what viruses are; how they work; and why they are so potentially deadly?

Let me give it a try...

A virus is a tiny, infectious particle that can reproduce only

by infecting a host cell. Viruses “commandeer” the host cell and use its resources to make more viruses, basically reprogramming it to become a virus factory.

Viruses prey upon all living organisms, turning them into virus Xerox machines.

Unlike a bacterium or a cell of an animal, a virus lacks the ability to replicate on its own. A virus does contain some genetic information critical for making copies of itself, but it can’t get the job done without the help of a cell’s “duplicating” equipment, borrowing enzymes and other molecules to create even more virus.

Even though the smallest viruses are only about one-millionth of an inch long, they live up to their Latin namesake – poison. They are capable of infecting and hijacking a human body, creating health hazards as minor as the common flu and as disastrous as the AIDS epidemic.

Now, let’s tackle one of the basic questions many people have. How many different viruses are there on planet Earth?

Seems like every time we turn around, there’s a “new” virus circulating around the globe. Scientist then start scrambling to identify it and find a treatment and/or vaccine for it. Invariably, this leads to everything from outright fear to conspiracy theories. In the absence for more (and sometimes different) messaging to targeted populations, controlling the spread of the virus and protecting people will continue to be an uphill climb.

Let me just remind some and inform others; there are far more viruses on this planet than there are people. You can’t see them or feel them, but millions of airborne viruses are wafting around you each day, and billions more microbial travelers are descending everywhere on Earth, after riding air currents around the world.

Think about this: Scientists estimate that there are roughly 1,031,103,110 viruses at any given moment on earth. If you were somehow able to wrangle up all 1,031,103,110 of these viruses and line them end-to-end, your virus column would extend

nearly 200200200 light years into space. To put it another way, there are over ten million times more viruses on Earth than there are stars in the entire universe.

We didn’t always have the need as a society to be reminded of such fundamental hygiene practices. I remember as a kid, coming in the house after playing outside with my friends. The very first thing I would hear would be, “wash your hands.” Hygiene and family/community protection were second nature. Without any empirical data, I have to wonder if there is a connection between the loss of this general consciousness in our communities and the increase in both the rise of drug resistant bacteria and the rise of deadly viruses.

At the end of the day, with proper information delivered to respective communities based on their unique needs and abilities, we will find out that the basic behaviors needed to stay healthy, in general, are the same behaviors we should all be adopting in the face of any viral epidemic, including coronavirus.


Washing your hands; avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; stay home if you are sick; we all know the advice on protecting ourselves from the coronavirus.

Oh yeah, you only need to wash your hands long enough to sing the Stevie Wonder version of Happy Birthday once.

Remember, I’m not a doctor. I just sound like one. Take good care of yourself and live the best life possible.

The information included in this column is for educational purposes only. I do not dispense medical advice or prescribe the use of any technique as a replacement form of treatment for physical, mental or medical problems by your doctor either directly or indirectly.

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Steven C. Anderson, IOM, CAE
President & Chief Executive Officer

Dear President Trump and Vice President Pence:

We are grateful for the whole-of-government approach that you and your administration are taking to address the COVID-19 virus outbreak. It will require all levels of government – federal, state, and local – to take the actions necessary to enable the American people to prevail over this disease.

On behalf of 40,000 pharmacies operating across the country, and employing nearly three million Americans, including 155,000 pharmacists, we write to request your immediate assistance in removing barriers to care so we can be fully prepared to meet the demand of those affected by COVID-19.

Our pharmacies are on the front lines of this crisis, and our pharmacists are a highly trained army of professionals that serve the healthcare needs of millions of Americans each and every day. Our stores are a frequented centerpiece of everyday life in our communities, with locations on average only five miles from most Americans. But with this crisis having arrived urgently at the doorstep of our pharmacies, we urge you to not let our pharmacists be unnecessarily hamstrung by needless restrictions that prevent the Americans we serve from receiving care.

Our patients, and their loved ones, rely on our professionals for continuity of their care, and by taking a few key actions at the federal level – and by the governors taking similar actions in the states – we will be better prepared to serve

this nation. So as federal and state governments take action to respond to COVID-19 and ensure continued access to essential medicines, we urge the following:

- Ensure that pharmacies can remain open using all means, including central fill sites, technology, and out-of-state professionals
- Authorize pharmacies to provide COVID-19 testing, treatment and vaccines in states
- Ensure expanded access to pharmacy care to reduce pressures on hospitals, physician practices, and urgent clinics
- Enable our locations to deliver therapies directly to patients, including future therapies that have yet to be developed.

Community pharmacies have played a major role in supporting expanded access to care and pharmacy continuity in some of our biggest national crises. But no event in our lifetime has matched what we are experiencing right now, and we will do our part in supporting every community in this great nation. Ours is the best healthcare delivery system in the world, and together we will deliver for every American who needs our care.

We appreciate your consideration of this request, and your leadership to preserve the health and welfare of every American.

Sincerely,
Steven C. Anderson, IOM, CAE President & Chief Executive Officer





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Positivity in the COVID-19 era can inhibit distractions

By Jarret R. Patton, MD
Guest Writer



Distractions. Distractions. We all have them and they can be available at any time. They come in many forms while constantly begging for your attention relentlessly. What you do with these distractions makes all the difference.

As you know, there are hourly updates for COVID-19 where it spreads, where it came from, where it is going, how many people are infected, how many people died, how many people the next day and the cycle repeats itself. It is easy to get distracted by constant discussion of a certain topic. It starts to play on your psyche. Is my nose running? Am I getting sick? Do I have coronavirus? You may become overwhelmed.

Now, how many people have it in my county? You may start to wonder where it will go next by analyzing flight patterns from Seattle to New York. Next thing you start looking up how many various (infectious components) are in a typical coronavirus. Next thing you know 3 hours of your life have been wasted. Not to mention the worry and anxiety that may be the side effect. You can insert politics, sports or market woes into the coronavirus slot, those are plenty of things that will keep you distracted in life.

What is the big deal? Don't we need distractions from life? There are times you could use a distraction. Vacation is a great distraction. However, you should acknowledge the need for a distraction and take it. Use it to improve your health and wellness.

However, most distractions tend to take your attention away from something important: your kids, the road, maybe your goals and objectives. Yes, those things you commit to doing around the New Year and don't look at again until July when you are wondering what you have done with your year.

If you become distracted here is something you can do:

- Acknowledge that something is distracting. This will allow your mind to see that thing, whatever it is, that your brain has been desperately trying to ignore. Once you recognize the presence, then you forget it. You may have to stand up and take a deep breath, take a walk or run, or some other of your tried and true reframing tactics. Take a look at your daily or weekly planner. If you don't keep a daily task planner, you can get your official Licensed to Live daily focused task planner by simply texting doctorjarret to 44222. You need that visual to get you back on task.

There is nothing wrong with acknowledging a distraction, simply don't let it distract you.

Distractions come in different forms. We were talking about things like social media, coronaviruses, market crashes, television etc; things that take your attention away. What about things that dominate your attention span? Have you ever been distracted by your emotions?

Let's take anger as an example. Anger is an emotion we have all experienced over our lifetimes. However, anger, even by itself can be a distraction. Whatever you are steaming mad about has taken an enormous amount of energy and focus. In fact, you may not be able to see clearly when enraged. This may not only distract but cause

you to make poor decisions. It is essential to separate the emotion from the actual challenge (or problem). If forgiveness is required, you may have to forgive to move on. Take a moment, acknowledge your feelings, and then analyze the problem. You may even want to take another moment to find the positive in the situation. There is likely something positive that you have overlooked due to anger. Then focus on what brings you joy or happiness. You can choose to be mad or choose to be happy. It is a conscious choice.

If you have difficulty in seeing the positive, there is some help. Have you tried to use affirmations to change your mind? Affirmations get a bad rap when people don't use them correctly. Often people think that after speaking affirmations once, things will magically change. It doesn't work that way all the time. However, no matter what part of your life you want to change, positive affirmations can help you achieve your goals.

Changing your thoughts, beliefs, habits and parts of your life take time. If something is deeply ingrained, it may take longer or more effort to achieve your goal.

