

# Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus submits \$457 million plan for CARES Act funds and creation of \$100 million endowment for Mississippi’s HBCUs

By Sen. Angela Turner Ford  
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Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus is asking for \$457 million from Coronavirus monies and \$100 million endowment for HBCUs – Alcorn, Jackson State, Mississippi Valley State, Tougaloo, Rust, Coahoma and Utica Branch of Hinds. The caucus proposes CARES Act funds be used to help minority institutions of higher learning meet Coronavirus challenges, to assist businesses of color and to provide African-American communities with needed resources.

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## COMMENTARY

Empowerment RESTART Initiative” the Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus proposes CARES Act Funds and other monies be used to address structural barriers highlighted by the Coronavirus pandemic.

The caucus proposes programs be implemented and funded as follows:

1. Assistance for small busi-



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nesses via Community Development Corporation programs have been proposed in the amount of \$10,000,000. This

program would provide training, technical assistance and grant funding to strengthen and expand financial relationships

between lending institutions and businesses of color.

2. \$50,000,000 for broadband infrastructure and laptops to ensure all Mississippi students and their families have access to connectivity for telehealth, virtual and distance learning programs.

3. Hazard pay and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in the amount of \$100,000,000 for employees who could not maintain social distancing in the scope of their employment with priority given to state employees.

4. Existing black owned business COVID-19 recovery funds in the amount of \$50,000,000.

5. HBCUs COVID-19 assistance in the amount of \$100,000,000 for Jackson State University, Alcorn State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Rust College, Tougaloo College, Coahoma and Utica Branch of Hinds Community Colleges to assist in their response to the

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# Two months after Ahmaud Arbery’s murder, two gunmen finally arrested

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Social media outcry and public concern are high after the released of a graphic video showing 25 year-old Ahmaud Arbery’s murder. Arbery, who is African-American, was gunned down February 23 while jogging in Satilla Shores, a majority white neighborhood, outside of Brunswick, Georgia, while a third man filmed the gruesome act.

Gregory McMichael, 64, and his son, Travis Michael, 34, were arrested May 7 and charged with murder and aggravated assault for the murder of Arbery according to the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

The arrests came two days after public outrage via social media after the release of the graphic video showing Arbery being hunted and gunned down. Since then, more videos have been released. The video from a nearby surveillance camera shows a jogger, what appears to be Arbery, briefly entering a home under construction. A third video from inside the house under construction, shows Arbery looking around and then leaving,



Arbery

emptied handed, to continue his jog.

Attorneys for Arbery’s family believe he was the victim of racial profiling after he was jogging in the majority white neighborhood. Gregory McMichael told the police that he and his son grabbed their guns and chased Arbery in their truck, believing he was responsible for burglaries in their neighborhood. When they confronted him, the father told police Arbery attacked Travis according to a police incident report. The two struggled for his shotgun and Travis killed him.

Arbery died from two shot-

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# The mayor opens city for business, says he was forced by the governor

By Edelia Carthan  
Contributing Writer

The City of Jackson has been under an extended Stay at Home executive order signed by the mayor since May 1. When the executive order expires May 15, the city will reopen for business with restrictions according to the mayor.

“We will open with restrictions,” City of Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba said at a press conference held at

city hall Tuesday. Lumumba said he’s forced to reopen the city up for business because he doesn’t want shoppers going to nearby cities spending money and dining. The mayor’s decision comes after Governor Tate Reeves reopened businesses in the state Monday.

Reeves, in his COVID-19 press briefing, May 8, began by stating, “This fight is not over. Please take me seriously. Please take this virus serious. I and ev-

eryone in this state want this to be over. It is not. This virus is real. This virus is a threat. It is deadly. Please. Do not listen to the voices in your life that tells you this virus is not dangerous.”

Yet, at the governor’s press briefing he reopened salons, barbershops and gyms amid the COVID-19 pandemic. He said we cannot keep businesses closed forever. The governor also extended his Safer at Home

executive order by two weeks.

According to the Mississippi Department of Health, over 10,000 Mississippians have tested positive for the Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, while over 465 Mississippians have perished from the virus. The number of new cases have not declined. In fact, the day of the governor’s press briefing, Mississippi reported 404 new cases, a record high number.

