

UMMC builds ventilators for COVID-19 pandemic response



Dr. Charles Robertson, assistant professor of anesthesiology, has built ventilators to use at the Medical Center in case of a shortage during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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The COVID-19 pandemic has left hospitals in short supply of personal protective equipment and medical supplies. As patients develop severe respiratory symptoms, there is another concern: if hospitals will have enough ventilators to support them all.

Dr. Charles Robertson, an assistant professor of anesthesiology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, has built about 170 ventilators of his own design to use in the event of a shortage, doubling the Medical Center’s supply.

“I was watching the coronavirus spread in China during January, then

by the time February came and cases started increasing in South Korea, Italy and Iran, I knew it was coming to the United States, and that if enough people became sick, we may not have enough ventilators,” Robertson said.

Physicians and engineers around the world have been coming up with ways to increase ventilator capacity,

whether by putting multiple people on one unit or building mechanical hands to squeeze manual devices, Robertson said.

His idea: to build the “absolute simplest, cheapest functioning ventilator from widely available parts,” he said

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Signs COVID-19 is disproportionately impacting African Americans grow larger

By Lauren Victoria Burke
NNPA Newswire Contributor

In a letter dated February 4, and sent to U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA) said comprehensive demographic data on people tested or treated for the virus that causes COVID-19 doesn’t exist.

Cities with large black populations have now emerged as new hot spots for the spread of the virus. They include Houston, New York, Detroit and New Orleans. Nearly 70 percent of the COVID-19 deaths in New Orleans have been African American.

“Any attempt to contain COVID-19 in the United States will have to address its potential spread in low-income communities of color, first and foremost to protect the lives of people in those communities, but also to slow the spread of the virus in the country as a whole,” Warren and Pressley the lawmakers wrote to Azar.

“States must start tracking and reporting race data in connection with #Covid_19. As of Friday morning, African Americans



NNPA correspondent Stacy M. Brown tested positive for COVID-19 verus.

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made up almost half of Milwaukee County’s 945 #Covid_19 cases and 81% of all 27 deaths in a county whose population is 26% black,” wrote attorney Kristen Clarke of the Lawyers

Committee for Civil Rights Under Law April 3.

An April 3 report in ProPublica analysis stated that “early data shows African Americans have contracted and died of coronavirus at an alarming rate.”

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almost half of Milwaukee County’s 945 cases and 81% of its 27 deaths in a county whose population is 26% black. Milwaukee is tracking COVID-19 cases by

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Congress must lead the way in this unprecedented crisis

By Bernie Sanders
US Senator (Vermont)

In this unprecedented moment in American history, we need an unprecedented legislative response. President Trump is incapable of providing leadership, and instead continues to mislead the public and act out of political self-interest. So it is Congress that must lead, and it must do so now.

With anxiety growing, everyone in our country needs to know that, in the midst of this horrific pandemic and economic meltdown, their government is doing everything possible to keep them healthy and financially secure.

In other words, we need to build upon and expand the recent stimulus package with new and bolder emergency legislation which must be passed as soon as possible. Here are a few core principles that must be included



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in that legislation.

First, Congress must explicitly authorize that the Defense Production Act is fully utilized to demand that the private sector start delivering the equipment and

products that our medical personnel desperately need in order to treat their patients. We cannot rely on Trump to do it.

Recent reporting has revealed that the Trump administration did not start ordering crucial equipment like masks until March. It is beyond comprehension that, in the wealthiest nation on Earth, doctors and nurses throughout the country are putting their lives on the line because they lack an adequate supply of surgical masks, gloves and gowns.

We must also produce the ventilators as well as the various kinds of testing kits that we need now and will need in the future, as well as the dwindling supply of certain prescription drugs that are essential to treat the virus. States and hospitals should not have to compete against each other. The federal government must take the lead in coordinat-

ing efforts.

Further, during this crisis, every American must be able to receive all of the healthcare they need regardless of income. Before the pandemic, 87 million people were uninsured or underinsured. That number is rapidly escalating as millions of workers are not only losing their jobs but are also losing their employer-based health insurance.

The cost of hospital treatment for the coronavirus amounts to tens of thousands of dollars. Tragically, we have already seen people who have delayed treatment due to concerns about cost. In this pandemic, lack of insurance will lead to more deaths and more Covid-19 transmissions.

As long as this pandemic continues, Medicare must be empowered to pay all of the de-

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NNPA president pens op-ed urging protection of black Americans during pandemic



“I believe it is time now for our concerns to be taken a bit more seriously by policymakers in Washington, starting with the dramatic challenges associated with the coronavirus pandemic,” writes NNPA President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. in an op-ed for The Hill.

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National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) president and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., authored an op-ed for *The Hill*, a major daily publication that’s known to influence policy in the nation’s capital.

Chavis’s op-ed focused on the NNPA Coronavirus Task Force and Resource Center, which is helping to shine a spotlight on the health disparities that the African-American community face daily.

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

The national resource center is designed to provide timely and accurate information to stakeholders and the African-American community.

“Minority and low-income Americans suffer from a significant lack of access to quality health care. They are also more likely not to have health insurance and are often hit with surprise medical bills they cannot afford,” Chavis wrote in the op-ed. The coronavirus is no different, he noted.

“Many black Americans will not get tested for coronavirus – whether they have symptoms or not – due to the fact that they cannot easily ac-

cess medical facilities, and/or they are worried they will not be able to afford the medical services,” Chavis stated.

The NNPA president also noted the rise of Democratic Presidential Candidate, Joe Biden, and how the black vote will play a vital role in the November general election.

“I believe it is time now for our concerns to be taken a bit more seriously by policymakers in Washington, starting with the dramatic challenges associated with the coronavirus pandemic,” Chavis wrote.

Because of the coronavirus, unemployment rates among African Americans continue to rise, and Chavis said that surprise medical bills had been a significant problem in the American healthcare system. For years, politicians have debated how to handle them, he added.

“Nationwide closures and loss of income caused by the coronavirus will force many black families to choose between paying for rent and food or paying for healthcare,” he stated.

“Unfortunately, politicians in both parties are trying to use coronavirus relief legislation to jam unrelated policy proposals through Congress. One such proposal is to include surprise medical billing legislation that puts the cost burden on patients and providers, rather than insurance companies.”



STAR Student named at Winona Montgomery Consolidated School

By Jackie Hampton
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Donovan Weathers, a 12th grade student at Winona Montgomery Consolidated School received word in late March that he had been named by the Mississippi Economic Council (MEC) M.B. Swayze Foundation, as the Winona Secondary School District’s STAR Student for the 2019-2020 school year. Weathers was selected on the basis of his academic excellence.

ACT scores and scholastic averages are competitively compared to determine the school’s STAR student.

Weathers told *The Mississippi Link*, “I am honored and grateful for being recognized as the STAR Student for my class of 2020. It is great to receive this award based on my hard work and academic achievements.”

At Winona Secondary School Weathers has been a participant in several academic and athletic activities. He is a member of the Beta club, Mu Alpha Theta, Super Scholars and the National Honor Society. He is on the tennis team and a former member of the concert Band where in 2018 he received the Most Outstanding Concert Band Member.



Donovan with grandmother Mattie Weathers PHOTO BY JAMES HAMPTON III

He is a member of the Technical Students Association where he is a district winner in Promotional Design and Visual Arts. He is an active member of Winona Baptist Church, where he served as a volunteer at the North Central Planning & Development District and at Camp Fun. (Faith Uniting Neighbors.)

Each STAR Student is asked to designate a STAR Teacher, the teacher who has made the greatest contribution to the student’s scholastic achievement. When asked about his choice Weathers said, “I chose Ms. Shirley Hamilton as my STAR Teacher because of her inspiration and encouragement as I worked toward

my goal of becoming an artist.” He continued, “She has been my art teacher throughout my high school years and has motivated me to use my creativity in all aspects and various forms of art.”

Weathers said, “I also thank all of my other teachers for their hard work and encouragement.”

Weathers, who has a 99.4 GPA, will attend Mississippi State University in the fall where he plans to pursue a major in Art.

Weathers is the son of William Donovan Weathers and Christina Watts. He is the grandson of Mattie Weathers, retired Murrah High School teacher, and Jesse Weathers.

Molina Healthcare of Mississippi donates \$26,000 to area nonprofits to support families during COVID-19 pandemic

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In an effort to assist the many individuals and families affected by the coronavirus, which causes COVID-19, Molina Healthcare of Mississippi (“Molina”) is donating \$26,000 to 12 community-based organizations across the state. The grants will help the nonprofits stock their food pantries so that Mississippians can safely pick-up meals and other resources during the pandemic.

“We value the relationships with our community partners year-round, and it is a blessing to be able to collaborate and serve our neighbors when they need it the most,” said Bridget Galatas, plan president of Molina Healthcare of Mississippi. “We are grateful for the opportunity to join forces with these nonprofit organizations to support our members and our communities during this challenging time of uncertainty.”

Molina Healthcare is providing donations to the following



- organizations in Mississippi:
- Aberdeen Loaves & Fishes
 - Brookhaven Outreach Ministries
 - Feeding by Faith (Meridian)
 - Grenada Food Pantry
 - Heartland Hands (Southaven)
 - Manna House (Yazoo City)
 - Mission Okolona Food Pantry
 - My Brothers’ Keeper (Poplarville)
 - Our Daily Bread (Canton)
 - River City Mission Food Pantry (Vicksburg)
 - Saint Gabriel Mercy Center (Mound Bayou)
 - Storehouse Community Food Pantry (Vicksburg)
 - Molina Healthcare continues to seek opportunities to supple-

ment the resources of its community partners throughout this crisis. The leadership team is working closely with its executive task force, along with following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and departments of health, to regularly evaluate and communicate information to its members, network providers, employees, government and community partners.

For members seeking information about COVID-19 risk factors, this week Molina launched its Coronavirus Chatbot, an enhanced digital tool available on the Molina website, member portal, and mobile app.



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The Robertson Ventilators are made from garden hose sections, adapters, valves, a solenoid and a lamp timer, all of which can be bought at a hardware store or online. The parts cost less than 100 dollars per ventilator and can be assembled in less than an hour. The ventilator works when plugged into the standard oxygen line in a hospital room, meaning it can be used in more locations than a standard ventilator.

Ventilators work by pushing air into the lungs, then stopping for an exhale, then repeating as needed. Robertson’s design controls air flow using an on-off valve similar to what you’d find in a landscape water feature or lawn sprinkler controlled by the timer and the solenoid.

“We’ve been through a couple iterations of exact parts and assembly routines and have the process pretty streamlined,” Robertson said. “The goal was to create a ventilator with adequate operation and utmost simplicity in construction.”

Robertson and a team of UMMC certified registered nurse anesthetists have built about 170 ventilators to augment the Medical Center’s existing supply of 150 hospital ventilators.

“This device is for extreme use situations during a pandemic,” Robertson said. “We would only be using these ventilators if every single hospital ventilator is in use and we have patients that are about to die because of that.”