Positive affirmations can support and enhance your progress if from the first day you can do the following:

- Develop a positive outlook
- Broaden your opportunities
- Counteract negative statements
- Focus on and achieve healthy goals
- Increase your confidence
- See yourself as a beautiful person
- Change unhealthy behaviors
- Take control of your life
- Motivate yourself to take action and so much more

Affirmations actually helped me through very difficult times in my life when I thought I had lost everything that mattered. I have a firm belief that they can work.

Furthermore, I have written my second Licensed To Live book, Licensed To Live: Daily Affirmations to Rebuild your Life. It will be on Amazon and Barnes and Noble but for now you can get your presale edition (at licensedtolivesale.com) filled with 90 affirmations including a resource showing you how to use your affirmations. You will get a copy autographed by me and mailed out as soon as they are available in mid-April (enter the code FREEship19 to get a special discount.)

So do I get distracted? Yes, but I use some of the tips I have given you and more to keep myself on track. Sometimes I get distracted by work that I thought was outside my scope such as when I was in Los Angeles being filmed for the movie US vs the plant, a documentary about medical marijuana. I felt distracted by working with film producers, videographers, makeup artists and the like, but I realized that uncomfortable feeling was all about growth.

Distractions are a part of life that we must deal with. Take time to acknowledge your distractions in whatever way they come to you and use the tips and tools I suggested to keep yourself on track. Stay safe and stay positive!

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Coronavirus crisis highlights racial disparity in healthcare and economy

Federal response must include targeted relief to hardest-hit communities

By Marc H. Morial
Trice Edney Newswire



"Far too many African Americans still struggle to lead healthy and economically secure lives. This is due to the long-standing effects of racism, which touches all African Americans, regardless of socioeconomic status. These effects can be reversed, but it will take real commitment and systemic change. It shouldn't have taken an international pandemic to prove to America's leaders what civil rights activists have known all along: a system in which people can't afford to seek medical care and are forced to go to work sick is a recipe for national disaster." – Jamila Taylor, director of Health Care Reform and Senior Fellow, The Century Foundation

At every point along our health care and economic systems, black Americans are more vulnerable to the most serious effects of the coronavirus crisis. We are more likely

to have underlying health complications, like asthma. Our complaints are less likely to be taken seriously by medical professionals. We are less likely to receive treatment for our complaints. Even with treatment, we are less likely to experience positive outcomes. The high level of disparity erodes black Americans' trust in the health care system.

Although the Affordable Care Act extended health insurance to 2.8 million African Americans, 9.7 percent remained uninsured in 2019, compared with 5.4 percent among whites. Out-of-pocket health care expenses represent 20% of household income for black families, compared with 11% for white households.

Several months ago, researchers found that a process used to guide health care decisions for millions of people was beset with racial bias, drastically underestimating the needs of the sickest black patients.

According to the *Washington Post*:

The algorithm wasn't intentionally racist – in fact, it

specifically excluded race. Instead, to identify patients who would benefit from more medical support, the algorithm used a seemingly race-blind metric: how much patients would cost the health-care system in the future. But cost isn't a race-neutral measure of health-care need. Black patients incurred about \$1,800 less in medical costs per year than white patients with the same number of chronic conditions; thus the algorithm scored white patients as equally at risk of future health problems as black patients who had many more diseases.

Because of systemic barriers, African Americans receive less health care – so the algorithm identified black patients as less in need of care, creating a vicious cycle of neglect.

We cannot allow this neglect to continue in the face of a deadly epidemic. We must insist that testing and treatment are available in underserved low-income neighborhoods and communities of color, and that the care is commensurate with that offered in other com-

munities.

The nation's two-pronged response – delivering health care and economic relief – presents a unique opportunity to address bias and disparity and, to begin to build a more equitable system.

The National Urban League is leading the effort to shape the nation's response so that the communities hardest hit by the crisis are not overlooked. We are working with Congressional leaders to ensure that coronavirus response legislation must take racial equity into account – not just in the wake of the crisis, but permanently.

Black families need access to quality, affordable health care – not just now, but all the time. Schoolchildren need broadband access – not just now, but all the time. Workers need paid sick leave, paid family leave, and unemployment compensation – not just now, but all the time.

Times of crisis expose the cracks in an institution's structure. Now is the time to repair them.

Will the coronavirus hit black folks harder?

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA News Wire Columnist



Restaurants, museums, libraries, gyms and bars are closed. So are schools, from K-12 to higher education. Classes will be conducted online or not at all. A local vendor told me her receipts were down by 85 percent, and she hopes not to close before the "national emergency" is over.

Our streets are deserted, with some cities asking people to "self-quarantine," or in the words of several mayors, "stay home unless it is urgent." The shutdowns have impacted our economy. Consumer spending is more than two-thirds of GDP. If people aren't working, people aren't spending.

Treasury Secretary Mnuchin estimates that unemployment will rise to a scary 20 percent, just a bit lower than depression rate unemployment levels. And when America gets a cold, Black America gets the flu. Black unemployment has been twice the white unemployment rate. That means the black community might experience unemployment of around 40 percent. That's frightening.

Why are black folks more vulnerable? We are more likely

to work in the service occupations and in the gig economy. While jurisdictions are exploring the possibility of paying people who cannot work because of quarantines, it is not clear how many will be excluded from this relief. There are talks of giving everyone with an income under \$85,000 a \$1000 cash payment. And then what?

Meanwhile, government is planning a big bailout for airlines, hotels, cruise lines, the auto industry and others. If these folks get a bailout, it ought to be a loan, not a gift. After all, some of these industries, notably the auto industry, got bailouts in 2008, but they were loans, not grants.

Those who got grants, like the "too big to fail" banks, were supposed to use it to pump money into the economy. Instead, they tightened credit requirements, so few could qualify for loans.

The 2008 bailout was unevenly applied, and industries that didn't have effective lobbyists did much worse than others. Many of the companies paid the government back. We need to make sure they all pay it back this time.

My greatest concern is the medically vulnerable, people who have diabetes, lung disease, and heart disease, as well

as those who are over 60. This includes nearly half of all African-American women (47.3 percent), along with 44.8 percent of African-American men. The incidence of heart disease for white women (33.8 percent) and men (37.4 percent) is significantly lower.

There are racial differences in the incidence of diabetes, as well. African Americans are 60 percent more likely to be diagnosed with diabetes than whites and twice as likely to die from the disease. African Americans are also far more likely to contract lung disease than whites, and four times more likely to die from asthma.

Tests for the coronavirus seem to be in short supply. Will there be any targeted outreach to African Americans to ensure they are tested for the virus, especially because African Americans often delay doctor's visits even when they are sick?

Coronavirus knows no race, gender or age. When the virus first hit, medical professionals, said that older people were more vulnerable than younger ones. Now, the numbers are rising for young people, and even some children have been diagnosed with the virus.

It may be churlish to point out that African Americans are likely to be harder hit than

other populations. When White America gets a cold, Black America gets a fever. Inequality is hard woven into our nation's very fabric. Thus, it is hard to imagine the hardest coronavirus relief will be race neutral. African Americans are more likely than others to be unemployed, part of the gig economy, or otherwise at the economic periphery.

Furthermore, recession is inevitable. Except for grocery stores, pharmacies and banks, nothing is open. People aren't spending because there is no place for them to spend.

We don't know how long this emergency will last – some say as long as 18 months. But we do know that recession hits black folk, poor folk and marginalized folk harder than it hits others. We won't see the impact of this pandemic until after the fact. But if the past is any indication, our nation will experience a harsh blow, and for African Americans, the impact will be even more jarring.

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Stanley and Branson honored on behalf of JSU at 33rd annual HEADWAE program

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JSU student Patrick L. Stanley and faculty member Ronica Branson were honored during the 33rd annual HEADWAE program at the Mississippi State Capitol earlier this month. Higher Education Appreciation Day–Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) was established by legislative resolution to honor individual academic achievement and the overall contribution of the state’s public and private institutions of higher learning. The program is chaired by Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann.

Student honoree Patrick L. Stanley of Parma, Idaho, is also president of the JSU chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He’s a senior civil engineering major in the Department of Chemistry, Physics and Atmospheric Sciences in JSU’s College of Science, Engineering and Technology.