Lumumba said there will be

hand washing stations at the entrances of businesses and employees must wear masks. Customers must also wear some type of face covering according to the new city guidelines. The mayor also said he would be prepared to reimpose regulations if there is a spike in new cases. The mayor said the city will be imposing a curfew from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. as the Stay at

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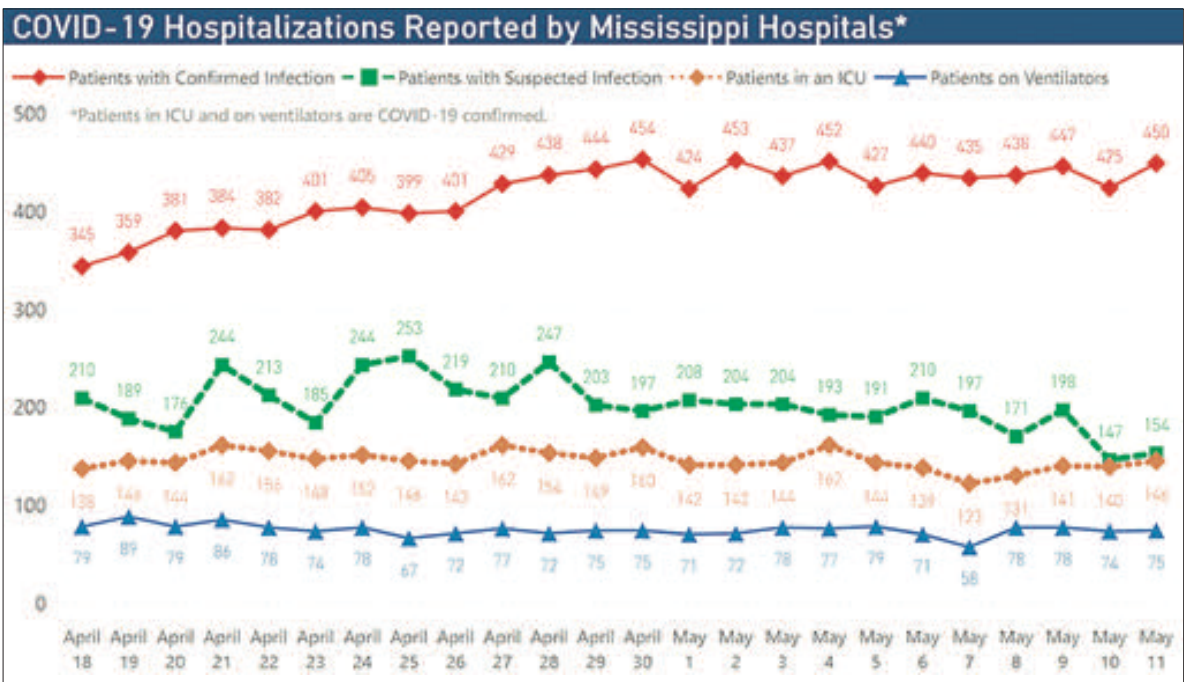
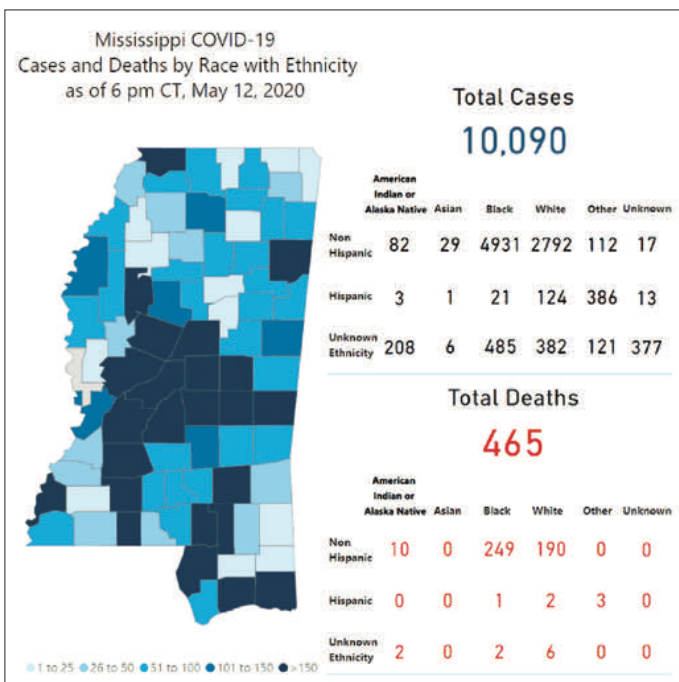
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Lumumba

The latest state map shows Mississippi’s case total as reported at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

Our chart of hospitalizations by day, showing the number currently hospitalized for COVID-19 infection, is one of the best ways to measure the spread of COVID-19 in the state.