In these cases, it could be used as a “bridge therapy,” where a patient uses this ventilator for several hours while waiting on the hospital ven-

tilator to become available.

“These ventilators have passed rigorous testing in our research laboratories under broad physiologic conditions and lung pathologies,” said Dr. Richard Summers, associate vice chancellor for research. “We have measured their ability to maintain clinical parameters such as oxygenation, carbon dioxide and tidal volume.”

Summers is working to get the ventilators approved for use. Sometimes referred to as compassionate use, this designation would allow the medical center to use them as approved medical devices if they must.

“We have filed for an Emergency Use Authorization with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration who have indicated their interest in these ventilators,” Summers said. “I think this effort represents the independent ‘can do’ attitude and ingenuity of our physicians and scientists to confront this crisis in the service of the people of Mississippi.”

Robertson tested the ventilator with the assistance of UMMC’s Simulation and Interprofessional Education Center and Center for Comparative Research. In the latter, the veterinary team used the Robertson Ventilator instead of the standard ventilator to maintain oxygen to laboratory animals for up to six hours.

Dr. John Prescott, chief academic officer of the Association of American Medical Colleges, has been in communication with Robertson about his ventilator.

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ductibles, co-payments and out-of-pocket healthcare expenses for the uninsured and the underinsured. No one in America who is sick, regardless of immigration status, should be afraid to seek the medical treatment they need during this national crisis.

Obviously, Congress must not only address the pandemic crisis, it must also act with a fierce sense of urgency to effectively deal with the economic crisis as well.

In the last two weeks, a record-breaking 10 million people filed unemployment claims – more than during the entire 2008 Great Recession. Frighteningly, the St. Louis Federal Reserve projects that 47 million more people may become unemployed by the end of June, with unemployment reaching 32%. While such estimates may be a worst-case scenario, the reality of the pandemic has taught us that worst-case scenarios are what we must plan for. For the sake of working families all over this country, we must be prepared for all contingencies.

We cannot wait before taking the bold action that is necessary. In my view, it makes a lot more sense to prevent the collapse of our economy than figuring out how we put it back together after it crumbles. Simply stated, that means that every worker must keep receiving his or her paycheck and benefits during the crisis. In the recent emergency relief bill, Congress appropriated over \$25bn in grants to the airline companies so that 2 million workers in that industry will continue to receive their full paycheck and benefits through September 30. And that is exactly what we must do for every worker in America. This is not a radical idea. It is similar to what France, Norway, Denmark, the UK and other countries are doing.

Further, as quickly as possible, we must get money into the hands of

“Innovation is happening at academic medical centers across the nation in response to the coronavirus pandemic,” Prescott said. “I recently had the opportunity to FaceTime with Dr. Robertson and was very impressed with his new ventilator. It’s simple, inexpensive and initial testing indicates it could be an extremely valuable asset in the coming weeks.”

The Robertson ventilator, although functional, lacks the more sophisticated features of a standard one. It lacks a bellows, which pushes air quickly into the lungs. In natural breathing, the inhale is faster than the exhale. Hospital ventilators mimic this action on their standard setting. However, Robertson said that people with depressed respiration, like those with severe COVID-19, sometimes need the opposite therapy: long inhale time, short exhale time. His design does that.

The ventilator also doesn’t have any alarm systems for malfunctions, but he is looking at ways to address that.

“I’m considering ways to attach a whistle to parts of the ventilator where we may experience malfunctions, but I’m still working on configurations for that,” he said.

While the ventilators are meant to be simple, inexpensive solutions, building hundreds of the units requires a more coordinated approach.

“We would welcome logistical assistance from Amazon and Home Depot, to help us to make more units,” Robertson said.

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race – one of few cities that does so.

In Michigan, where the state’s population is 14% black, African Americans made up 35% of cases and 40% of deaths as of Friday morning. Louisiana has not published case breakdowns by race either.

“COVID is just unmasking the deep disinvestment in our communities, the historical injustices and the impact of residential segregation,” said Dr. Camera Jones, who spent 13 years at the CDC. “This is the time to name racism as the cause of all of those things. The overrepresentation of people of color ... is not just a happenstance ... It’s because we’re not valued.”

As public health officials watched cases rise in March misinformation has also been a factor. Rumors and conspiracy theories proliferated on social media, pushing the bogus idea that black people are immune to the COVID-19. Much of the initial focus was on international travel and closing borders and not underlying health disparities that persist in the U.S.

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What is Social Distancing?

Social distancing should be practiced by everyone, whether or not exposed to the virus.

This broad set of measures includes avoiding hand shakes, crowds, staying at least 2 meters (6 feet) away from people, and, most importantly, staying at home if you feel sick.

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What is Isolation?

A diagnosis of Covid-19 triggers isolation. Isolation is for those who are already sick and serves to keep the infected away from healthy people in order to stop the spread of the virus.

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What is Quarantine?

Quarantines are put on groups and communities to separate and restrict the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick.

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Managing mental health during the public health crisis

UM social work faculty offer insights on staying emotionally well through social isolation

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Following social distancing protocol is critical to slowing the spread of coronavirus, but being isolated from colleagues, friends and family, especially over long periods of time, can profoundly affect emotional well-being and overall mental health.

Brian Droubay, assistant professor of social work at the University of Mississippi, is an experienced psychotherapist in a range of settings, including prison systems, employee assistance programs and private practice. He offered insights on clinical symptoms that can develop in isolation and evidenced-based practice that can provide relief to those in need.

Also, Amy Fisher and Susan Allen, fellow licensed clinical social workers and associate professors in the Department of Social Work, helped compile local, state and national resources for those feeling emotional distress in the midst of the COVID-19 health crisis.

When people are somewhat isolated, what are some of the clinical symptoms that might emerge?

Some of the most common symptoms people may experience are worry and anxiety. They may find themselves ruminating – or even overthinking – about the situation. Others may experience a down or depressed mood or irritability.

People may experience appetite and sleep changes, psychosomatic symptoms such as headaches or stomachaches, fatigue and difficulty concentrating. Some may increase use of alcohol or other substances. For children and teens, this may manifest itself behaviorally; for example, acting out more.

Are there any groups who are disproportionately affected by isolation?

People with less social support, who are at higher risk – including the elderly and persons who are immunocompromised – or who have previous mental health or substance abuse histories may be disproportionately affected by isolation and related stressors.

Also, social distancing and sheltering in place could potentially be a dangerous scenario for those at risk of domestic violence.

There have been anecdotal reports of increased call volumes to domestic violence agencies since the COVID-19 outbreak began.

Finally, being asked to leave campus and return home may be difficult for some LGBTQ+ students who have faced rejection by family.

What can people do to minimize those symptoms?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued a number of good recommendations, including taking breaks from news about the pandemic and limiting time on social media. Of course, it's important to stay informed, but it's helpful to do so in doses.

Self-care is obviously important. Things such as eating healthy, getting adequate sleep, exercising, journaling and meditating are all common sense, beneficial activities. It is important to carve out time for intentional self-care. Intentionality is key.

When I worked in the prison system, with inmates who often had to spend copious amounts of time in their cells or housing units, we would also focus on maintaining a routine to establish some semblance of normalcy.

When maintaining physical distance from others, it is easy to inadvertently become socially and emotionally isolated as well. Individuals will find benefit from being purposeful in communicating with important people in their

lives. Communicate about concerns and seek to connect.

In this case, media technology can be a positive in allowing people to stay connected even though they are physically distant.

What are some of the best evidence-based techniques for maintaining mental health during a time like quarantine?

The main thing I'd add to the CDC's recommendation relates to acknowledgement and self-compassion. It is important to acknowledge the anxiety this pandemic – and its fallout – produces. People's propensity to relentlessly seek out information – and even ways to cope – may actually be a manifestation of trying to grasp for certainty and control.

There is nothing wrong with staying up-to-date on information and seeking out coping tools, of course. But I think it is important to recognize the anxiety that is at least partially fueling those actions.

There is this idea that I really like that comes from acceptance and commitment therapy, which is that the more you try to control/avoid a thought or emotion, the more you paradoxically have it. This is why it is important to acknowledge that anxiety and then act in ways that are beneficial regardless. None of us truly know exactly how this will play out, and that can feel scary.

Along with acknowledgement, I think it is important to touch on productivity, particularly for students, staff and faculty at UM. A natural byproduct of anxiety is difficulty concentrating, which can make it difficult, if not impossible, to be as productive.

From an evolutionary standpoint, human beings are wired to pay attention to fear for survival. Thus, trying to "will" your way through anxiety into expansive productivity during this time may prove counterproductive. People may just burn themselves out. This speaks to the importance of showing compassion for yourself and others, including students and colleagues.

The reality is that everyone will experience this differently, and some will be more profoundly affected than others.

What can we do as community members to help each other in our mental health during times of crisis?

The first thing is to recognize that not everyone will be similarly impacted. Vulnerable populations will be harder hit in terms of mental health. Communicating with and offering emotional support for community members who are vulnerable – such as the elderly or disabled – or who may otherwise be isolated – including students from out of state or individuals who aren't connected with a church group – would be helpful.

It's also important to keep in mind that some of the most vulnerable may not have access to the internet or be tech-savvy. Sometimes making a phone call or sending a letter/card may be a more appropriate form of communication.

It is also important to recognize that mental health is integrally linked with physical resources. The recent unemployment claims highlight how many people are living precariously in terms of employment, housing, etc. Checking in with individuals whose livelihoods are being affected or who were already living in precarious financial circumstances is important.

By doing things such as donating to food banks and supporting small businesses, people can indirectly help with mental health.

For example, information about donations to the Ole Miss Food Bank can be found at <https://food-bank.olemiss.edu/donate/>.

And here is an example of ways community members are working to help those whose livelihoods will be disproportionately impacted by the disruptions to daily life: <https://hottytoddy.com/2020/03/26/local-pizzeria-owner-establishes-restaurant-workers-relief-center/>.

What kinds of resources can you recommend that people use – virtual or phone – for mental health wellness or crisis during this pandemic?

Resources for regular mental health care:

Efforts in social distancing may impact individuals' ability to seek in-person mental health treatment. However, many clinics/practitioners are offering tele-mental health services in lieu of traditional face-to-face sessions.

Communicare, the Oxford Wellness Center and the University Counseling Center are examples of this. The latter offers services to Ole Miss students, staff and faculty. Visit <https://counseling.olemiss.edu> for more information.

If visiting a private clinic, individuals should double-check their insurance coverage regarding tele-mental health services. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi recently expanded its coverage in response to COVID-19.

Resources for people in crisis:

Individuals who are in crisis and having suicidal thoughts can call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255.

The Trevor Project is an invaluable resource for LGBTQ+ students who are in crisis or having suicidal thoughts. Call 866-488-7386.

Resources for those in domestic violence situations include the National Domestic Violence hotline, telephone 800-799-7233, and the Mississippi Coalition Against Domestic Violence, online at <https://mcadv.org>.