“Being nominated and chosen as the HEADWAE faculty



HEADWAE 2020 student honorees (left) and faculty honorees (right) gather on the steps in the Capitol Rotunda for a photo after the program held at the State Capitol. (Photos by Sophie McNeil Wolf, Institutions of Higher Learning)

representative for Thee Jackson State University is a great honor and has been one of the highlights of my career,” says Branson. “I love the work that I do, serving and educating our students and making an impact on our future generation.”

Meanwhile, faculty honoree Ronica Arnold Branson considers her selection as a “great honor and one of the highlights

of my career.” She is an associate professor in the Department of Counseling, Rehabilitation and Psychometric Services in the College of Education and Human Development.

“Being nominated and chosen as the HEADWAE faculty representative for Thee Jackson State University is a great honor.”

Stanley and Branson were

among outstanding students and faculty members from 34 public and private colleges and universities in Mississippi. Honorees received a tour of the Capitol and were recognized by the Senate and House of Representatives.

Various elected officials along with Alfred Rankins Jr., Commissioner of Higher Education, and Andrea Mayfield,

executive director of the Mississippi Community College Board, provided remarks.

Senator Rita Parks, chair of the Senate Universities and Colleges Committee spoke with passion as she encouraged students to stay in Mississippi after completing college.

“Thank you for your commitment and encouraging excellence,” said Parks. “I encour-



Branson

age you to stay in Mississippi. We need you.”

Alfred Rankins Jr. warmly welcomed the honorees to the program held in the State Capitol.

“On behalf of the Institutions of Higher Learning, I congratulate the honorees for your commitment to academic excellence, community service and leadership.”

Black women

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Walker, the first bank president



Colvin, first to refuse to give up seat



Dunnigan, first WH correspondent



Rudolph, the fastest in the world



Maathai, Nobel Peace Prize winner



Jemison, the first in space

The first nurse

Mary Eliza Mahoney is recognized as the first black nurse in the United States.

Mahoney, born in 1845, had been a cook, a janitor and a washerwoman before she began working at the New England Hospital for Women and Children, according to Jacksonville University.

When she was 33, she entered the hospital’s 16-month nursing program and earned her certification.

In a 40-year career, Mahoney directed the Howard Orphan Asylum in Long Island, New York, and was a founding member of the group that became the American Nurses Association.

After retirement, Mahoney continued to fight for minority rights and in 1920 became one of the first women to register to vote in Boston.

The first bank president

Maggie Lena Walker broke race and gender barriers as the first woman to establish and serve as president of a US bank.

Mitchell, the daughter of a former slave, went to public schools in Richmond, Virginia, became a teacher and established a newspaper before founding the St. Luke Penny Savings bank in 1903, according to the National Park Service.

In chartering the bank and serving as its first president, Mitchell broke gender and racial barriers.

She later served as board chairwoman when the bank merged with two other Richmond banks, the park service reports. The resulting entity until 2009 was recognized as the nation’s

oldest continually African-American-operated bank.

The first to refuse to give up her seat

Before Rosa Parks, Claudette Colvin, then 15, was arrested for not giving up her bus seat to a white person in Montgomery, Alabama.

Claudette Colvin broke ground nearly 10 months before Rosa Parks.

In March 1955, Colvin, then just 15 years old, was arrested for violating an ordinance in Montgomery, Alabama, that required segregation on city buses, according to a Stanford University entry. Colvin went to jail without a chance to call her family, a University of Idaho researcher wrote.

Colvin and other women challenged the law in court. But black civil rights leaders, pointing to circumstances in Colvin’s personal life, thought Parks would make a better icon for the movement.

“Being dragged off that bus was worth it just to see Barack Obama become president,” Colvin said in the 2017 book “Still I Rise.” “So many others gave their lives and didn’t get to see it, and I thank God for letting me see it.”

The first White House correspondent

Alice Dunnigan made history in 1947 as the first black woman to cover the White House.

Alice Dunnigan was mostly ignored during White House news conferences –until John F. Kennedy became president. That’s when *Jet Magazine*, in 1961, ran the headline, “Kennedy In, Negro Reporter Gets First Answer in Two Years,” according to The Poynter

Institute, a journalism school and think tank.

Dunnigan, born in 1906 in rural Kentucky, was the daughter of a tenant farmer and a laundress. She began penning columns at just 13 years old.

She graduated from Kentucky State University and taught for 18 years before moving to Washington. In 1947, she became chief of the Associated Negro Press and the first African-American woman accredited to cover the White House, according to the Kentucky Commission on Women Foundation.

The fastest in the world

Track star Wilma Rudolph, 20, lunges across the finish line at the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome.

Rudolph was dubbed “the fastest woman in the world” and in 1960 became the first American-American woman to win three gold medals in track and field at the same Olympic Games, according to the National Women’s History Museum.

Rudolph also championed civil rights, refusing to attend a segregated homecoming parade in her honor.

Rudolph later earned a degree from Tennessee State University and was inducted into the US Olympic Hall of Fame.

The first Nobel Peace Prize winner

Kenyan environmental and political activist Wangari Maathai was the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. She earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in the United States.

Kenyan ecologist Maathai became the first black woman to win the Nobel

Peace Prize.

An outspoken environmentalist, Maathai was honored in 2004 for standing at the “front of the fight to promote ecologically viable social, economic and cultural development in Kenya and in Africa,” according to the African American Registry.

Maathai earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees at American universities before completing her doctorate and founded the Green Belt Movement, the largest tree-planting campaign in Africa. She has been recognized as *Time Magazine’s* “Hero of the Planet.”

The first in space

Mae Jemison is an engineer, physician and NASA astronaut. She became the first African-American woman to travel into space in 1992.

Jemison began studying at Stanford University when she was just 16 years old. She earned a degree in chemical engineering and in 1981 a doctorate in medicine from Cornell University.

Jemison was chosen for NASA’s astronaut program in 1987 and became the first black woman to travel in space in 1992 after launching with the Space Shuttle Endeavour crew.

Afraid of heights, she nevertheless logged 190 hours, 30 minutes, 23 seconds in space, NASA said.

The first trans politician

Andrea Jenkins hugs a supporter in 2017, upon winning a Minneapolis City Council seat.

Andrea Jenkins in 2017 became the first openly transgender person of color elected to public office in the United States.

By the time voters chose her to serve on the Minneapolis City Coun-



Jenkins, the first transgender politician



Colvin as an adult

cil, she’d notched more than 25 years of public service experience, working as a policy aid, nonprofit director and employment specialist.

Jenkins campaigned on issues including reducing police violence, combating climate change, ending voter suppression and making available more affordable housing. She is a writer, performance artist, poet and transgender activist.

Atmos Energy and Mississippi Food Network partner with JPS to feed families



Atmos Energy contributed \$9,200 to Mississippi Food Network to provide food for 1,200 backpacks to go to JPS scholars over the next two weekends.

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The Mississippi Food Network and Atmos Energy partnered to fund weekend sacks of food to Jackson Public Schools’ scholars. This support helps JPS children to receive supplemental nutritious and easy-to-prepare foods during the weekends. Atmos Energy contributed \$9,200 to the Mississippi Food Network to provide food for 1,200 bags of food over the next two weekends.

“We are extremely grateful to Atmos Energy and the Mississippi Food Network for their generous donations to support our families in these uncertain times,” said Superintendent Errick L. Greene. “We will continue to collaborate and utilize

our resources to support our students to receive the proper nourishment during the school closure.”

“In this trying and unprecedented time, we are thankful to Atmos for their very kind donation to the Backpack Program. This funding allows Mississippi Food Network to continue to provide a much-needed service to the students in the Jackson Public School system. We thank the state leaders, community members and local businesses who have gone the extra mile for Mississippi families,” said Charles Beady, CEO of the Mississippi Food Network.

Food was distributed March 20 and will also be available March 27 at designated loca-

tions within JPS.

The bags include:

- 2 breakfast items (cold cereal)
- 2 main dishes (soup, pasta meal)
- 2 fruit juice boxes (apple juice, grape juice, orange juice)
- 2 fruit cups (fruit cups, apple sauce)
- 1 dairy (shelf-stable white milk, chocolate milk, strawberry milk)

“Atmos Energy is committed to helping our communities during this challenging time,” said Bobby Morgan, vice president of Public Affairs. “We are grateful to support such organizations that make a real difference in fighting food insecurity among young children in Mississippi.”