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Little Richard, one of the most influential founding fathers of rock n’ roll, dies at 87



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# HOPE for healthy teen relationships

## May is National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

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May is National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month, and according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Population Affairs’ (OPA) Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) program, “grantees are changing the lives of people around the nation” (hhs.gov).

Dubbed by the federal agency as “ground-level change agents,” grantees like the Community Students Learning Center (CSLC) of Holmes County in partnership with the Holmes County Consolidated School District (HCCSD) and other key partners, are grateful to be among such agents.

Information on hhs.gov also points out that although “significant declines in teen pregnancies have occurred in all 50 states and among all racial/ethnic groups, yet disparities continue.”

“To us and our dedicated partners, HOPE (Health Optimization and Prevention Education) is more than a teen pregnancy prevention program,” said Beulah Greer, CSLC executive director and HOPE’s authorizing official. Greer explained that the two-year HOPE project, using its chosen Love Notes 3.0 evidence-based curriculum by Dibble Institute, looks at the whole youth in terms of developing comprehensive healthy relationships.

CSLC HOPE completed implementation of HCCSD 6th-grade participants last fall. It begun this semester’s implementation with the 7th, 8th and 12th-graders until the devastating public health crisis COVID-19 pandemic disrupted the very core of our nation and world, destroying lives and clos-



CSLC HOPE facilitator Kendra West virtually explains one of the Love Notes lessons. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY CSLS STAFF

CSLC HOPE Virtual Implementation Schedule via Zoom			
VIRTUAL SESSIONS	DAYS	TIME	FACILITATOR
Williams-Sullivan M.S., 7-8 graders	M-W-F	10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Ms. Saffold & Assistant
SV Marshall, 7-8 graders	Thu-Fri	2:30-3:30	Mrs. Holmes & Mr. M. Greer
Holmes County Central H.S.	M-W-F	1 – 2 p.m.	Mrs. West & Assistant
Community Adults / Parents	W	3-4 p.m.	Mrs. Holmes & Assistant

ing businesses and schools.

“During this unexpected COVID-19 disruption, we are still committed to working with CSLC to maximize this opportunity for our students and their families,” said Superintendent of Schools, James L. Henderson, Ed.D.

Thanks to the recent federal greenlight to continue implementation via an interactive video conferencing platform, CSLC HOPE virtually resumed May 6.

“Facilitators Kendra West and Aisha Saffold did a great job last week with the first online implementation of their sessions, and the students were engaged and interacted well,” said Gail

M. Brown, CSLC HOPE project director.

Virtual parent orientation meetings were held days prior to the student sessions to explain to them the virtual logistics.

“As Superintendent of Schools of HCCSD, the core collaborative partner with CSLC HOPE, I believe the program is one from which our students will benefit greatly. Learning how to develop and maintain healthy relationships during adolescence is a crucial developmental skill to take into adulthood,” Henderson said.

Speaking of adulthood, CSLC HOPE offers an adult/parent/commu-

nity component. Twenty community residents of Goodman, Miss. had just completed five exciting, interactive and engaging face-to-face sessions before the pandemic hit. An additional 16 adults had been recruited for the next series.

“I want to attend the sessions again. It helped me a lot,” said Lonnie Tyrone Young of Goodman. He also applauds the facilitator Lucretia Holmes for helping him to come out of his comfort zone during the sessions.

“I hope the young people are listening to what you all are showing them with this program,” Young added.

Another Goodman participant Clarice Haymon shared similar comments. “I really enjoyed having the discussions, getting advice and interacting with the engaging opinions of others,” Haymon said. “It helped me to understand more about relationships; we need to have another one,” she expressed.

Kimberly Patton, an educator and parent of a participating seventh-grader at Williams-Sullivan Middle School said, “Love Notes provides a venue of hope for our kids’ future.” She added, “The facilitator Aisha Saffold gave sound [guidance] on the Traits, Morals, Values and Authentic guidelines to identify whether the relationship was healthy or toxic. She was so encouraging and enthusiastic ... in motivating our students to conquer healthy relationships.”