The National Grad Crisis-Line is also available for graduate students in crisis at 877-472-3457.

General resources:

UMatter has compiled a list of pertinent resources, including for emotional wellness, which can be found at <http://umatter.olemiss.edu/covid-19-resource-information/>.

The United Way of Oxford-Lafayette County also has compiled a list of resources, including information for those affected by COVID-19. See <https://www.unitedwayoxfordms.org/coronavirus> and <https://www.findhelfayettecounty.org/>.

For Ole Miss graduate students, the In This Together! website has a number of helpful suggestions/resources at <https://gradschool.olemiss.edu/in-this-together/>.

Other wellness resources:

Finally, mindfulness and other meditative exercises may be beneficial for both acknowledging and managing anxiety and related emotions.

The Greater Good Science Center at the University of California at Berkeley offers a number of free mindfulness exercises, available at <https://ggia.berkeley.edu/#filters=mindfulness>.

A number of apps, such as Stop, Breathe and Think and Calm, that include mindfulness exercises are available either free or for a nominal fee. Other options include virtual yoga classes. For example, Southern Star Yoga in Oxford is offering free online yoga classes via Zoom.

American Heart Association and American Academy of Pediatrics outline guidance when caring for patients

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The American Heart Association, the world's leading nonprofit organization focused on heart and brain health for all, and the American Academy of Pediatrics, the leading voice for pediatric health, have released interim guidance for resuscitation care intended specifically for pediatric patients with known or suspected COVID-19. This guidance is aimed at reducing the risk for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) transmission.

"The American Heart Association understands the difficulty in caring for pediatric patients during this challenging time, especially when resuscitation is needed," said Comilla Sasson, MD, PhD, FAHA, FACEP, a practicing emergency room physician and vice-president for emergency cardiovascular

care science and innovation at the American Heart Association. "Together with the American Academy of Pediatrics, we are doing everything we can to make it easier by offering guidance to minimize the spread of COVID-19."

"As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact more communities in the U.S., it's important for all caregivers and first responders to understand how to provide critical care to infants, children and adolescents in the safest way possible," said Susan Fuchs, MD, FAAP, a practicing pediatric emergency physician and co-editor of the Pediatric Education for Prehospital Providers (PEPP) 4th Edition textbook.

The information is drawn primarily from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and World Health

Organization recommendations. Specific guidance around caring for pediatric patients with known or suspected COVID-19 is provided for aerosol-generating procedures (e.g., CPR, endotracheal intubation, non-invasive ventilation), personal protective equipment, and airway management and use of noninvasive ventilation. Additional guidance is offered for emergency medical dispatchers, pre-arrival notification, EMS clinician practices modifications including personal protective equipment, aerosol-generating procedures and risk of disease transmission, and transport considerations.

The information was published March 27, 2020 on the American Heart Association's CPR website, www.cpr.heart.org.



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Who gets the ventilators?

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA News Wire Columnist



The “big and bad” United States is seeing its world dominance recede. We are being vanquished both by a virus and by the ignorance of the “Commander in Chief.” We now know that there are not enough tests to detect the coronavirus, nor enough ventilators to treat all of those who are ill. Medical professionals are talking openly about the choices they will make and the fact that some people will be judged more likely to survive than others.

Through which lens will these medical professionals decide who gets a ventilator? Will age be the only lens, advantaging a 30-year-old over an 80-year-old? Will there be other filters? Will a man with children get preference over a single woman? An author over a homeless person? A white person over a person of color? Medical professionals are being asked to choose and to judge. How will their conscious or unconscious bias play a role in their judgments?

The National Academy of Medicine describes itself as “an independent, nonprofit organization that works outside of government to provide unbiased and authoritative advice to decision-makers and the public” On its website, it acknowledges “evidence of racial and ethnic disparities in health care.” Will this evidence influence the distribution of ventilators?

People will need these ventilators to breathe. They may need them for weeks, not days. Some will survive, and some won’t. The survival rate is a function of the bizarre avoidance our so-called leaders make decisions about this pandemic. But who will be saved? An innocent infant or the despot who lives in the house that enslaved people built?

Dr. Dorothy Irene Height was 98 when she died in 2010. She was productive until her final days. In her own words, she was “dressed and in her right mind” until the end. Would the doctor choosing who got a ventilator see the history contained in that precious black body? Or would he make choices based on stereotypes? I know that by black 92-year-old mama, disabled by a stroke, still gives her children strength and love, smiles and sharp reprimands (yes, the lady hit me when I used profanity in her presence. Whose life would I trade that for?)

We must not forget the many ways that black bodies were used for medical experiments, from the use of black women’s genitalia to develop gynecology through the Tuskegee syphilis studies that lasted from 1932 through 1972. Black people’s lives have too often been white people’s experiments. It is not paranoid, but merely cautious, to wonder who will get the ventilators, and whose needs will be sidelined. Now the words “Black Lives Matter” take on a more pointed meaning.

This coronavirus illustrates our nation’s faultlines by class race and gender. The coronavirus also refutes the notion of our nation’s exceptionalism. The United States just ain’t all that, despite our “greatest” rhetoric. We are stumbling compared to other countries – Italy, China, Spain – who have attempted, generously, to show us the way forward.

One of the populations I’ve heard very little about is incarcerated people. How do you socially distance when you are confined, with another person, in a small cell? Given our collective disdain for the incarcerated, will an incarcerated person with coronavirus have a chance?

Incarcerated people aren’t the only people at risk. All marginalized people are, in one way or another, at risk. Ventilators cost between \$25,000 and \$50,000 and even more when there is competition to obtain them. Will hospitals with limited resources be able to obtain ventilators? Those who are income-challenged are more likely to go to hospitals that are under-resourced. Lower-income people are at greater risk and have less access to quality health care.

The coronavirus will hit princes and paupers, members of Congress and members of the clergy, computer whizzes and those who don’t have computers. We may all be at risk from the coronavirus, but class, race and gender will likely determine who has the best chance at recovery. We can’t call ourselves “great” unless we are fair. Will everyone have a chance to recover from this virus?

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What do you say to someone battling COVID-19?

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent



It is human nature to want to say the right thing at the right time. To utter words that just might help heal.

I recall working at *The Times-Tribune* newspaper in Scranton, Pennsylvania, in the mid-2000s.

I had been assigned the City Hall beat, which meant covering the most dysfunctional city council ever assembled. Things were so bad that *Times-Tribune* columnist Chris Kelly had a name for the many angry citizens who attended council sessions each week. He dubbed them “The Legion of Doom.”

One of the key members of the council, a swing vote for then-Mayor Chris Doherty, was also a high school principal and, by all indications, an all-around great guy.

Rumor had it that he was having an affair with a secretary at the high school. That rumor was confirmed when the councilman’s wife carried out her version of “Demolition Derby” at the school.

An education reporter was originally assigned to write the story because of the wife’s actions – it was now so public that we couldn’t ignore it. The reporter called the councilman’s wife and said something along these lines: “Can you tell us, how do you feel about your husband’s affair?”

The managing editor, assistant managing editor and Chris Kelly were mortified by that line of questioning, and, since it had council implications, I was tabbed to handle the story.



NNPA senior correspondent Stacy Brown, wife Shenay and family.

Long story short, after that story, every time a family of a U.S. soldier got the devastating news that their loved one had lost his or her life in Iraq or Afghanistan, I was now the reporter to do the interview.

“You know how to ask the right questions,” the late John Murphy, then-assistant managing editor, told me. “You seem to know what to say.”

If Murphy were alive today, I would tell him that the coronavirus diagnosis that my wife Shenay and I received this week has rendered me with not a whole lot to say. I would say to him also that I’m leaning on the encouragement of family, friends, and colleagues – many of them understandably don’t know what to say. Some do.

I’m grateful for the tons of texts, emails, videos and social media posts of support.

Whether it’s one word, a like on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook, or a full paragraph of someone expressing their thoughts, my wife and I are grateful.

Norman Rich, the do-it-all editor and content manager for the National

Newspaper Publishers Association and BlackPressUSA.com, suggested I share with our readers some of the encouraging messages I’ve received.

Most of the messages were “I’m praying for you,” and many had the emoji for prayer or praying.

One of the best was a close friend who lives in Pennsylvania. He decided to leave a voice message that I retrieved from Facebook.

“Stacy, I’m sorry this has happened to you and Shenay. Anything – and I do mean anything – that I can do. You know you can count on me. I’ll even send an uber with some ointment.”

The prayers and well wishes are great to have. Here’s a sample of others:

“I can send you the antigen.”
“Take Vitamin C and some Zinc.”
“Breathe in some steamed orange peels and sea salt.”
“You need supplies while they last?”
“This is crazy, and I hope you feel better.”
“What did the doctor say? Want me to talk to her?”
“I know a guy in the State Depart-

ment, want me to call him for you?”

“Pace yourself. Don’t be anxious.”
“Tylenol, bro, Tylenol.”

“Listen, use natural healing. Don’t let the doctors kill you.”

“The strongest weapon is patience.”

“The most effective tonic is laughter.”

“Don’t worry, have a lovely day.”
“Stacy and Shenay, hang in there. I’m praying for you. Let’s Go Mets.”

“You will get through this.”
“I’ll drive all the way there. Just say the word.”

All of the words are encouraging. I’m happy to say that all of my family, friends, colleagues and others have known exactly what to say to me, and at the right time. If you’re reading this on a website or on a social media post, feel free to leave a comment or to share wishes for someone you know that is also dealing with this virus one day at a time.

Because of you all, I’m sure Shenay and I will beat this thing, and we will be in an even better position to help someone else.

Making sense of the 2020 Census

By Logan Jamesl
Spelman College NAACP

We know all lives matter, but are all lives being counted? In 1909, the inception of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) charged the nation to re-evaluate their stance on African-American lives in response to the ongoing violence across the country. Since their birth, the NAACP continues to make strides in the best interest of African Americans, one of which being their work centered around the decennial Census.

Through means of educating, recruiting and filing a lawsuit against the federal government, the NAACP demands for the African-American population to be counted as much as possible in the 2020 Census. The United States Census determines the distribution of political power and money by quantifying the American people and allocating funds to healthcare, housing and education programs in addition to government services.

The United States Census affects the livelihood of everyone, especially the undercounted. Past surveys have shown that Latinos, African Americans, non-English speakers, non-traditional families, and those with informal living arrangements are the hardest to calculate. Poor policy-making decisions, equal employment opportunities, and the alleviation of poverty within the aforementioned groups are the results of miscounting communities and individuals.

The United States Census affects everyone, especially the under-



counted.

For every community not counted, \$100,000-\$200,000 that would have gone towards advancing their economic, political and societal position is lost. Funds that would have gone towards erasing the poverty line, securing housing, monitoring discriminatory practices and enforcing civil rights laws. Undercounted communities have little to no representation because they are not prioritized.