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MDE Press Release regarding assessments, accountability, missed school days

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The Mississippi State Board of Education (SBE) voted recently to suspend all federal and state assessments for the 2019-20 school year and to submit a waiver request to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) for exemption of those federal requirements.

As a result of the suspension of federal and state assessments, districts will retain the accountability grade for the 2020-21 school year that they received in the 2019-20 school year.

Additionally, the SBE affirmed Gov. Tate Reeves’ executive order to close schools statewide through April 17 in an effort to contain the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). As a result, the SBE voted to allow school districts to forego the requirement of a 180-day school year per state law for school closure due to COVID-19.

The governor’s executive order follows his March 14 Declaration of a State of Emergency for the state of Mississippi, in which he asked schools to close March 16-20.

Jason Dean, SBE chairman,

stated that “school buildings are closed to the general public but learning is not closed.” He encouraged local school districts to continue learning opportunities for students during this time.

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) has issued guidance to school districts who want to implement distance learning. MDE has partnered with Mississippi Public Broadcasting to provide online learning opportunities for students. However, not all districts have the technology to fully and equitably conduct online learning, so the MDE will be releasing additional guidance for school districts in the coming days.

Some school districts have offered take-home packets of work for students and parents.

“I want to commend our superintendents, principals and teachers on efforts to provide instruction to students even while schools are closed,” said Carey Wright, State Superintendent of Education. “I also want to recognize all district support staff who have stepped in to assist the students of their districts under these challenging circum-

stances.”

MDE will submit a waiver to ED regarding suspension of assessments and accountability for the 2019-20 school year. The Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) is providing needed national leadership by working with ED on state waivers.

“I want to thank CCSSO for its leadership in working with the U.S. Department of Education on a potential waiver for states. CCSSO is leading in unprecedented times,” Wright said.

The MDE will send guidance to districts on how to submit information on missed days.

Lawmakers passed legislation to authorize districts to pay all certified and non-certified staff during school closures due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Districts will continue to receive their monthly MAEP allocations.

The SBE’s decisions will have implications for various MDE policies, and the agency will be evaluating those and making recommendations to the SBE at a special-called virtual meeting set for Thursday, March 26.

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority sees ad-hoc airline schedule changes

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The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) advises that airlines serving Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evans International Airport (JAN) are understandably experiencing passenger travel decline during the COVID-19 period, making daily ad-hoc cancellations based on passenger loads and operational considerations. To this point, flights to the major global hubs of Atlanta (ATL), Charlotte (CLT) and Houston (IAH) are still being served multiple times daily from JAN. Chicago O’Hare (ORD) flights are less frequent.

JMAA continues to adhere to all guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention (CDC) and has installed hand sanitizers throughout JAN and Hawkins Field Airport (HKS). JMAA is continuing its long-standing partnership with the Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH), as well.

JAN Airport has installed life-sized flu-prevention renderings by artist Jack B. Davis to demonstrate proper hygiene, such as hand-washing and cough-covering techniques in a way that is fun and inviting. These figurines were installed March 23.

Sanitary Recommendations

As Your Connection to the World, JMAA strongly encourages passengers to utilize the following safe travel tips:

- Check in online or via mobile device and airline applications when possible;
 - Bring sanitary wipes and/or 3 oz. hand sanitizer for personal use and onboard aircraft;
 - Wash hands frequently or use the hand sanitizers installed throughout JAN terminals;
 - Practice social distancing of six (6) feet apart.
- To further encourage public safety, JMAA has posted CDC guidelines to www.iFlyJackson.com, on JMAA social media platforms, and throughout JAN and HKS. There is also a detailed public service announcement playing overhead at JAN suggesting best hygiene practices.

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The wrath of God

By Pastor Simeon R. Green III
Special to The Mississippi Link



We read in Psalm 9:17, “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.” We cannot help but be reminded of what Christ said in Luke 12:54-56, “And He said also to the people, when ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, there cometh a shower; and so it is. And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, there will be heat; and it cometh to pass. Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time?”

Certainly this is the condition of our religious world. Sinners and even many professing Christians all around

us are unable to discern this time when God’s wrath refuse to wait.

We read in Jeremiah 3:5a, “Will He reserve His anger forever?” This is something that you need to think about. Friend, will God reserve His anger forever? God is angry with America (the world), and He is angry concerning the sins that are going on in our world. Second Chronicles 36:16 says, “But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised His words, and misused His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, till there was no remedy.”

God does not throw temper tantrums. His anger against sin is built into His very nature. Therefore, God’s displeasure can reach a boiling point when sin reaches an intolerable level. Friend, if

you will be honest, you will have to agree that in America sin has reached an intolerable level. There comes a time when an individual as well as a nation can exhaust the mercy of God. You can read in the Bible the account of what happened to Sodom and Gomorrah when God had His fill of their sin.

God’s fierce wrath against sin is as much a reflection of His character as His love. The wrath of God is not a popular subject, and I do not necessarily enjoy preaching about it; however, if I did not warn people about the judgment of God, I would be like a fireman who failed to warn people about a fire.

Sinner friend, if you are living in sin, you can store up wrath against yourself as you continue to sin and refuse the mercy of God (Read Romans

1:18; 2:5).

America is intoxicated with the deadly poison of sin. You know I am telling you the truth. Even so, I would rather live in the United States of America than any other place that I know of now. I have been in other countries during my 20 years of military service, but we must face the facts. The foundation of this country is becoming more and more rotten.

God will bless or curse a nation according to the course it takes. This nation is under the displeasure of God. The downfall of every nation or people has always been sin.

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The sum of our fears

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



As a continuation of my column from a couple of weeks ago on the sum of all fears, this week I’d like to explore more about the creation of fears. Like primary colors (yellow, blue and red) form the foundation of all colors, I think there are just three fears that are at the heart of all other fears.

In looking at others and at my own life, I think the primary fears are:

- Fear of rejection
- Fear of commitment
- Fear of change.

When these fears combine, they then might create other fears such as:

- Fear of being punished
- Fear of being inadequate
- Fear of being controlled
- Fear of being alone
- Fear of being forgotten
- Fear of being ignored
- Fear of being close or intimate with others
- Fear of being hurt
- Fear of the unknown/known.

I think the key to dealing with any fear is knowing how to handle it and who we should go to. The Bible gives examples of characters who struggled with fears but who showed the importance of taking our fears and anxieties to God.

In fact, David makes references to those fears in well known passages of scripture like Psalm 3. He shows us how to manage fears in Psalm 27. Verses 1-2 state, “The LORD is my light and my salvation so why should I be afraid? The LORD is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I tremble?” He acknowledges that he is fearful but he also reminds himself that God can protect him.

Later in verses 7-10 of this same psalm, David pleads, “Hear me as I pray, O LORD. Be merciful and

answer me! My heart has heard you say, “Come and talk with me.”

And my heart responds, “LORD, I am coming.” Do not turn your back on me.

Do not reject your servant in anger. You have always been my helper. Don’t leave me now; don’t abandon me, O God of my salvation! Even if my father and mother abandon me, the LORD will hold me close.”


He also repeats his many fears: fear of being rejected, fear of being abandoned and fear of being ignored.

He ends Psalm 27 with these familiar words, “Wait patiently for the LORD. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the LORD.” By ending it with these encouraging words, he’s showing us a key to managing our fear: when we are fearful, it’s important that we have more patience and trust in God. Yet, many of us have less patience when we are unsure and anxious. God wants us to trust him at all times but especially when we are fearful.

Here’s a secret: God knows when we are fearful even when we don’t want to admit it to him or anybody else. The great thing about being a Christian is that we don’t have to feel the pressure of being “fearless” because we know God comforts us regardless of our fear.

2 Corinthians 3-4 says that God is the “God of all comfort” and that he comforts us so we can then comfort others. In these uncertain times when fear and anxiety seem to be the emotions that many are expressing, I hope that we remember to allow God to comfort us and grant us peace.

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MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY
Worship Services
10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 8:45 a.m.
MONDAY
Intercessory Prayer 9:00 a.m.
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.
Classes: Children • Youth • Adult - 7:00p.m.