Patton is delighted over the feedback her students gave on how the sessions really helped them reflect on a personal level. “CSLC HOPE will

be well-needed especially during this pandemic and years to come,” said Patton.

Another Williams-Sullivan educator who is a parent of a participating senior had this to say: “I feel this program is much needed in the school and community in which the student resides. This program has helped to enforce discussions that I have with my child. It helps my son make positive decisions that could be possibly negative.”

Students with perfect attendance of the virtual sessions will have their names placed in a drawing at the end of each week for a variety of exciting prizes, occasionally including cash. (See Table for Virtual Implementation Schedule.)

Businesses, organizations and individuals who would like to donate prizes for the weekly perfect-attendance drawings may contact the Community Students Learning Center at 662 834-0905 for a safe appointment to drop them off. (Please wear your mask and practice all CDC guidelines). Or, you may mail any financial donations to CSLC-HOPE, 333 Yazoo Street, Lexington, MS 39095.

We are recruiting HOPE participants for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. We are also recruiting parents and other community adults who would like to participate in CSLC HOPE’s “Let’s Talk” sessions which will be held each Wednesday via Zoom from 3-4 p.m.

Please call 662 834-0905 to enroll your 6th-12th grader for next year and/or to sign up yourself for the “Let’s Talk” adult sessions.



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public health issues created by the Coronavirus pandemic. The caucus proposes a \$100,000,000 self-sustaining endowment be created from any future Coronavirus relief funds and that earned interest be distributed annually in equal amounts to each HBCU.

6. Federally Qualified Health Centers in the amount of \$50,000,000 for testing, contact tracing and increased access to health-care in under-served areas.

7. Endowment Scholarship Fund for medical doctors and pharmacists in the amount of \$30,000,000 to provide incentives for health professionals to reside, start businesses and practice in rural areas and/or African-American communities – areas heavily impacted by COVID-19.

8. Leadership Academy with an investment of \$ 2,000,000 to train community leaders and health activists in the African-American community.

9. Funding to Alcorn State University in the amount of \$10,000,000 to fund programs for small farmers to grow produce in food deserts.

10. Jackson State University to develop a Seamless STEM Program pilot with an initial investment of \$10,000,000.

11. Mississippi Valley State University in the amount of \$10,000,000 to implement a Broadband and Distance Learning Program.

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Home executive order expires.

Some of the other restrictions include restaurants practicing social distancing. Churches are considered essential and allowed to reopen. Worshipers must practice the six-foot social distance precaution. Parks will reopen for physical exercise but the equipment will be covered because of the number of days the virus lives on surfaces. Lumumba closed the press conference by asking citizens and business owners to refer to the city’s website for more information.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the leader of the Coronavirus Task Force, cautioned that a rush to reopen could lead to a spike in the virus according to his testimony during a congressional hearing Tuesday.

12. Local Grocery Store and Pharmacy Program to combat food deserts and promote health and nutrition throughout the state in the amount of \$10,000,000.

13. Housing Assistance Pilot Program to address and mitigate COVID-19 housing issues and promote financial stability in the amount of \$25,000,000.

The Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus’s Black Empowerment Reset Initiative represents an initial ask of \$457,000,000 and includes all funds that have been made available for appropriation purposes.

Other concerns consist of mandatory testing in nursing homes, convalescent homes and all correctional facilities for the protection of employees and their families, in addition to facility residents/inmates. Expansion of SNAP and EBT programs have also been proposed to assist families in need.

The Coronavirus pandemic has highlighted many of the public health, socioeconomic and education disparities that have been impacting the African-American community for many years. The manner in which our families, communities and businesses will recover in the wake of COVID-19 will be unknown for months to come.

The Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus calls upon the Mississippi Legislature to make conscious and deliberate efforts to address known barriers to opportunity and progress in the African-American community.

“Too quick, too soon. They are reopening new cases of the coronavirus,” Eddie J. Carthan replied when asked his thoughts on the mayor and governor reopening businesses.

Carthan, a former Holmes County supervisor and mayor, said, “They’re putting coronavirus in higher gear to kill more people who will likely be minorities. There is no solution in terms of a cure and hundreds are dying. Opening more businesses will expose more people to the virus. They’re making the virus stronger. They’re blinded by the dollar. They’re risking the lives of people for a dollar.”