According to the Census Bureau post-enumeration survey, 800,000 African Americans went uncounted. What does this mean? It means once again, the voice of African Americans was denied. Many programs that impact African Ameri-

cans are based in whole or part on data derived from the Census. History proves the disenfranchisement of black people socially, politically and financially. Another ten years cannot pass before we realize how vital the United States Census is to the United States democracy.

The children are the future.

Since the United States’ last decennial Census, the array of events, movements and tragedies that have sprung across the nation have left citizens all over in disarray. In the first month of 2010, the world’s deadliest earthquake struck the Island of Haiti. 2013 birthed the Black Lives Matter movement after the acquittal of George Zimmerman. In 2016, the United States

greeted their Republican President, Donald Trump.

The list of terrorist attacks, mass shootings, and injustices that have shadowed America in our past decade should not cloud the advancements and heights the country has yet to reach. In each of these instances, the opinion, vote and livelihood of someone was taken away either through corrupt politics, natural disasters or premeditated motive. As we move into our new decade, the younger generation must be aware of the world around them and the voice they have in changing it.

“The children are the future” is not a coined phrase that should be taken lightly. All generations should be concerned with completing the Census, yet Generation Z and the Millennial generation have a far greater duty. There have already been financial constraints within the Census Bureau, which puts the African American community at risk of being undercounted. Remaining informed and educating members of Congress, in addition to state and local leaders about the issues of the African-American community, is crucial in producing desired results.

We know all lives matter, but all lives have not been counted. The work of the NAACP and the Leadership Conference Education Fund, to name a few, have been doing the work to promote and protect the civil and human rights of citizens. As the 2020 Census makes its way to our mailboxes and computer screens, I charge you, my reader, to ensure you and your family will be counted.

Lt. Governor’s office launches ‘Healthy at Home: K-12 Students’ Perspective on COVID-19’

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Teachers can opt to include a new project in enrichment packets sent home with students: assignments challenging students to think about how the COVID-19 crisis is impacting their communities and share ideas about how lawmakers could address it. Dubbed “Healthy at Home: K-12 Students’ Perspective on COVID-19,” Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann and staff developed three grade-appropriate assignments including:

- A Think, Draw, Write! activity challenging pre-K through 3rd Grade students to imagine they are visiting the Mississippi Capitol and share ideas on how to keep families healthy with their lawmaker;
- Writing prompts for 4th through 6th Grade students to explain how they are staying connected to their teachers and school, and/or describe a goal they have set for themselves while learning at home, among others; and
- Essay prompts for 7th through 12 Grade students

discussing how the COVID-19 crisis is changing their community, or how better access to technology could connect people who are asked to engage in social distancing, among others. The assignments were created in collaboration with teachers and administrators across the state. With a parent’s or guardian’s permission, the Lieutenant Governor’s Office will share submissions on social media and with state senators. Assignments may be re-

turned to a teacher for submission to the Lieutenant Governor’s Office, or students and parents can return it directly. Submissions may be mailed in to P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, MS, 39215, or a photo of the completed assignment may be sent to ltgov@senate.ms.gov. For more information, or to download the assignments and permission slip, visit <https://ltgovhosemann.ms.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/K-12-LTG-Assignments-3.31.20.pdf>.

Hinds CC helps Jackson single mother reshape life, career

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Ebony Yarbor got her career and health back on track with the help of Hinds Community College. “I was facing a future of obesity and diabetes, so I decided it was time to learn how to cook better for myself and my two daughters,” said Yarbor, 38, a Belzoni native and Jackson resident. “I’ve saved myself by choosing better health.” Yarbor finished high school on time, but sat out continuing her education after having her first child shortly after her senior year. She returned to school a few years later and, in 2008, earned a credential from Hinds in child development. While attending Hinds this most recent time, she has worked as a substitute teacher for Jackson Public Schools and assists at several local food pantries. She attended Hinds this past year on the Raymond Garden Club Culinary Arts scholarship and is on track to earn a credential in Culinary Arts Technology this semester. She has big plans to incorporate her love of

cooking with education. “From my first day in class with Ebony, I knew she was a shining star,” said Austin Lee, director of the Culinary Arts Institute at Hinds. “While some students attend this program to be a better cook, Yarbor or open their own successful business for themselves, Ebony stands out. Her only goal is to serve others in her community. The true servant’s heart is what it takes to be successful in this industry, so I am extremely excited to see how Ebony uses her education to serve her community.” “I take pride in preparing good, tasty food for people to enjoy,” she said. “I want to own a food truck that goes into poverty-stricken areas to show people healthy options with food. I’m also working to re-establish home economics in the school system so youth can understand healthy habits at a young age.”



Term 3 Report Cards Available March 30 through ActiveParent

www.jsums.edu

Term 3 report cards will be posted and available on the ActiveParent platform beginning Monday, March 30. Parents and families are encouraged to review their child’s grades and progress utilizing ActiveParent. For our scholars taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses and scholars in the 11th and 12th grades, report cards will be mailed to families on Wednesday, April 1. These report cards have been

prioritized for mailing because these scholars are approaching graduation and we wish to ensure that each upper-class student is on track for graduation. Presently, the Advanced Placement tests have not been waived and will be required for students obtaining this specialized course credit. To access grades through ActiveParent follow the login steps below.

ActiveParent Access
To access your ActiveParent

account, go to jps.activeparent.net. Log in with your username and password. If you do not remember your login credentials, you should do the following for assistance. Submit a request for another username and password to supportactiveparent@jackson.k12.ms.us. Include the following in the email:
Child’s Name

Child’s Date of Birth
Child’s “student ID number” (Most students know it as their lunch number.)
Name of School
Parent/legal guardian’s Name
Parent/legal guardian’s Contact Number
If you can remember your username, please provide it. The submitted request will be processed between one and two business days as a reply to the original email request.

Change to schedule for JPS Grab and Go Feeding Program

The JPS Child Nutrition team will continue to serve grab-and-go breakfast and lunch meals during school closures through April 17, 2020. However, meals will

not be served on the following dates:
Tuesday, April 7
Thursday, April 9
Friday, April 10
Monday, April 13

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Huntington Ingalls Industries awarded \$1.50 billion contract for the construction of LPD 31

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Huntington Ingalls Industries (NYSE: HII) announced recently that its Ingalls Shipbuilding division has received a \$1.50 billion fixed-price-incentive modification to a previously awarded contract for the procurement of the detail design and construction of amphibious transport dock LPD 31. The ship will be the 15th in the San Antonio class and the second Flight II LPD.

“In building this 15th LPD, Ingalls’ experienced shipbuilders will continue this hot production line of great amphibious warships for our Navy/Marine Corps team,” Ingalls Shipbuilding President Brian Cuccias said. “We are all proud to be building these great ships, and will continue to deliver the most survivable and affordable ships possible for our customers and our nation.”

Ingalls’ LPD Flight II program vendor base consists of more than 600 manufacturers

and suppliers in 39 states, including 387 small businesses. More than 1,500 shipbuilders work on each LPD. Ingalls has delivered 11 San Antonio-class ships to the Navy, and it has three more under construction.

The San Antonio class is a major part of the Navy’s 21st century amphibious assault force. The 684-foot-long, 105-foot-wide ships are used to embark and land Marines, their equipment and supplies ashore via air cushion or conventional landing craft and amphibious assault vehicles, augmented by helicopters or vertical takeoff and landing aircraft such as the MV-22 Osprey. The ships support a Marine Air Ground Task Force across the spectrum of operations, conducting amphibious and expeditionary missions of sea control and power projection to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions throughout the first half of the 21st century.

Huntington Ingalls Industries is America’s largest mili-

tary shipbuilding company and a provider of professional services to partners in government and industry.

For more than a century, HII’s Newport News and Ingalls shipbuilding divisions in Virginia and Mississippi have built more ships in more ship classes than any other U.S. naval shipbuilder. HII’s Technical Solutions division supports national security missions around the globe with unmanned systems, defense and federal solutions, nuclear and environmental services, and fleet sustainment.

Headquartered in Newport News, Virginia, HII employs more than 42,000 people operating both domestically and internationally.

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MCJ confronts landlords who attempt to unlawfully skirt executive order by cutting utilities

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Center for Justice is representing multiple tenants who are being effectively evicted from their residences without warning while Mississippi is calling for residents to stay at home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Governor Reeves’ executive order directed that Mississippi residents stay at home except in specific circumstances; it also called for a moratorium on evictions beginning at 5 p.m. April 3, 2020.

Landlords in Lee County – and perhaps elsewhere in

Mississippi – are attempting to subvert the intent of these orders by disconnecting utilities that are in the landlords’ names. Without utilities, tenants are unable to comply with the stay-at-home order and face unnecessary risks to their own health and their communities’ during a time of pandemic.

The Mississippi Center for Justice has filed suit on behalf of two Lee County tenants to restore utility service to their apartments that had been disconnected by the landlord, arguing that the landlords’ actions were contrary to their

statutory duties and to the goal of Reeves’s stay-at-home order and the Mississippi Public Service Commission’s previous order that utilities not be disconnected due to non-payment during the COVID-19 emergency.

Renters throughout Mississippi need to know their rights during this unprecedented time. If renters suspect that they are being unlawfully evicted, or that their utilities have been cut off recently, they are encouraged to contact the Mississippi Center for Justice.

CORRECTION

Last week we ran Remembering Ruth Campbell ...

This is the corrected paragraph:

Her political influence crossed racial lines. She was a special assistant to former Mississippi Gov. Ray Mabus. She was close to former Gov. William Winter and worked with him in the area of education. Born in 1939 in Benton, Mississippi, into a military family, Campbell graduated from high school in Okinawa, Japan. She was fluent in French and once was conversant in Japanese. She graduated from Jackson State College with a bachelor’s degree, and she received her master’s from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1970, the year Mississippi’s public schools were integrated.

OPEN LETTER

President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500



Flaggs

Dear Mr. President,

As Mayor of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi, I respectfully request that you include faith-based communities and churches in the relief package available to non-profit corporations. Mississippi is known for its generosity and helping those in need. I believe that most of the needs of the poor in society are met by faith-based communities and churches. These communities and churches might not be officially organized as non-profit corporations, but they certainly provide the same or more necessary services to citizens in our communities.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the faith-based communities and churches have suffered by not being allowed to have services of greater than 10 persons present. Faith-based communities and churches rely on the financial giving of their congregation who are no longer present and many of whom are no longer employed. These faith-based communities and churches are typically the ones who fill in the social services gaps such as food pantries, medical clinics for the poor, utility payments for those in need, shelters for the homeless and other social services.

It is my hope that these faith-based communities and churches can also be eligible for funding under the CARES Act just as non-profit corporations and other charities are eligible. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
George Flaggs, Jr.
Mayor

cc: Governor Tate Reeves

JMAA announces stabilization plans amid Covid-19 pandemic

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The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA) Board and executive leadership recently conducted an internal business assessment amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Like most airports worldwide, daily flight schedules and passenger traffic at Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (JAN) have been dramatically impacted.