Michael T. Williams
Pastor



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SUNDAY
8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. - Worship Services

WEDNESDAY
7:00 p.m. - Bible Class

TV BROADCAST
8:00 a.m. - Channel 14 (Comcast)

Prayer Everyday: 6 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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Worship Service | Sundays 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study | Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

Phone Number: | Access Code:
(218) 339-7800 | 627 6205#
(712) 832-8330 (Alternate Number)
*The call will last only 30 minutes

New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor, Dr. F. R. Lenoir



Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.
Live Radio Broadcast
WOAD AM 1300 - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



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New Bethel M. B. Church • 450 Culberston Ave. • Jackson, MS 39209
601-969-3481/969-3482 • Fax # 601-969-1957 • E-Mail: Serenitynbc@aol.com

Crossroads Church of God

Sharing The Love Of Christ With Others



Sunday Morning
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sunday Worship
Service 11:15 a.m.
Bible Study Following
worship service 12
Sundays

Wednesday
Prayer/Bible
Study 7 p.m.

Rev. Mark Jackson, Pastor
221-A John Day Road • Off Hwy 16 East • Canton, MS 39046
Church: 601-859-2858

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Advertisement for Electronic Bid
Bid 3128 Track and Field Renovations for Hughes Field

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 2:00 P.M. (Local Prevailing Time) April 17, 2020, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project Track and Field Renovations for Hughes Field will be held at Hughes Field located on Ellis Avenue, Jackson, MS 39209 on April 03, 2020 at 1:30 P.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is not mandatory but strongly encouraged. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at www.jpsdmsprojects.com. A \$100.00 Non-refundable deposit shall be required on each set of bid specs/ documents and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders, please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact Preston McKay at M3A Architecture, PLLC. Phone: 601-981-1227 or Email: pmckay@m3aarch.com.

3-19-2020, 3-26-2020

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS AND
REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received electronically via MAGIC or physically delivered to the office of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, 501 North West Street, Suite 1401 B, Jackson, Mississippi, 39201, until 2:00:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 04/21/2020 , for:

RE: GS# 374-006 MDMR Dry Lab
Bolton Building (Office of Capitol Facilities)
(Department of Finance and Administration)
RFx #: 3160003533

at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Contract documents may be obtained from:

Professional: Hardy and Associates/Architect, PLLC
Address: 15260 Big John Road, Suite A
Biloxi, Mississippi 39532
Phone: 228-215-1851
Email: marty@hardyarchitect.com

A deposit of \$150.00 is required. Bid preparation will be in accordance with Instructions to Bidders bound in the project manual. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids. NOTE: Telephones and desks will not be available for bidders use at the bid site.

Calvin R. Sibley, Bureau Director
Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management

3-19-2020, 3-26-2020

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 08, 2020 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

• APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
A. NEW BUSINESS

• CASE NO. 2020-05, REQUESTED BY: JEFF SEABOLD, TO CONSTRUCT CUSTOM DESIGNED FENCE ALONG SIDE AND BACK YARD OF THE PROPERTY AT 1320 ST. ANN ST, LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

• CASE NO. 2020-06, REQUESTED BY: JETT DESIGN/BUILD, TO RELOCATE AND REPLACE TWO EXISTING 8 OVER 8 DOUBLE HUNG WINDOWS WITH 4 OVER 1 DOUBLE HUNG WINDOWS MATCHING THE STYLE OF THOSE ORIGINAL TO THE HOUSE AT 6 PARK AVE, LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

• DUE TO A CONFLICT IN HIS/HER SCHEDULE, COMMISSIONERS MAY UTILIZE CONFERENCE CALLING TO HEAR CASES & VOTE IN THE EVENT OF THEIR ABSENCE.

3-19-2020, 3-26-2020

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LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that Proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi until 3:30p.m., Tuesday, March 31, 2020. The City of Jackson, Mississippi requests proposals from art groups and other community development groups providing services to the citizens in the City of Jackson.

Financial assistance is available to support arts and community development activities designed to increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of the arts and improve the quality of life among the citizens of Jackson. This solicitation seeks proposals with an emphasis on community exposure, history and education.

Grant awards offered by the City of Jackson shall only represent supplemental funding in support of arts projects and community development based projects. To be eligible for funding, proposing organizations must have verifiable cash match contributions that equals to at least 50% of project cost.

A workshop on the Request for Proposals packet is scheduled for MONDAY, March 23, 2020 beginning promptly at 2:00pm. It will be held at the Municipal Art Gallery located at 839 North State Street Jackson, MS 39202. Those interested in submitting proposals should attend this Workshop.

For the Request for Proposals packet, please contact Beverley Johnson-Durham at 601 960 0383. All proposal must be sealed and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: Proposal for general funds Arts and Community Based Grants. Proposal packets must be received by the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 219 South President Street by 3:30pm on March 31, 2020. The city reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

Request for proposal documents can be downloaded from the City of Jackson website: www.jacksonms.gov and may be picked up at the City of Jackson Department of Human and Cultural Services located at 1000 Metrocenter Drive Suite 101, Jackson MS.

By: Adriane Dorsey-Kidd, Director
Department of Human and Cultural Services

3-5-2020, 3-12-2020, 3-19-2020, 3-26-2020

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Office of the City Clerk
219 South President Street
Post Office Box 17
Jackson, Mississippi 39201-0017

NOTICE TO PETITIONERS AND/OR APPELLANTS REGARDING
PUBLICATION OF NOTICE AND/OR ORDINANCE

Please look at this Notice or Ordinance and check carefully to see if all of the facts and descriptions are correct. We have prepared this Notice or Ordinance from the information and legal description that was given to us, but it is your responsibility to see that the information given is correct. If a new publication of the Notice or Ordinances has to be made because of an error made in pertinent information, the cost of publication will also be paid by the Petitioner, Appellant, and not by the City. State Statute provides a ten (10) day Appeal Period for Bill of Exceptions or otherwise. The Ordinance do not become final until 30 days passage and after the Petitioner has published same.

Petitioners, please take certified copy to the following newspaper to be published:

The Mississippi Link Newspaper
2659 Livingston Road
Jackson, MS 39213
601-594-1844

Angela Harris
Interim Chief Deputy Municipal Clerk
City of Jackson, MS

Case No. 4077

Ordinance granting Frederick Johnson a Rezoning from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for the development of the property with a variety of land uses that are more compatible and beneficial to the adjacent communities for the property located on (Parcel #732-7) on Bolling St., Case No. 4077.

Hearing Date: December 18, 2019

NOTICE:
Accepted by _____
Date _____

ORDINANCE:
(SIGN) Accepted by Angela Harris
Date 3/19/2020

*Please mail a copy of or bring proof of publication to:
Office of the City Clerk
Attn: Angela Harris
P.O. Box 17
Jackson, MS 39201

ORDINANCE GRANTING FREDERICK JOHNSON A REZONING FROM I-1 (LIGHT) INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO NMU-1 (NEIGHBORHOOD) MIXED-USE DISTRICT, PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY WITH A VARIETY OF LAND USES THAT ARE MORE COMPATIBLE AND BENEFICIAL TO THE ADJACENT COMMUNITIES FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON PARCEL# 732-7 ON BOLLING ST., CASE NO. 4077.

WHEREAS, Frederick Johnson has filed a petition to rezone the property located on Parcel# 732-7 on Bolling St., in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for the development of the property with a variety of land uses that are more compatible and beneficial to the adjacent communities; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the property from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for the development of the property with a variety of land uses that are more compatible and beneficial to the adjacent communities; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, January 27, 2020 to consider said change, based upon the record of the same as developed before the Jackson City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on October 31, 2019 and November 18, 2019 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on December 18, 2019, all as provided for by ordinance of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board has offered the recommendation to rezone the above described property from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented; and

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

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

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

A certain parcel of land being situated in Section 19, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Hinds County, Mississippi and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at SW corner of Lot 117, Northwest Terrace Part 1, as now recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi in Plat Book 19 at Page 24; run thence S 0°31'00" W along the East right of way line of Bolling Street a distance of 50 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence leaving said right of way run N 89°34'00" E 130.00 feet to a point on the Westerly line of Northwest Hills. Part 4, as now recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi in Plat Book 37 at Page 7; run thence S 43°00'00" E 135.98 feet along the Southerly line of said Northwest Hills Subdivision. Part 4 to an angle point; run thence S 89°53'00" E 907.25 feet along the Southerly line of said Northwest Hills. Part 4 to an angle point; run thence S 46°39'21" E 138.97 feet along the Southerly line of said Northwest Hills Subdivision. Part 4 to a point, said point being the Northwest corner of a certain parcel of land described in Deed Book 4912 at Page 329; thence leaving the Southerly line of said Northwest Hills. Part 4 run thence SOUTH 725.00 feet along the West line of said parcel of land as described in Deed Book 4912 at Page 329 to a point on the North right of way line of Michael Avallen Drive; run thence S 89°34'00" W 1277.73 feet along the said North right of way line of Michael Avallen Drive to a point on the East right of way line of Bolling Street; run thence N 0°31'00" E 905.99 feet along the East right of way line of Bolling Street to the Point of Beginning. This parcel contains 23.3707 acres more or less.