Many of the states that are reopening are mainly in the south; Georgia being the first. Texas, Florida and now Mississippi are all reopened for business.

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gun wounds, and suffered a third according to the Glynn County Coroner autopsy conducted Feb. 24 – the day after Arbery’s death.

The autopsy revealed that Arbery died from two close ranged shotgun wounds in his chest and x-rays showed two separate types of buck-shot pellets. Arbery also had a graze wound on his right wrist consistent with what the video shows. The autopsy confirms that Arbery was hit by all three shots. The coroner, Edmund Donoghue, said the cause of death was “multiple shotgun wounds” and described his death as a “homicide.” Test also showed that Arbery had no alcohol or drugs in his system at the time of his death.

The two gunmen were free for two months until the release of the video and pressure from protesters, social media and even celebrities. Jay-Z’s Roc Nation published an open letter in the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* calling for a special prosecutor to be appointed to ensure a fair trial.


There have been three district attorneys assigned to this case and now a fourth. The first district attorney, Jackie L. Johnson, rescued herself from the case, stating that Gregory Mc-

Michael, the father, a former police officer, had been a longtime investigator in her office until his retirement last May. The case was then taken over by George E. Barnhill, a Waycross district attorney, who advised police that there was insufficient cause to arrest the father and son according to a letter first obtained and reported by the *New York Times*.


Georgia attorney general, Chris Carr, is now calling for the Department of Justice to investigate the handling of the Ahmaud Arbery case. The National District Attorneys Association issued a statement disagreeing with Barnhill’s decision of whether the McMichaels should be arrested after he recused himself at the request of Arbery’s family.

On May 8 celebrities and supporters of Arbery posted pictures and tweets of themselves walking and jogging along with the hashtag #iRunwith-Maud. Celebrities like Oprah Winfrey, Alicia Keys and Viola Davis also paid tribute to Arbery on what would have been his 26th birthday.

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Ref: Glynn County, The Shooting death of Ahmaud Arbery, Feb 23rd, 2020

Dear Captain Jump:

My office received the Arbery autopsy report [dated 4/1/2020] yesterday and have reviewed it yesterday and this morning. We were waiting on this important evidentiary article before finalizing our opinions.

However, since we were initially requested to handle the case the victim’s mother has clearly expressed she wants myself and my office off the case. She sees a conflict in that my son works in the Brunswick District Attorney’s Office where Greg McMichael retired some time ago. She believes there are kinships between the parties [there are not] and has made other unfounded allegations of bias[es]. As such, I believe it is better for my office to step out and am going to recuse myself and the Assistants working for me from handling the case. I am contacting the Georgia Attorney General Office and seeking their assistance in finding another District Attorney in the State to handle the further ‘evaluation for prosecution’ in this case. That is, to determine whether there is sufficient evidence on which to make a Grand Jury presentation or not.

Given the Governor’s current shelter in place order and Justice Melton’s Judicial Emergency Order: I can not venture a guess as to when they will move on this request, and once another is found: when that District Attorney will have the staff available to review this casefile. I hope for all involved it will move along as quickly as possible.

After talking by telephone with you yesterday, I appreciate there is immediate pressure on your department as to the issue of “Arrest” . Since I have already given you an initial opinion the day after the shooting, I feel I can still comment on this limited issue.

First,  
I am the current elected District Attorney for the Waycross Circuit, I have worked as a criminal prosecutor for some 36 years. As an Assistant District Attorney in Waycross and Brunswick, as Chief Assistant in Waycross for 20 years and served as the District Attorney the last 5 years; I have been actively involved in over 100 murder cases and assisted other prosecutors with at least 100 more. I have no idea how many Aggravated Assault cases involving gunshots and wounds of all types; Plus I have attended countless schools, classes and seminars on criminal prosecution and criminal acts and evidence. Myself and one of my Senior Trial Attorneys have reviewed the evidence extensively and concur on all points.

Second,  
As to the case at hand: It is my professional belief the autopsy confirms what we had already viewed as shown in the video tape, with the photographs & from the witness statements taken immediately at the scene. The autopsy supports the initial opinion we gave you on February 24th, 2020 at the briefing room in the Glynn County Police Department after reviewing the evidence you had at that time. We do not see grounds for an arrest of any of the three parties.