Daily flights to and from JAN are down an estimated 70% versus prior year. Passenger traffic has reduced by up to 90% from previous levels. Parking revenue, a significant contributor of JAN’s

revenue, has decreased by approximately 90%. The associated revenue declines severely affect the JMAA, its employees, and all partners, tenants and concessionaires.

Consequently, and after much deliberation, JMAA has taken the following decisive actions to position the organization for a financially sound future. These actions include:

- a reduction in workforce of approximately 8%
- a hiring freeze
- the elimination of certain executive positions
- energy conservation measures
- restrictions on discretion-

ary purchases

- a decrease in consultant contracts of 67%.

These are difficult, but necessary adjustments being made to respond to the ongoing aviation financial crisis at hand. It is JMAA’s fiduciary responsibility to protect the future of the organization and of Jackson’s airports.

JMAA staff will continue efforts to provide professionalism while ensuring safety and security for all airport passengers, employees and stakeholders.

Thank you for your continued support and loyalty.

Request for “Major Federal Disaster Declaration”

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On April 1, 2020, Governor Tate Reeves requested a “Major Federal Disaster Declaration” from President Donald Trump regarding COVID-19.

The disaster declaration, if approved, will activate the

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)’s Individual Assistance (IA) Program for all counties. Financial and Crisis Counseling assistance would be available to individuals who suffered economic losses during the

COVID-19 pandemic. The incident period is from January 20, 2020 and continuing.

Eligibility will be defined if the request is approved.

MEMA will continue to update the status of this request.

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“Be kindly affectioned one to another”

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



When we have the love of God in our hearts, we will not have retaliation working in our spirits. If we have this kind of love, we are courteous. We are not looking for an opportunity to get even. Peter said in 1 Peter 3:8, “Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.”

Would we like to have what we are doing done to us and our families? Have we ever considered our behavior? I was always taught that when you dish out something, it will return to you. If we are cantankerous or if we are divisive as a pastor, we will reap it.

As saints, we should have good manners and be polite in the way we talk to one another. When we have this kind of charity, we keep envy suppressed.

Undoubtedly, sometime in our lives, we have felt envy or a little jealousy. Envy or jealousy may come knocking on our heart’s door, but we need to say, “No, I don’t want it.” As a real Christian, we must war against those things. As a Christian, we will find that our greatest battle is with ourselves. We have to keep ourselves clear. A man or a woman with this kind of love keeps envy suppressed. A man or woman of God with this kind of love, one who is living a more excellent way, rejoices in other members’ gifts and standing.

If this kind of love is work-

ing in our lives, we will not hurt the effectiveness of another individual or another man or woman of God. As a child of God, we need to really look at these Scriptures, take them apart and apply them to everything we say and do.

If we have the love of God, pride and glory in self will be suppressed. The Bible says if we have this kind of love, we will do as Paul said in Romans 12:10, “Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.” Philippians 2:3 states, “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.”

Love does not behave itself in a distasteful manner. We should know how to act wherever we are and whatever

we do. We will not act like a bull, so to speak, in the house of worship. Some people who claim to be Christian sometimes act in a very distasteful manner. They do not respect people as they should.

If we have this quality of love working in our hearts, we will honor those who have different positions, such as our pastor and those who are in authority. If we hold a position, we will condescend to those who are beneath us with courtesy and concern. It works both ways. If this love is working within us, we will treat those who are above us with great respect.

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P R E S E R V E D

Don’t just give up, gain during Lent

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



The season of Lent is always a sacred time for Christians. During this 46 day period leading up to Easter, many of us focus on giving up some of our favorite things. Chocolate, smoking, coffee and cursing usually top the lists. Some say the pain of giving up of something we treasure will remind us of the pain that Jesus suffered when he died on the cross. As much as I can appreciate the comparison, I don’t think giving up a Snickers bar is equal to dying for all mankind. In fact, many of us go back to those same destructive habits the day after Easter.

I have a great respect for Lent but honestly still find myself struggling at times with embracing all that it offers. I normally start off motivated and excited about what God is going to do for the next 40 days. However, on or near the 15th day, I start to run out of ideas for meals that don’t include the foods that I’m avoiding. Honestly, my focus was more on what I’d given up and not on what I’d gained.

In the past, I’ve been able to do the Lenten fast with few problems but this year it’s been especially difficult. Maybe I’ve watched too much political news coverage on TV.

One thing I’ve thought about as I’ve watched the seemingly endless stories of lies, blame-shifting and divisiveness is, “Where is the Christian sacrifice?” No one seems to want to humbly sacrifice their needs. The more I’ve thought about it, I don’t think it is a coincidence that the great turmoil during the first two months of the new presi-

dential administration is happening during Lent. With rumors of Russian interference, court orders halting the Muslim travel ban and the failed repeal of the Affordable Care Act, the news focus rightfully has been on the selfish (and spiteful nature) of these policies. Yet many of the political leaders featured in recent news coverage have in the past proudly proclaimed their religious convictions. However, what has really been on display is their religious confusion and hypocrisy.

My constant prayer is that more politicians in Washington D.C. would choose to give up spitefulness and gain selflessness during Lent.

In addition to giving up things that impact me negatively for Lent, I’m also focusing on adding something positive and life-changing. I’ve had a few experiences since Lent started where my Christian faith was challenged. Like it says in Psalm 4:4, I had to “Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the LORD.” Despite what some think, Lent is not just “Catholic.”

As it was intended to be a reminder of the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, Lent also is a time dedicated to spiritual renewal and growth. To me, the best thing that we can gain during Lent is a chance to focus less on ourselves and more on building a stronger relationship with God. So even in this time of social isolation, it can become a time of drawing closer to God.

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SBA clarifies eligibility of faith-based organizations to participate in Paycheck Protection and Economic Injury Disaster Loan Programs

The Mississippi Link Newswire

SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza recently announced that SBA issued guidance clarifying that all faith-based organizations impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19) are eligible to participate in the Paycheck Protection Program and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program, without restrictions based on their religious identity or activities, to the extent they meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the CARES Act that was passed by Congress, signed into law by President Trump, and implemented by the Paycheck Protection Act Interim Final Rule.


“Following the passage of the emergency economic relief assistance, the Administration and Congress acted to ensure that small businesses and non-profits alike have access to critical funds to keep their workers paid and employed,” said Carranza. “Faith-based organizations have always provided critical social services for people in need, and SBA will make clear that these organizations may access this emergency capital.”

The Paycheck Protection Program is designed to keep small business workers employed and

provide small businesses with capital through the nation’s banks and other lending institutions, with support from the SBA. The Paycheck Protection Program’s maximum loan amount is \$10 million with a fixed 1% interest rate and maturity of two years. SBA will forgive the portion of loan proceeds used for payroll costs and other designated operating expenses for up to eight weeks provided at least 75% of loan proceeds are used for payroll costs.

The Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides qualifying small businesses and non-profits with working capital up to \$2 million with low interest rates and terms extending up to 30 years.

“While every American is being affected by COVID-19, the impact of this pandemic is particularly hurting our schools and places of worship, and disproportionately impacting the underrepresented communities, the sick, the elderly and the lower income,” added Carranza. “It’s vitally important that organizations focused on delivering critical social services and meeting community needs remain viable, particularly during this economically challenging time.”




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ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 110-2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, GOVERNING PROCEDURE FOR RENAMING STREETS AND PUBLIC FACILITIES.

WHEREAS, Section 110-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, establishes the procedures for renaming streets and public facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson finds it necessary to amend rules and regulations relating to the procedure for renaming streets and public facilities to provide for a more efficient process; and

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 110-2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, is hereby deleted and replaced to read as follows:

Sec. 110-2. - Procedure for renaming streets and public facilities.

The city council may name or rename a street or public facility within the city by ordinance through the formal renaming process or the honorary renaming process as outlined in this section. Streets and public facilities named through the formal renaming process change the official street name. Streets and public facilities renamed through the honorary renaming process are given an honorary name and allow for placement of commemorative signs, plaques, or other items in addition to existing street signs or facility signs.

(a) For the purposes of this section “public facility” and “streets” are defined as follows:

(1) Public facility means a building, structure or land owned by the City of Jackson.

(2) Street(s) means open and in use rights-of-way, which are dedicated to the City of Jackson. State and federally maintained streets and highways are not included in this definition.

(b) Formal Renaming

(1) Public Hearing and Notice

i. A public hearing is required for formal renaming of streets and public facilities.

• In the case of a street renaming or public facility renaming public notice is required in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Jackson, Mississippi, indicating the time and date of the hearing and a detailed description of the street or public facility to be named or renamed, the existing name, if applicable and the proposed name.

• In the case of a street renaming, a letter including the date, time, location, and purpose of the stated public hearing must be sent to property owners within 160 feet of the proposed renaming via certified mail. The form for notice is to be provided by the planning department.

• In the case of a public facility renaming, a sign providing notice of the requested name change and the date, time, and location of the public hearing must be placed at the main entrance of the public facility sought to be renamed. For larger facilities additional signs are to be provided at the request of the planning department.

ii. The required notice must be provided at least 15 days in advance of the public hearing.

(2) A person seeking the renaming of a city street, or the naming or renaming of a public facility may file an application for such a request with the planning department on a form provided by the planning department. Such application must include:

- Initial Application
- Name and address of petitioner.
- Current and proposed name of the street or facility.
- A written description and statement of significance of the proposed renaming.
- A map identifying the street or facility to be named.
- Payment of required fee.
- Proof of Notice

1. Proof of notice is to be submitted after initial application is reviewed.

2. The petitioner must show proof of publication of required advertisement.

3. If the application is for the formal renaming of a public street, the petitioner must show proof of notification to the required property owners by submitting certified mail receipts and a copy of the letter sent to the listed property owners.

4. If the application is for the formal renaming of a public facility, the petitioner must show proof of notification by sign at the required locations.

- (3) Upon receipt of initial application, the planning department must:
- Review the application for completeness.
 - Review the proposed name for availability.
 - Set a public hearing date on the next available city council agenda that allows sufficient time for notice requirements to be met.
 - For street renaming, provide the petitioner the required notification list of property owners within 160 feet of the proposed renaming and the required

form of notice.

v. For public facilities renaming, provide the petitioner the required locations for placement of notification signs.

vi. Transmit the application for review to the Public Works Department, Fire Department, and any other department the Planning Director deems pertinent.

(4) Upon completion of application, submission of proof of notice, and internal review, the planning department is to place the ordinance for the petition on the city council agenda. The planning department is to provide a written report to city council that includes the following information:

i. A statement indicating how many properties are affected by the proposed change and the potential impact of the proposed change.

ii. A statement indicating the estimated cost the City will incur if the proposed renaming is approved.

iii. A statement indicating if the proposed renaming will be able to be produced by the standard sign manufacturing capabilities of the public works department.

iv. A statement identifying if the application meets the required criteria identified in this section.

v. Any comments or concerns identified during internal staff review.