This parcel of land is part of a parcel of land described in Deed Book 1136 at Page 353 of the records of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi.

It is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the property located on Parcel# 732-7 on Bolling St. from I-1 (Light) Industrial District to NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for the development of the property with a variety of land uses that are more compatible and beneficial to the adjacent communities. However, that before any structure is erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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

Council Member Stamps moved adoption; Council Member Banks seconded.

Yem- Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Priemer and Stamps.
Nays- None
Absent- Stokes and Tillman

ATTEST:

Angela Harris
Interim Chief Deputy Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Interim Chief Deputy Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records of the Council 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 Zoning Council Meeting on January 27, 2020 and recorded in Minutes Book #90, Pgs. 425-427.

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 21st day of February, 2020.

SEAL Angela Harris
Angela Harris, Interim Chief Deputy Municipal Clerk

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS AND
REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received electronically via MAGIC or physically delivered to the office of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, 501 North West Street, Suite 1401 B, Jackson, Mississippi, 39201, until 2:00:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 04/28/2020 , for:

RE: GS# 209-057 Re-roof Ivy Hall (Bookstore)
Meridian Community College
RFx #: 3160003550

at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Contract documents may be obtained from:

Professional: Carter Miller Associates, Ltd.
Address: Post Office Box 4324
Meridian, Mississippi 39304
601-483-0601
Phone: bcarte@cmltd.us
Email:

A deposit of \$100.00 is required. Bid preparation will be in accordance with Instructions to Bidders bound in the project manual. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids. NOTE: Telephones and desks will not be available for bidders use at the bid site.

Calvin R. Sibley, Bureau Director
Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management

3-26-2020, 4-2-2020

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LEGAL NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS for an ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

The City of Jackson, Mississippi is committed to efficient utilization of its resources. One component of this commitment is reduction of energy consumption where possible. The City is requesting proposals for the implementation of Energy Efficiency Improvements on a performance-contracting basis under MS Code 31-7-14. The intent of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is to solicit qualification proposals from Energy Services Companies (ESCOs) that describe their capabilities to identify, design, install, maintain, monitor and arrange financing of a large-scale, comprehensive energy-conservation program which includes the services listed in this proposal.

Request for Proposal packets may be obtained from the Engineering Division of Public Works, 200 South President Street, Suite 424, Warren Hood Building, Jackson, MS. A copy of the RFP packet has been filed with the City Clerk of Jackson, MS. Official Proposal Documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic Proposal responses can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814, or contact Mr. Philip Barnes at (601) 960-1132, pbarnes@jacksonms.gov. Proposals will be received by the City Clerk of Jackson, Mississippi, at 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 or at Post Office Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 until 3:30 PM, local time, April 28, 2020.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each proposer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan with the proposal submission, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Executive Order. Failure to comply with the City's Executive Order shall disqualify a proposer from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact the Division of Equal Business Opportunity at 601-960-1856. Copies of the City of Jackson's Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications, and a copy of the program are available at the following location: 200 South President Street, Room 223, Jackson, Mississippi; or can be accessed on City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity webpage.

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

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

Charles Williams Jr., P.E., Ph.D.
Charles Williams Jr., P.E., Ph.D., City Engineer
Department of Public Works

3-26-2020, 4-2-2020

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NOTICE OF INTENT
TO RECEIVE SEALED BIDS
FOR THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY BY
THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority "JMAA" requests Sealed Bids for the purchase of items identified for disposal.

JMAA will receive Bids for the property at JMAA's administrative offices, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208 until 2:00 p.m. central time on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 (the "Deadline"). The outside of the envelope must be marked "Bid for the Purchase of JMAA Personal Property".

A site visit is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. central time at the address indicated above. Any parties interested in viewing the Items/Lots for sale are welcome to attend. No additional times will be allotted to view the Items for sale. All sales are "final" and "as is". Each Respondent must submit a separate amount and description for each "Lot" they are bidding on.

Lot 1: "Computer Equipment, Telephone/Cellphone Lot and Other Types of Equipment" consists of one hundred forty seven (147) pieces of communications equipment such as vehicle radios and charging stations, ninety-three (93) pieces of computer equipment such as laptops, printers, monitors, iPads and switches, forty-four (44) cell phones, five (5) cell phone accessory items, twenty (20) offices phones and office equipment, and three (3) other pieces of equipment.

Lot 2: "Other Furniture, Electronics, & Appliances" consists of nine (9) pieces of furniture such as leather chairs, desk, and file cabinets, eight (8) pieces of electronics such as televisions and dvd players, and six (6) appliances such as microwaves, refrigerator and ice maker.

Lot 3: "Lawn Equipment and Heavy Machinery" consists of nine (9) pieces of lawn equipment such as tractor, bulldozer, and bushhog, etc.

Lots WILL NOT be split for any reason.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of Bid Tab sheet for the property by going to JMAA's website at www.jmaa.com/resources/rfp/b-center/.

JMAA will not consider any Bids received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Any questions regarding the sale of these Items are to be directed to Mr. Ricco Owens, Accountant, contact information is as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208)
Post Office Box 98109
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109
Attention: Ricco Owens, Accountant
Telephone No.: (601) 939-5631, ext. 297
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713
E-Mail: rowens@jmaa.com

3-12-2020, 3-19-2020, 3-26-2020

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
BY THE
JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
FOR
CLEARING AND GRUBBING SERVICES ON THE EAST
METRO CORRIDOR 31.7 ACRES
AT THE
JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
(JMAA PROJECT NO. 7000-002-20)

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is requesting services from a Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) of which that is certified by one of the acceptable certifying entities. Certified DBEs eligible to bid on this solicitation are those who are certified by either the Mississippi Unified Certification Program (MUCP), Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA), Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), The City of Jackson, Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), or by the United States Small Business Administration (SBA). ("JMAA") will receive sealed bids at the Jackson- Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport ("JAN"), Main Terminal Building, Suite 300, in the City of Jackson, Rankin County, Mississippi, until 2:00 p.m. central time on April 24, 2020 (the "Bid Deadline"), for services in connection with the Clearing and Grubbing Services on the East Metro Corridor 31.7 Acres, Project No. 7000-002-20 at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the "Work").

JMAA will also accept electronic sealed bids as specified in the bid documents. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. central time on April 24, 2020, Electronic bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

Once registered, Suppliers can download bid specifications and upload bid documents.

JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids at 2:15 p.m. central time on April 24, 2020 (the "Bid Opening"), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN.

The outside or exterior of each bid envelope or container of the bid must be marked with the Bidder's company name and Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number and with the wording: "Clearing and Grubbing Services on the East Metro Corridor 31.7 Acres Project at JAN, JMAA Project No. 7000-002-20." Bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received by JMAA after the Bid Deadline will not be considered for any cause whatsoever. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

JMAA will award the Work to the Lowest most responsive and responsible Bidder as determined by JMAA in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Information for Bidders. The Information for Bidders contains, among other things, a copy of this Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders and an Agreement to be executed by JMAA and the lowest and most responsive and responsible Bidder. Any Addendums issued clarifying and/or changing plans and specifications; clarifying and/or changing instructions in the Instruction to Bidders; and/or answering questions in relation to the Instructions to Bidders, including plans and specifications, shall become part of the Information for Bidders. Plans and specifications related to the Work are considered part of the Agreement.