Third,  
It appears Travis McMichael, Greg McMichael, and Bryan William were following, in “hot pursuit”, a burglary suspect, with solid first hand probable cause, in their neighborhood, and asking/ telling him to stop. It appears their intent was to stop and hold this criminal suspect until law enforcement arrived. Under Georgia Law this is perfectly legal,

OCGA 17-4-60 “A private person may arrest an offender if the offense is committed in his presence or within his immediate knowledge. If the offense is a felony and the offender is escaping or attempting to escape, a private person may arrest him upon reasonable and probable grounds of suspicion.”

Fourth,  
It clearly appears Travis McMichael and Greg McMichael had firearms being carried in an open fashion. The investigation shows neither of them to be convicted felons or under felony supervision, they were in a motor vehicle owned by Travis McMichael. Under Georgia Law this is legal open carry.

OCGA 16-11-126  
“(a) Any person who is not prohibited by law from possessing a handgun or long gun may have or carry on his or her person a weapon or long gun on his or her property or inside his or her home, motor vehicle, or place of business without a valid weapons carry license.  
(b) Any person who is not prohibited by law from possessing a handgun or long gun may have or carry on his or her person a long gun without a valid weapons carry license, provided that if the long gun is loaded, it shall only be carried in an open and fully exposed manner.”

Fifth,  
The video made by William Bryan clearly shows the shooting in real time. From said video it appears Ahmaud Arbery was running along the right side of the McMichael truck then abruptly turns 90 degrees to the left and attacks Travis McMichael who was standing at the front left corner of the truck. A brief skirmish ensues in which it appear Arbery strikes McMichael and appears to grab the shotgun and pull it from McMichael. The 1st shot is through Arbery’s right hand palm which is consistent with him grabbing and pulling the shotgun at the barrel tip, the 2nd and 3rd wounds are consistent with the struggle for the shotgun as depicted in the video, the angle of the 2nd shot with the rear of the buttock being pushed away and down from the fight are also consistent with the upward angle of blood plume shown in the video and that McMichael was attempting to push the gun away from Arbery while Arbery was pulling it toward himself. The 3rd shot too appears to be in a struggle over the gun. The angle of the shots and the video show this was from the beginning or almost immediately became-- a fight over the shotgun. Given the fact Arbery initiated the fight, at the point Arbery grabbed the shotgun, under Georgia Law, McMichael was allowed to use deadly force to protect himself. Just as importantly, while we know McMichael had his finger on the trigger, we do not know who caused the firings. Arbery would only had to pull the shotgun approximately 1/16th to 1/8th of one inch to fire the weapon himself and in the height of an altercation this is entirely possible. Arbery’s mental health records & prior convictions help explain his apparent aggressive nature and his possible thought pattern to attack an armed man.

OCGA 16-3-21 Use of Force in Defense, once confronted with a deadly force situation an individual is allowed to use deadly force to defend themselves or others. OCGA 16-3-23.1 Georgia’s No Duty to Retreat Law, an individual is not required to back away from or submit to an attack; OCGA 16-3-24 (b) The use of force which is intended or likely to cause death or great bodily harm to prevent trespass on or other tortious or criminal interference with real property other than a habitation or personal property is not justified unless the person using such force reasonably believes that it is necessary to prevent the commission of a forcible felony.  
OCGA 16-3-24.2 A person properly and legally defending themselves is immune from prosecution

For the above and foregoing reasons, it is our conclusion there is insufficient probable cause to issue arrest warrants at this time.

As to any further issues on whether to present this to a Glynn County Grand jury, that will have to wait for the next District Attorney’s review. **Please consider this an OPEN file until that decision is made and restrict the release of any information under Georgia Open Records Act requests.**

Sincerely,

George E. Barnhill  
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Waycross Judicial Circuit



# Leading satellite operator joins C Spire-led consortium on rural broadband access

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Telesat, one of the largest and most successful global satellite operators, has joined a group of tech firms led by Mississippi-based C Spire working to bridge the “digital divide” and help solve the rural broadband access and adoption problem.

The firms, which also include Airspan Networks, Microsoft, Nokia and Siklu, joined forces last year and have been testing technology solutions, creating and building new business models and providing training resources for individuals and communities in digital skills to help improve internet access in rural areas.

In addition to Telesat’s state-of-the-art global, geostationary satellite fleet, the company is building Telesat LEO, a low earth orbit network that will deliver fiber-like connectivity with a combination of high speeds, high capacity, affordability and ultra-low latency.