(5) Upon conclusion of the hearing on any petition as submitted under this section, the full city council may, in its discretion, adopt an ordinance naming or renaming of the street or public facility.

(c) Honorary Renaming

(1) Public Hearing and Notice

i. A public hearing is required for honorary renaming of streets and public facilities.

1. Public notice in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Jackson, Mississippi, indicating the time and date of the hearing and a detailed description of the street or public facility to be named or renamed, the existing name, if applicable and the proposed name. The notice shall be published at least 15 days in advance of the public hearing.

2. In the case of an honorary street renaming, a sign providing notice of the requested name change and the date, time, and location of the public hearing must be placed at the intersections of the beginning and end of the street sought to be renamed. For longer streets additional signs are to be provided at the request of the planning department.

• In the case of a public facility renaming, a sign providing notice of the requested name change and the date, time, and location of the public hearing must be placed at the main entrance of the public facility sought to be renamed. For larger facilities additional signs are to be provided at the request of the planning department.

ii. The required notice must be provided at least 15 days in advance of the public hearing.

(2) A person seeking the honorary renaming of a city street, or the honorary naming or renaming of any other city property may file an application for such a request with the planning department on a form provided by the planning department. Such application must include:

- Initial Application
 - Name and address of petitioner.
 - Current and proposed name of the street or facility.
 - A written description and statement of significance of the proposed renaming.
 - A map identifying the street or facility to be named.
 - Payment of required fee.
- Proof of Notice
 - Proof of notice is to be submitted after initial application is reviewed.
 - The petitioner must show proof of publication of required advertisement.
 - The petitioner must show proof of notification by sign at the required locations.

(3) Upon receipt of initial application, the planning department must:

- Review the application for completeness.
- Review the proposed name for availability.
- Set a public hearing date on the next available city council agenda that allows sufficient time for notice requirements to be met.
- Provide the petitioner the required locations for placement of notification signs.
- Provide the petitioner the format and directions for newspaper notice.
- Transmit the application for review to the Public Works Department, Fire Department, and any other department the Planning Director deems pertinent.

(4) Upon completion of application, submission of proof of notice, and internal review, the planning department is to place the ordinance for the petition on the city council agenda. The planning department is to provide a written report to city council that includes the following information:

i. A statement indicating the estimated cost the City will incur if the proposed renaming is approved.

ii. A statement indicating if the proposed renaming will be able to be produced by the standard sign manufacturing capabilities of the public works department.

iii. A statement identifying if the application meets the required criteria identified in this section.

iv. Any comments or concerns identified during internal staff review.

(5) Upon conclusion of the hearing on any petition as submitted under this section, the full city council may, in its discretion, adopt an ordinance providing for honorary naming or renaming of the street or public facility.

(d) All persons and bodies reviewing, providing a recommendation on, or disposing of a proposed renaming are to take into consideration the following criteria:

- Consideration is to be primarily given to the following purposes: to honor and commemorate noteworthy persons associated with the City; to celebrate local history, places, events or culture; to strengthen neighborhood identity, or to recognize native wildlife, flora, fauna or natural features related to the community and the City.
- If an application is made to rename a street after an individual, this person must have:

i. Demonstrated excellence of contributions to the City's development, community service, personal sacrifice for public service or national defense, or efforts to foster equality among the citizens of the City.

ii. Historical significance locally, nationally or globally with significant local or regional ties.

(3) An unbroken, continuous street must maintain the same name throughout the entire section. Honorary Street naming can occur by block or segment.

(4) A proposed street name should not duplicate (written or phonetically) an existing street name, or create confusion or problems for the City's emergency services.

(5) Street names must not be longer than can be produced by the standard sign manufacturing capability of the public works department.

(e) Denial of an application may be appropriate if the proposed renaming may tend to bring disrepute upon the community for any reason, or would not be looked upon favorably by a majority of City residents.

(f) Fees

(1) A \$250.00 application fee shall be paid when the application is filed.

(2) An installation fee in the amount of \$150.00 for each sign to be changed per each street intersection shall be paid upon approval of any naming or name change of a street or public facility.

(3) Any costs associated with notice, advertisement, publication and all other fees or costs associated with processing petitioner's application shall be borne by the petitioner.

(4) Application and Installation fees are not applied if petition is submitted by the Mayor or a member of the City Council.

SECTION 2. Should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this Article be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Article as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal, or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, as a whole.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after passage, and upon publication in accordance with Section 21-13-11 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, As Amended.

Council Member Banks moved adoption; Council Member Lindsay seconded.

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Priester, Stamps, Stokes and Tillman.

Nays- None.

Absent- Stokes.

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 Regular Council Meeting on March 17,2020 and recorded in Minute Book "6Q, Pgs. 587-590".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 1st day of April, 2020.

Angela Harris
SEAL Angela Harris, Interim Chief Deputy Municipal Clerk

4-9-2020

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS City of Jackson Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, May 05, 2020, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

96115-050520– Licensed Catering Services

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. 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 960-1533

4-9-2020, 4-16-2020

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Advertisement for Electronic Bid Bid 3129 Callaway Exterior Lighting Project

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 30, 2020, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the Callaway Exterior Lighting Project will be held at Callaway High School, 601 Beasley Road, Jackson, MS on April 10, 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.jpdsmsprojects.com. A \$100.00 Non-refundable deposit shall be required on each printed set of bid specs/documents. A \$100.00 Non-refundable deposit shall be required on each digital PDF set of bid specs/documents. Documents 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 Wanda Elliot at Dale Partners and Associates, Phone: 601-352-5411 or Email: wandaelliott@dalepartners.com.

4-2-2020, 4-9-2020

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ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 118, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES ORDINANCE, ARTICLE VI, STOPPING, STANDING, AND PARKING OF THE JACKSON CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW PARKING METER PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson recently entered into an Agreement that will provide new equipment and technologies to upgrade the City's parking meters; and

WHEREAS, certain amendments to the existing ordinances regulating parking meters are necessary to accommodate the new equipment and technologies that will be used to implement the new, in-house managed parking meter program;

WHEREAS, the following amendments to the Jackson Code of Ordinances are required to implement the new parking meter program and effectively use the new equipment and technologies that will be deployed:

Article VI - Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 1, sec. 118-325 of Chapter 118 - Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance of Jackson

Sec. 118-325. - Parking signs required.

Whenever by this Code or any other ordinance of this city, or on a basis as determined by the city traffic engineer after an engineering and traffic investigation, any parking time limit is imposed or parking is prohibited on designated streets, it shall be the duty of the city traffic engineer to erect appropriate signs giving notice of such limit or prohibition, and no such regulation shall be effective unless signs are erected and in place at the time of any alleged offense. Parking meters installed by the city displaying the notice of limitation and fees shall serve as required parking sign.

Article VI - Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 2 of Chapter 118 - Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance of Jackson

Sec. 118-371. - Zones.

(a) Parking meter zones are hereby established within the city on those streets designated or to be designated by the city council upon which limited parking is permitted and shall be regulated by parking meters between the hours designated or to be designated by the city council.

(b) The city traffic engineer is hereby authorized, subject to the approval of the city council, to establish parking meter zones at other locations upon the streets or parts of streets where it is determined on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the installation of parking meters shall be necessary to aid in the regulation, control and inspection of the parking of vehicles.

Sec. 118-372. - Installation.

(a) The city traffic engineer shall install parking meters in the parking meter zones established as provided in this division upon the curb in the industry standard configuration for single space, double space, or multi-pay station meter layouts. Such meters shall be capable of being operated, either automatically or mechanically, upon payment according to the rates established by subsection (e) of this Ordinance.

(b) Each parking meter shall be so designed, constructed, installed and set that upon the expiration of the time period registered, by making payment as provided in subsection (a) of this section, it will indicate by an appropriate signal that the lawful parking meter period has expired, and during such period of time and prior to the expiration of such time, will indicate the interval of time which remains of such period.

(c) Each parking meter shall bear thereon a legend indicating the days and hours when the requirement to make payment therein shall apply, the value of the payment to be made and the limited period of time for which parking is lawfully permitted at that meter.

(d) The traffic engineer is authorized to designate the rate structures and time limits within an established meter zone from the rate structures established in subsection (e) of this Ordinance. Multiple rate structures and time limits may be designated within a meter zone. In determining the appropriate rate structures and time limits for parking spaces, the traffic engineer shall consider demand and turnover needs.

(e) The following rate structure schedule shall be used to calculate the rate of charges on metered spaces on the streets of the city for parking in spaces

Rate Structure	Rate	Time Limit
Fixed Rate Value	\$5.50 per hour	1 Hour, 2 Hour, 4 Hour, or None
Fixed Rate Basic	\$1.00 per hour	1 Hour, 2 Hour, 4 Hour, or None
Escalation Time (2 HRS)	\$1.00 per hour for hours 0 thru 2 \$2.00 per hour for hour 3 \$3.00 per hour for hour 4 and over	No limit, escalating fee encourages 2-hour turnover, and charges premium for longer stays.
Escalation Time (4 HRS)	\$1.00 per hour for hours 0 thru 4 hours \$2.00 per hour for hour 5 and over	No limit, escalating fee encourages 4-hour turnover and charges premium for longer stays.
Handicap Meter Rate Value	\$5.50 per hour	1 Hour, 2 Hour, 4 Hour, or None
Handicap Meter Rate Basic	\$1.00 per hour	1 Hour, 2 Hour, 4 Hour, or None

thereon:

At the traffic engineer's discretion, they may direct that designated meters be programmed to provide a 15-minute courtesy rate during which no charge for parking will accrue. In determining this designation, the traffic engineer shall consider type of services offered by the businesses in proximity to the meter.

Sec. 118-373. - Spaces.

(a) The city traffic engineer shall designate the parking space adjacent to each parking meter for which such meter is to be used by appropriate markings upon the curb or the pavement of the street. Parking meter spaces so designated shall be of appropriate length and width so as to be accessible from the traffic lanes of such street.

(b) No person shall park a vehicle in any such designated parking meter space during the restricted or regulated hours applicable to the parking meter zone in which such meter is located so that any part of such vehicle occupies more than one such space or protrudes beyond the markings designating such space, except that a vehicle which is of a size too large to be parked within a single designated parking meter zone shall be permitted to occupy two adjoining parking meter spaces when payment has been made for the parking meter for each space so occupied as is required in this division for the parking of other vehicles in such space.

Sec. 118-374. – Payment and time limits.

(a) No person shall park a vehicle in any parking space upon a street alongside of and next to which a parking meter has been installed during the restricted and regulated time applicable to the parking meter zone in which such meter is located unless the payment has been made for an unexpired interval of time, and such meter has been placed in operation.

(b) No person shall permit a vehicle within his control to be parked in any such parking meter space during the restricted and regulated time applicable to the parking meter zone in which such meter is located while the parking meter for such space indicates by signal that the lawful parking time in such space has expired.