The Information for Bidders, including plans and specifications, is on file and open for public inspection at JAN at the following address:
Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport
Suite 300, Main Terminal Building
100 International Drive
Jackson, Mississippi 39208
Telephone: (601) 939-5631 ext. 662
Facsimile: (601) 939-3713
Attention: Deuntagus Herndon, Procurement Specialist

Bid Documents may be picked up or shipped to the person making the request. Documents will not be distributed or mailed, however, until payment is received.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at 2:00 p.m. central time on April 1, 2020 in the Community Room, Main Terminal Building at JAN. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting bids as a Prime Contractor for the Work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub-Contractors, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Bid Conference; review of the plans and specifications; and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Bid conference.

JMAA reserves the right to amend the plans and specifications for the Work by Addendum issued before the Bid Deadline; to reject any and all bids; to waive informalities in the bidding process; and to hold and examine bids for up to ninety (90) days before awarding the Contract to perform the Work.

If it becomes necessary to revise any aspect of this Request for Bids or to provide additional information to Bidders, JMAA will issue one or more Addenda by posting on JMAA's website (<https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/>). JMAA will also endeavor to deliver a copy of each Addendum, to all persons on record with JMAA as receiving a copy of the Information for Bidders, via email.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
DATE: March 18, 2020
/s/ Paul A. Brown
Paul A. Brown, Chief Executive Officer

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS
The City of Jackson Traffic Maintenance Department is seeking un-priced technical proposals from equipment dealers for:

Start---07, April 2020 @ 8:30 AM End---07, April 2020 @ 9:00 AM
40 FT Working Height Aerial Telescopic Bucket Truck-----Bid # 76513-042420

Start---07, April 2020 @ 9:00 AM End---07, April 2020 @ 9:30 AM
Heavy-Duty Conventional Two-Axle Dump Truck ----- Bid # 07208-042420

Start---07, April 2020 @ 9:30 AM End---07, April 2020 @ 10:00 AM
Knuckle Boom Chassis 35,000 GVW ----- Bid # 76503-042420

Proposals for the following commodities will be received though Central Bidding by Electronic Bidding to determine if you qualify to participate in the Reverse Auction on line though Central Bidding or at City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39201 After reviewing your proposal package, if you meet the requirements your document will be submitted electronic to Central Bidding to participate for Reverse Auction. The proposals will be received in the City Clerks' Office by Electronic Bidding or Paper Bid to participate in Reverse Auction. Deadline for receipt of un-priced technical proposals is 3:30 PM on March 31, 2020

Pursuant to MS Code 31-7-13 and House Bill 1109, this commodity will be procured through a multi-step procurement process, including a Reverse Auction. In Phase One, un-priced technical proposals are evaluated for potential acceptability based upon pre-determined criteria. In Phase Two, only those bidders whose technical proposals are determined acceptable shall be invited to provide priced bids for consideration. City of Jackson encourages vendor participation in this multi-step process. Complete instructions are provided in the specifications package.

The bids must be clearly marked with the bid Number as indicated above for that item. The City of Jackson reserve the right to use anit-bid sniping which could result to an extended auction time.

"Official bid document can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic bids submission may also be done and/reverse auction bids can be submitted according to the schedule above for March 31, 2020, at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, or Reverse Auction Bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT <https://www.jacksonms.gov/bid-opportunities/>

The above must comply with the City's specifications. Copies of proposal forms can be obtained from the Purchasing Division, 200 South President Street, Room 604, Hood Building, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, (601) 960-1533 or 1025. Copies of bid specifications are filed with the City Clerk for public record in accordance with House Bill No 999, 1986 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in Public Purchasing. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunities for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offer shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan Application, with each bid submission, in accordance with the provisions set forth by authority of the City of Jackson's EBO Ordinance. Failure to comply with the City's EBO Ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offer, from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City's EBO Program, please contact the Office of Economic Development at (601)960-1638. Copies of the EBO Ordinance, EBO Plan Application and a copy of the EBO Program are available with the Office of Economic Development at 218 South President Street, Second Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The City also reserves the right to waive any and all informalities in respect to any bid submitted. Bid awards will be made to the lowest and best bidder quoting the lowest net price in accordance with specifications. The award could be according to the lowest cost per item; or to the lowest total cost for all items; or to accept all or part of any proposal. Delivery time may be considered when evaluating the bid proposal. In those cases where it is known prior to advertising that the City's intention is to award according to the lowest total cost for all items, or in some variation thereof, statements to this affect will be included on the proposal form. Absence of such statement means the City will make that determination during the bid review.

Destiney Williams, Manager
Purchasing Division (601) 960-1025 or 1533

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
SIGN VARIANCE FOR PJ'S COFFEE OF NEW ORLEANS

THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SIGN VARIANCE FOR PJ'S COFFEE OF NEW ORLEANS TO RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 219 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MS, 39201. INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. PLEASE CONTACT THE SIGNS & LICENSE DIVISION (601) 960-1154 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
BY THE
JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
AUTHORITY FOR
CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED
SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH
HAWKINS FIELD PERIMETER LAND
CLEARING AT
HAWKINS FIELD AIRPORT
(JMAA PROJECT NO. 12500-001-20)

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is requesting services from a Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise ("DBE") of which that is certified by one of the acceptable certifying entities. Certified DBEs eligible to bid on this solicitation are those who are certified by either the Mississippi Unified Certification Program ("MUCP"), Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA"), Mississippi Department of Transportation ("MDOT"), The City of Jackson, Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), or by the United States Small Business Administration (SBA). ("JMAA") will receive sealed bids at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport ("JAN"), Main Terminal Building, Suite 300, in the City of Jackson, Rankin County, Mississippi, until 2:00 p.m. central time on April 22, 2020 (the "Bid Deadline"), for construction and related services in connection with the Hawkins Field Perimeter Land Clearing Project at Hawkins Field Airport (the "Work").

JMAA will also accept electronic sealed bids as specified in the bid documents. Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. central time on April 22, 2020. Electronic bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

Once registered, Suppliers can download bid specifications and upload bid documents.

JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids at 2:15 p.m. central time on April 22, 2020 (the "Bid Opening"), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN.

The outside or exterior of each bid envelope or container of the bid must be marked with the Bidder's company name and with the wording: "Hawkins Field Perimeter Land Clearing Project at HKS, JMAA Project No. 12500-001- 20." Bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received by JMAA after the Bid Deadline will not be considered for any cause whatsoever. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

JMAA will award the Work to the lowest and best most responsive and responsible Bidder as determined by JMAA in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Information for Bidders. The Information for Bidders contains, among other things, a copy of this Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders and an Agreement to be executed by JMAA and the lowest and most responsive and responsible Bidder. Any Addendums issued clarifying and/or changing plans and specifications; clarifying and/or changing instructions in the Instruction to Bidders; and/or answering questions in relation to the Instructions to Bidders, including plans and specifications, shall become part of the Information for Bidders. Plans and specifications related to the Work are considered part of the Agreement.

The Information for Bidders, including plans and specifications, is on file and open for public inspection at JAN at the following address:
Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport
Suite 300, Main Terminal Building
100 International Drive
Jackson, Mississippi 39208
Telephone: (601) 939-5631 ext. 621
Facsimile: (601) 966-5505
Attention: Crystal Taylor, Procurement Specialist

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at 3:00 p.m. central time on March 31, 2020 in the Community Room, Main Terminal Building at Hawkins Field ("HKS"). Attendance at the Pre- Bid Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting bids as a Prime Contractor for the Work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub- Contractors, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Bid Conference; review of the plans and specifications; and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Bid conference.

JMAA reserves the right to amend the plans and specifications for the Work by Addendum issued before the Bid Deadline; to reject any and all bids; to waive informalities in the bidding process; and to hold and examine bids for up to ninety (90) days before awarding the Contract to perform the Work.

If it becomes necessary to revise any aspect of this Request for Bids or to provide additional information to Bidders, JMAA will issue one or more Addenda by posting on JMAA's website (<https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/>). JMAA will also endeavor to deliver a copy of each Addendum, to all persons on record with JMAA as receiving a copy of the Information for Bidders, via email.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
DATE: March 18, 2020
/s/ Paul A. Brown
Paul A. Brown, Chief Executive Officer

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COVID-19

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UMMC Virtual COVID-19 Triage

“This is not wide-open testing,” said Dr. LouAnn Woodward, UMMC’s vice chancellor for health affairs and dean of the School of Medicine.