(c) No person shall park a vehicle in any such parking meter space for a consecutive period of time longer than that limited period of time for which parking is lawfully permitted in the parking meter zone in which such meter is located, irrespective of the payment made for such meter.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions of this chapter and the state vehicle code prohibiting or limiting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times.

Sec. 118-375. - Use of slugs.

No person shall deposit or attempt to deposit in any parking meter any slug, button or any other device or substance as substitutes for coins of United States currency.

Sec. 118-376. - Tampering with or stealing from meters.

(a) No person shall deface, injure, tamper with, open or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter or place thereon any advertising or unauthorized signs.

(b) No person shall take, steal or carry away any money or coins deposited in any parking meter.

Sec. 118-377. - Application and collection of proceeds.

(a) The fee required to be deposited in such meters is hereby levied as a police regulation and inspection fee to cover the cost involved in the inspection, installation, operation and control and use of parking spaces and parking meters described herein and involved in checking and regulating the parking of vehicles in the parking meter zones created hereby.

(b) The funds received from meter payments shall be placed in a Parking Enterprise fund and used for continued maintenance and investment in the parking meter system. Excess revenue may be used within a designated meter zone for improvements related to the City's Complete Streets policy.

Sec. 118-378 Meter Reservations

The Parking Meter Supervisor is authorized to reserve metered on-street parking spaces for construction, moving, oversized vehicles, and special events for the duration of the event. Reservation for personal parking is prohibited. Authorization to reserve five or more parking spaces shall require that the applicant obtain and present a valid building permit, or special event permit.

Sec. 118-379 Meter Reservations Fees

The parking meter reservation application fee is \$10.00 and meter reservation fee is \$15.00 per meter per day. Metered parking spaces may be reserved for funerals up to ten space at no charge, with no limitation as to frequency. Meter reservations requested by city facilities for an allowable event will not be charged. A fee of \$2.50 per day per meter shall be due the city during a regular or special session of the state legislature for those metered parking spaces abutting the State Capitol grounds on North President Street, High Street, North West Street and Mississippi Street.

Sec. 118-380 Meter Reservation Posting

Each meter reservation shall be posted on the meter. Posting should include the expiration date, the person or firm for whom it has been provided, and the wording, "No Parking — City of Jackson — Space Restricted to (name of person or firm for whom reservation is provided).

Sec. 118-381 Immobilization

If a vehicle is parked in a metered space and the registered owner of the vehicle has six (6) or more unpaid parking violation citations any Police Officer, Parking Enforcement Officer, or other authorized City employee may attach or cause to be attached to said vehicle an immobilizing device which will prevent the vehicle from being moved or driven. The fee for immobilizing device removal is \$100.00.

If an immobilization device is attached, there shall also be attached securely to the vehicle a notice which states:

CAUTION! THIS VEHICLE HAS BEEN MADE IMMOBILE BY A WHEEL-LOCKING DEVICE. SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE WILL RESULT IF YOU ATTEMPT TO MOVE THE VEHICLE. RELEASE CAN BE OBTAINED BY:

(1) Paying the outstanding Parking Violation Citations, together with the fee established to cover the costs of attachment and removal of the locking device, or

(2) Posting a bond to cover the above costs and requesting a hearing.

Sec. 118-383 Presumption of Ownership

In all cases of parking violations, the entity identified through the car tag shall be responsible for the parking citation.

Secs. 118 385—118-400. - Reserved.

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

SECTION 1. That Article VI - Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 1, sec. 118-325 of Chapter 118 - Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance of Jackson is amended as follows:

Sec. 118-325. - Parking signs required.

Whenever by this Code or any other ordinance of this city, or on a basis as determined by the city traffic engineer after an engineering and traffic investigation, any parking time limit is imposed or parking is prohibited on designated streets, it shall be the duty of the city traffic engineer to erect appropriate signs giving notice of such limit or prohibition, and no such regulation shall be effective unless signs are erected and in place at the time of any alleged offense. Parking meters installed by the city displaying the notice of limitation and fees shall serve as required parking sign.

SECTION 2. That Article VI - Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division 2 of Chapter 118 - Traffic and Vehicles Ordinance of Jackson is amended as follows:

Sec. 118-371. - Zones.

(a) Parking meter zones are hereby established within the city on those streets designated or to be designated by the city council upon which limited parking is permitted and shall be regulated by parking meters between the hours designated or to be designated by the city council.

(b) The city traffic engineer is hereby authorized, subject to the approval of the city council, to establish parking meter zones at other locations upon the streets or parts of streets where it is determined on the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the installation of parking meters shall be necessary to aid in the regulation, control and inspection of the parking of vehicles.

Sec. 118-372. - Installation.

(a) The city traffic engineer shall install parking meters in the parking meter zones established as provided in this division upon the curb in the industry standard configuration for single space, double space, or multi-pay station meter layouts. Such meters shall be capable of being operated, either automatically or mechanically, upon payment according to the rates established by subsection (e) of this Ordinance.

(b) Each parking meter shall be so designed, constructed, installed and set that upon the expiration of the time period registered, by making payment as provided in subsection (a) of this section, it will indicate by an appropriate signal that the lawful parking meter period has expired, and during such period of time and prior to the expiration of such time, will indicate the interval of time which remains of such period.

(c) Each parking meter shall bear thereon a legend indicating the days and hours when the requirement to make payment therein shall apply, the value of the payment to be made and the limited period of time for which parking is lawfully permitted at that meter.

(d) The traffic engineer is authorized to designate the rate structures and time limits within an established meter zone from the rate structures established in subsection (e) of this Ordinance. Multiple rate structures and time limits may be designated within a meter zone. In determining the appropriate rate structures and time limits for parking spaces, the traffic engineer shall consider demand and turnover needs.

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Handicap Meter Rate Value	\$5.50 per hour	1 Hour, 2 Hour, 4 Hour, or None
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(e) The following rate structure schedule shall be used to calculate the rate of charges on metered spaces on the streets of the city for parking in spaces thereon:

At the traffic engineer's discretion, they may direct that designated meters be programmed to provide a 15-minute courtesy rate during which no charge for parking will accrue. In determining this designation, the traffic engineer shall consider type of services offered by the businesses in proximity to the meter.

Sec. 118-373. - Spaces.

(a) The city traffic engineer shall designate the parking space adjacent to each parking meter for which such meter is to be used by appropriate markings upon the curb or the pavement of the street. Parking meter spaces so designated shall be of appropriate length and width so as to be accessible from the traffic lanes of such street.

(b) No person shall park a vehicle in any such designated parking meter space during the restricted or regulated hours applicable to the parking meter zone in which such meter is located so that any part of such vehicle occupies more than one such space or protrudes beyond the markings designating such space, except that a vehicle which is of a size too large to be parked within a single designated parking meter zone shall be permitted to occupy two adjoining parking meter spaces when payment has been made for the parking meter for each space so occupied as is required in this division for the parking of other vehicles in such space.

Sec. 118-374. – Payment and time limits.

(a) No person shall park a vehicle in any parking space upon a street alongside of and next to which a parking meter has been installed during the restricted and regulated time applicable to the parking meter zone in which such meter is located unless the payment has been made for an unexpired interval of time, and such meter has been placed in operation.

(b) No person shall permit a vehicle within his control to be parked in any such parking meter space during the restricted and regulated time applicable to the parking meter zone in which such meter is located while the parking meter for such space indicates by signal that the lawful parking time in such space has expired.

(c) No person shall park a vehicle in any such parking meter space for a consecutive period of time longer than that limited period of time for which parking is lawfully permitted in the parking meter zone in which such meter is located, irrespective of the payment made for such meter.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions of this chapter and the state vehicle code prohibiting or limiting the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times.

Sec. 118-375. - Use of slugs.

No person shall deposit or attempt to deposit in any parking meter any slug, button or any other device or substance as substitutes for coins of United States currency.

Sec. 118-376. - Tampering with or stealing from meters.

(a) No person shall deface, injure, tamper with, open or willfully break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter or place thereon any advertising or unauthorized signs.

(b) No person shall take, steal or carry away any money or coins deposited in any parking meter.

Sec. 118-377. - Application and collection of proceeds.

(a) The fee required to be deposited in such meters is hereby levied as a police regulation and inspection fee to cover the cost involved in the inspection, installation, operation and control and use of parking spaces and parking meters described herein and involved in checking and regulating the parking of vehicles in the parking meter zones created hereby.

(b) The funds received from meter payments shall be placed in a Parking Enterprise fund and used for continued maintenance and investment in the parking meter system. Excess revenue may be used within a designated meter zone for improvements related to the City's Complete Streets policy.

Sec. 118-378 Meter Reservations

The Parking Meter Supervisor is authorized to reserve metered on-street parking spaces for construction, moving, oversized vehicles, and special events for the duration of the event. Reservation for personal parking is prohibited. Authorization to reserve five or more parking spaces shall require that the applicant obtain and present a valid building permit, or special event permit.

Sec. 118-379 Meter Reservations Fees

The parking meter reservation application fee is \$10.00 and meter reservation fee is \$15.00 per meter per day. Metered parking spaces may be reserved for funerals up to ten space at no charge, with no limitation as to frequency. Meter reservations requested by city facilities for an allowable event will not be charged. A fee of \$2.50 per day per meter shall be due the city during a regular or special session of the state legislature for those metered parking spaces abutting the State Capitol grounds on North President Street, High Street, North West Street and Mississippi Street.

Sec. 118-380 Meter Reservation Posting

Each meter reservation shall be posted on the meter. Posting should include the expiration date, the person or firm for whom it has been provided, and the wording, "No Parking — City of Jackson — Space Restricted to (name of person or firm for whom reservation is provided).

Sec. 118-381 Immobilization

If a vehicle is parked in a metered space and the registered owner of the vehicle has six (6) or more unpaid parking violation citations any Police Officer, Parking Enforcement Officer, or other authorized City employee may attach or cause to be attached to said vehicle an immobilizing device which will prevent the vehicle from being moved or driven. The fee for immobilizing device removal is \$100.00.

If an immobilization device is attached, there shall also be attached securely to the vehicle a notice which states:

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(1) Paying the outstanding Parking Violation Citations, together with the fee established to cover the costs of attachment and removal of the locking device, or

(2) Posting a bond to cover the above costs and requesting a hearing.

Sec. 118-383 Presumption of Ownership

In all cases of parking violations, the entity identified through the car tag shall be responsible for the parking citation.

Secs. 118-385—118-400. - Reserved.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be effective thirty days after enactment and following publication.

Council Member Lindsay moved adoption; Council Member Banks seconded.

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lindsay, Priestster, Stamps, Stokes and Tillman.
Nays- None.
Absent- Stokes.

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 Regular Council Meeting on March 17, 2020 and recorded in Minute Book "6Q, Pgs. 590-598".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 1st day of April, 2020.