Individuals found by UMMC Center for Telehealth providers to be at high risk for infection will receive a next-day appointment at drive-through tents at the Fairgrounds. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., seven days a week. No one will get out of their vehicle; providers wearing protective gear will come to their window and swab their noses to retrieve specimens for testing to be performed at the Mississippi State Department of Health.

UMMC will notify those tested of the results and give further instructions. Those without a smartphone showing symptoms and who want to be screened can call 601 496-7200. Anyone not experiencing symptoms is asked not to use the app or call.

App users determined to be at low risk for infection won’t receive an appointment for collection of specimens, but instead will receive instructions on social distancing, home isolation and self-care – and told to call back if symptoms worsen.

The app is downloadable March 23 from the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. Those who have already downloaded the existing C Spire Health telehealth app will need to make sure their app is updated to reflect the UMMC Virtual COVID-19 Triage usage.

Dr. Jonathan Wilson, UMMC chief administrative officer, said the drive-through collection site leverages the Medical Center’s expertise in emergency services and telehealth to support a pressing health care need in the state.

The first day of screening on Tuesday won’t be perfect, he and other state medical leaders say. “There’s not a clear playbook for this. We are using best practices from around the country, and we will change and adapt as we go. We will continue as long as we have specimen collection materials and good weather,” Wilson said.

If they are found to be at high risk, they will receive a next-day appointment for collection of samples at the Fairgrounds. Plans call for speci-



Hu Meena, CEO and president of C Spire, explains his company’s commitment to meeting the logistical challenges posed by screening and testing for the COVID-19 virus.



Andy Gipson, commissioner of the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce, says the Mississippi State Fairgrounds are an ideal location for drive-through collection of specimens.

mens to be collected from 128 people per day, said Dr. Alan Jones, UMMC chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine. If those appointments fill, callers will be asked to try back the next day for screening and a potential appointment.

Appointment-holders will use only the High Street entrance, and they will follow clear signage under direction of troopers with the Mississippi Highway Patrol. Walk-ups and use of Uber, Lyft or other ride-sharing services are not



Those using the new COVID-19 screening app and who are found to be at high risk for the virus may drive through the tented area at the Mississippi State Fairgrounds to deposit samples for testing by the Health Department.



Dr. Thomas Dobbs, state health officer, explains Mississippi’s approach to combating the COVID-19 virus through creative screening and testing could be a model for the nation.

allowed. C Spire will provide Wi-Fi at the Fairgrounds to support the drive-through operation.

With the number of confirmed cases in the state up to 80 Friday and one death, the outbreak is fast.

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

From the Superintendent’s Desk!



HCSD to Provide To-Go Breakfast and Lunch for Students!

The Hinds County School District (HCSD) will provide to-go meals for students starting Monday, March 23, 2020. Students will be given a To-Go Lunch for the day and a breakfast for the following morning. Meals will be provided for children age 18 and under, Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the following school sites:

- BEEMS at 9700 I-20, Bolton, MS 39041
- GRE at 7255 Gary Road, Byram, MS 39272
- RES at 417 Palestine Road, Raymond, MS 39154
- THS at 235 West Beasley Road, Terry, MS 39170
- UEMS at 260 Highway 18 and 27, Utica, MS 39175

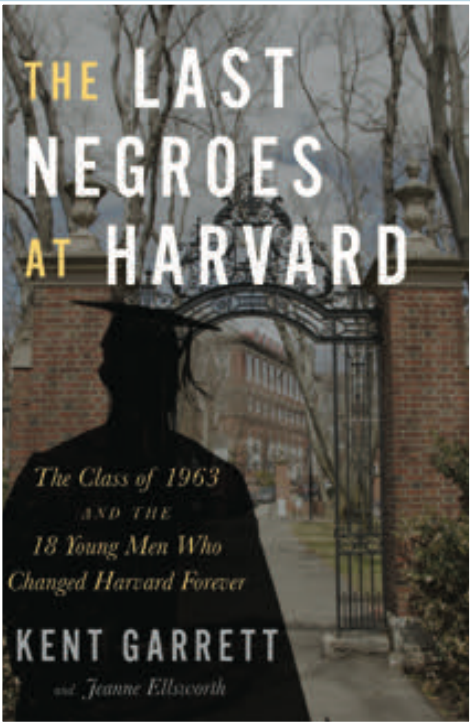
The student must be present in order to receive the meal.

High Speed Internet Access Survey!

The HCSD is asking all parents to go to the district website at www.hinds.k12.ms.us and take the High-Speed Internet Survey. The information from the survey will allow the district to determine your home internet capability for various devices (desktop computers, laptop computers, and tablets).

Update Your Contact Information Survey Request!

The HCSD is asking any parents who have relocated and/or changed their contact information to go to the district website at www.hinds.k12.ms.us and take the Update Your Contact Information Survey. This will allow the district to better communicate with its parents and mail students their “Blended Study at Home Course Work” during our school closure.



By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Remember, remember....? Skipping school, good teachers, hard lessons, practical jokes, smelly lockers, remember? If you don't, your oldest friends probably do. As in the new book “The Last Negroes at Harvard” by Kent Garrett with Jeanne Ellsworth, they were there alongside you when everything happened, remember? For many years, Kent Garrett claimed that he “rarely thought about Harvard.” Yes, it was his alma mater, but there was more to him than his graduation from

an Ivy League school. He had a career and later, a dairy farm to run. Being one of a handful of “Negro” graduates from an esteemed college was a small part of who Garrett was. But then he discovered that a Harvard upperclassmate died, and he began to do what he said he didn't: he thought about Harvard. Garrett was just seventeen the fall of 1959, when his family drove him to Harvard and helped him carry his belongings to a room he'd share with another boy, one who happened also to be a “Negro.” There

were, as Garrett later learned, eighteen “Negroes” in the class of 1963, scattered among various dorms. Eventually, he met most of them, and they gathered daily to eat lunch; they also socialized together because, although Harvard strove to avoid racism, social segregation off-campus was still generally mandatory. As they moved into their dorms that fall, Americans were just learning that the Soviet Union was capable of launching missiles from submarines. A war in a country halfway across the world had its first

two casualties. Mike Wallace had done a TV report on Black Muslims and Malcolm X, shocking white America. The freshmen who hoped they'd survive at Harvard became sophomores, then juniors, then seniors. In their college careers, the “Negroes” saw protests and sit-ins, violence and calls for peace. They met people who'd influence history, and others who'd die too early. And by the time they graduated, eighteen men had learned that they were not “Negroes” anymore... It's really hard not to love

“The Last Negroes at Harvard” right from the get-go. Author Kent Garrett tells his story with a gee-whiz, down-to-earth demeanor that makes friends with a reader quickly. It's a warm tale that can be confusing in its overload of names and nicknames, but Garrett's portrayals of his classmates lets readers know that these young men were nevertheless unique individuals with ideals, strengths and promise. But this book isn't only about eighteen black men. It's also a snapshot of a burgeoning Civil Rights Movement, and a

country that's evolving. We get a peek of life on the edge of change, when college-age men wore ties to dinner. We watch as protests arrived in Boston, “the Pill” was whispered-about, segregation eased in the North, sit-ins became a thing, and language changed, too. Know that this is not merely a book of nostalgia for older folk: it's also for younger readers heading for college, or for lovers of social history. Sit down with this book, and be delighted. “The Last Negroes at Harvard” is one you'll remember.



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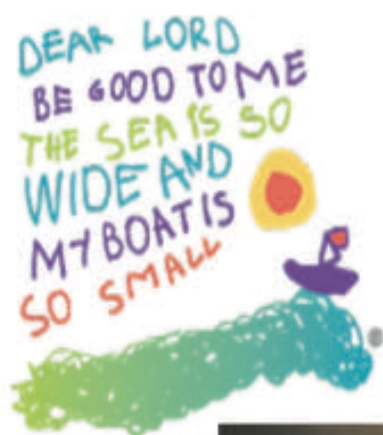


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