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11. Ammunition
12. Witless
13. Shred (2 wds.)
15. Central Intelligence Agency
16. Loves
18. Woodwind instrument
21. Extension (abbr.)
22. Planter's nut
26. Military attack
28. Reflect
29. Claw
30. Eve's garden
31. Stave
32. For fear that

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1. Leave now!
2. House
3. Writer Bombeck
4. Reverses
5. Male
6. Quickly
7. Something very small
8. Regions
10. Walk quietly
14. Sports match
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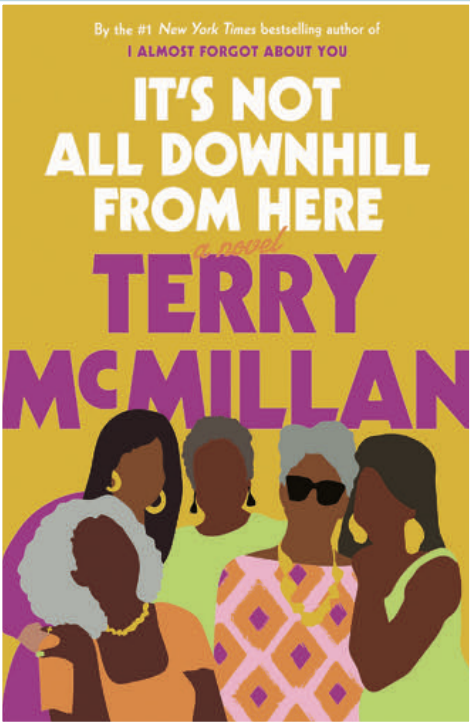
Quiet Streets of Jackson

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Photos taken in downtown Jackson Monday afternoon demonstrates that Mayor Chuckwe Lumumba's Stay-At-Home Shelter due to the Covid-19 Pandemic is keeping Jacksonians for the most part off the streets.





By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Getting old ain't for sissies. Aging is not for the weak, whiners, or wimps, not for 'fraidycats or those with no confidence, and aging is absolutely not for the inflexible. But then again, as in the new novel by Terry McMillan, "It's Not All Downhill from Here," either. The last thing Loretha Curry wanted was another "surprise" birthday party. Good heavens, she was going to be sixty-eight on New Year's Eve and she told her husband,

Carl, that she didn't want the fuss again this year. He would listen to her wishes, but her girlfriends? They never would. Yet, they did. Korynthia, Poochie, Lucky, and Sadie stepped back and let Carl handle a special treat: a weekend at Loretha's favorite hotel in Palm Springs, just the two of them. It was exactly what she needed to take her mind off everything: her mother had been moved into assisted living; her sister, Odessa, was some kind of witch; her daughter, Jalecia, was Heaven-knows-where and

probably high on something; her granddaughter, Cinnamon, was a "space cadet"; and Loretha was just plain tired. A weekend away with Carl would be perfect. But before it had even started, her birthday weekend ended in a way that Loretha could never have imagined, with a loss both unfathomable and unfair. When it was all over and everybody went home, she could barely remember what hour it was. She closed her businesses because she had no energy to run them. Staying at home, alone and

staring at four walls, wasn't an option, though. Jalecia moved in with Loretha's ex-sister-in-law, who was always calling for money. Cinnamon announced that she was pregnant with twins and could she have one of Loretha's rentals? Then Korynthia insisted that Loretha join her dance class, some young man showed up and announced that he was Carl's long-lost son, and Poochie started planning an all-girls cruise week. And life goes on after a bad event: uphill sometimes, and sometimes not...

FaceTime isn't cuttin' it. Skype's not enough. You can get by with phone calls and texts but it isn't the same: you need your friends, just as in "It's Not All Downhill from Here." And yet, don't think that this is just another "girlfriends" book. Yes, absolutely, it's a story about women's friendships, but author Terry McMillan also explores what it's like to grow older, when a body's of a certain age but the mind forgets that's so. Readers who've glued together the pieces of a life shattered know all about this, and

what it's like to do it again tomorrow, if the need arises. McMillan's characters possess just the right amount of wisdom for that, which will appeal not so much to her younger readers as, perhaps, to the age group that originally loved "Waiting to Exhale." "It's Not All Downhill from Here" actually comes at the right time: it reminds readers that even in novel-land, things can get messy and you'll be okay. Find it for your next book-group virtual-meet. Read it, and share with your sissies.



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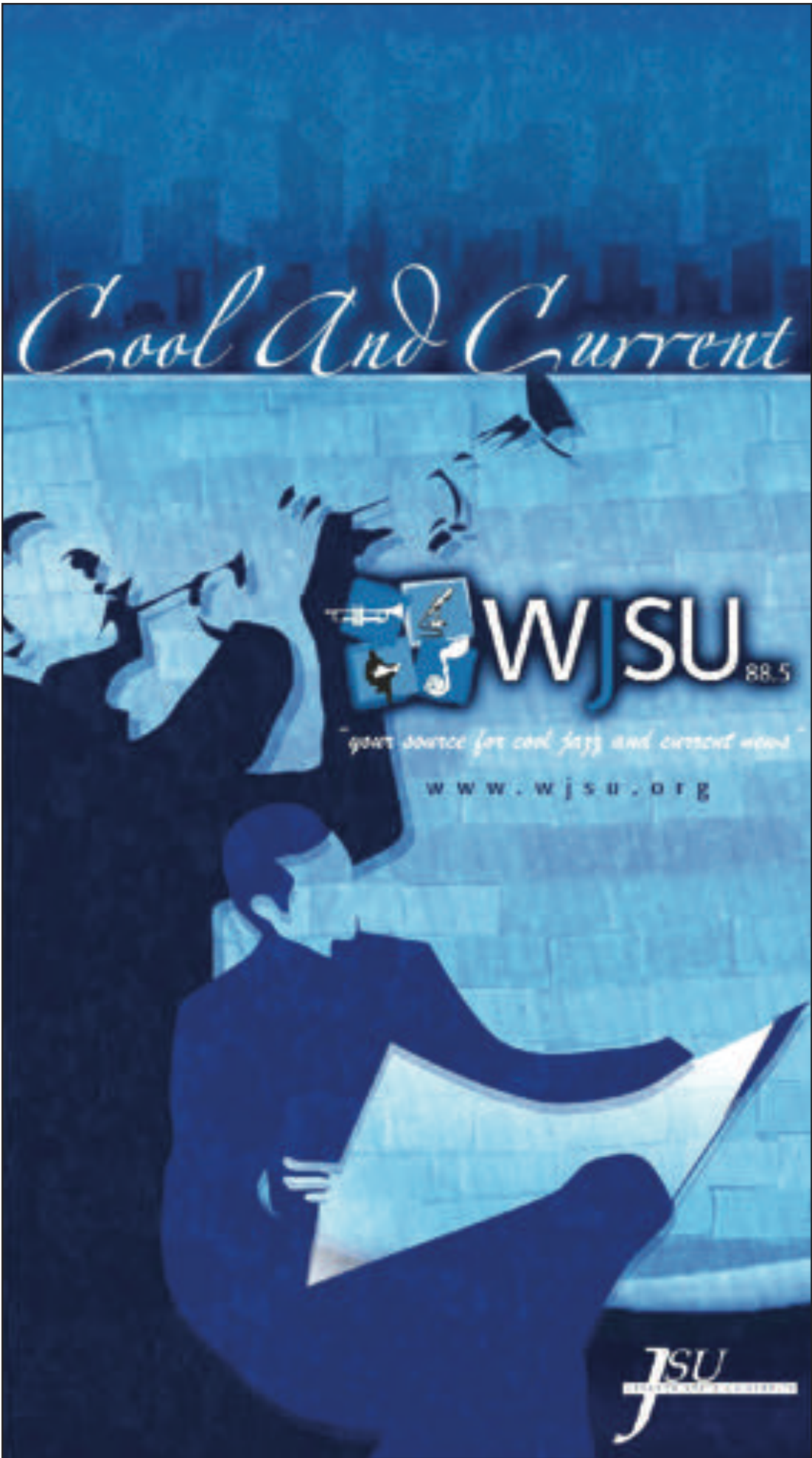
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Lean on Me: singer-songwriting legend Bill Withers dies at 81

By Lauren Victoria Burke
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Three-time Grammy Award winner Bill Withers, a singer-songwriter of music with lyrics and harmony carrying messages that stayed in the minds of many listening in an indelible way, has died at 81. Withers passed away in Los Angeles.

Withers' family referenced a heart condition as the cause of his death which has not been linked to COVID-19.

His song "Lean on Me" is one of the most popular in modern popular music and was judged to be one of the greatest songs of all time by *Rolling Stone* magazine along with "Ain't No Sunshine."

Withers soulful songs "Lean on Me," "Lovely Day" and "Ain't No Sunshine," have now become standards heard for five decades in feature films and in the background of endless TV episodes.

Withers most recently appeared in the documentary *The Black Godfather* on Netflix. The film, directed by Reginald Hudlin, was a tribute to the life of in-



2008 Bill Withers Tribute: Pictured are Bill Withers and daughter Kori PHOTO: [HTTPS://WWW.FLICKR.COM/PHOTOS/ANNULLA/3011590291/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/annulla/3011590291/) WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

fluent music executive Clarence Avant and was released by Netflix last year. Avant detailed his association with Withers.

"I kept listening to him. I kept listening to Harlem and I kept listening to "Grandma's Hands"

— and you say to yourself: You didn't hear many records with people talking about their grandmothers, but everybody has one. His records to me made so much common sense. It was like you were just talking to somebody.

You listen to "Lean on Me." One of the songs he wrote that I still think is a great song talked about the Vietnam War," Avant explained.

"All those kinds of things just resonated with me and I said

wow this guy has got it," Avant said of Withers.

At the time Avant owned Sussex Records. Avant signed Withers and had Stax Records associate Booker T. Jones produce Withers' first album. With-

ers later signed with Columbia Records.

Withers was born July 4, 1938 in Slab Fork, West Virginia, a coal mining town. He recorded from 1970 until 1985 and his hits included "Lean on Me," "Ain't No Sunshine," "Use Me," "Just the Two of Us," "Lovely Day," and "Grandma's Hands." His life was the subject of the 2009 documentary film *Still Bill* and he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2015.

"Lean on Me," was performed at the inaugurations of both Barack Obama and Bill Clinton.

Withers married actress Denise Nicholas in 1973 but they divorced in 1974. In 1976, Withers married Marcia Johnson, and they had two children, Todd and Kori.

Lauren Victoria Burke is an independent journalist for NNPA and the host of the podcast BURKEFILE. She is also a political strategist as Principal of Win Digital Media LLC. She may be contacted at LBurke007@gmail.com and on twitter at @LVBurke

Hinds County School District Weekly Update

ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

HCSD Shares Tips on How to Slow or Prevent the spread of COVID-19

As with other respiratory infections like the flu or the common cold, public health measures are critical to slow the spread of illnesses. Based on the latest guidance from MSDH, individuals should adhere to the following:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol based hand rub with at least 70% alcohol.
- Avoid any gatherings with more than 10 people.

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