Telesat will provide analysis tools and its experience with LEO technology to help the consortium work on new business models designed to encourage and promote third-party engagement.

Telesat has partnered with the Canadian government to provide backhaul to rural and remote communities as part of an effort to bridge the “digital divide” affordably and quickly connecting the remaining 2.2 million households across the country.

“Telesat is a leader in developing satellite technology solutions that help consumers and businesses, no matter where they live or work, bridge the digital di-

vide with reliable, affordable and high-quality internet access,” said C Spire Chief Innovation Officer Craig Sparks. “We’re excited that they are joining our efforts to tackle this complex technical, economic and access issue.”

Mississippi, with almost 28 percent of its residents lacking any broadband connectivity and less than 18 percent using broadband, is the primary testing ground of the group’s work as nearly half of its 3 million residents live in rural areas. The state ranks 46th nationwide in broadband access and 47th in urban population.

Among the various fixed wireless technology solutions the consortium is deploying and testing in rural areas of Mississippi are TV white spaces, massive MIMO using 4G Band 41 LTE and C Spire’s own 5G internet product, Sparks said, adding that the approaches could potentially be used in similar broadband-challenged rural areas across the continent.

C Spire is leading the effort as part of its broader Tech Movement to build a better future for the region through technology and education.

“Improving broadband access and digital skills represent huge opportunities for rural areas. Every student, school and business should have the chance to reap the benefits from wider availability and adoption,” Sparks said.

Telesat’s efforts in Canada could have even broader implications beyond North America, according to Michael Schwartz, senior vice president of Corporate and Business Development for

the firm, noting that 48 percent of the world’s population does not have high-speed internet access. The firm’s full constellation will be comprised of 298 LEO satellites that orbit the earth roughly 35 times closer than traditional satellites.

“Telesat LEO will provide new options for mobile network operators and internet service providers to backhaul traffic from rural communities to their core networks,” Schwartz said, noting that the technology could make low-latency, fiber-like broadband accessible anywhere.

Sparks echoed Schwartz’s outlook about the technology and stressed that more study and research must be completed before implementation.

“We know that delivering high capacity broadband services is challenging – not because of the technology, but the economics. We are working hard with partners like Telesat to develop new business models with ways to close the broadband adoption and affordability gap in rural communities everywhere.”

The broadband “digital divide” between U.S. cities and rural parts of the country is substantial. According to a 2018 Federal Communications Commission report, over 19.4 million rural Americans still lacked basic broadband at the end of 2017 with profound negative social and economic impacts on the nation’s rural communities.

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# How COVID-19 is affecting college students

By Nia Ross  
*Walker's Legacy*

It's 2020 and the world is in full panic mode. The flying cars we expected are not here, nor are robots who are supposed to erase mankind. Instead, our biggest nightmare has turned into reality and we fear we can't do anything about it. COVID-19 is here and it's the world's biggest pandemic yet. Not only has it affected low-income families, healthcare/essential workers, and business owners; but it also has impacted students' lives.

What is Coronavirus?  
Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that can be found in animals or humans. Coronaviruses found in humans are known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases. The newly identified Coronavirus is COVID-19. COVID-19 spreads through droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes or speaks. According to the World Health Organization, the droplets do not travel more than a few feet and fall onto surfaces or onto the ground within a few seconds. The flu-like symptoms include: cough, fever, shortness of breath, muscle aches, sore throat, diarrhea and headache.

The warning and the impact I think I can speak for everyone when I say the effects of the Coronavirus were much bigger than expected. Not to mention, no one was prepared despite the warning of our 44th president, Barack Obama.

On December 2, 2014 in Bethesda, Maryland, President Barack Obama spoke of this during a speech:

"There may and likely will come a time we have an airborne disease that is deadly. And in order for us to deal with that effectively, we have to put in place an infrastructure – not just here at home, but globally – that allows us to see it quickly, iso-

late it quickly, and respond to it quickly, so that if a new strain of flu-like the Spanish flu crops up five years from now or a decade from now, we've made the necessary investment and we're able to catch it."

Due to our lack of preparation for COVID-19, many have been impacted negatively and this includes students. Many students are struggling to cope with the effects of the pandemic. Students have been abruptly switched from physical classes to online classes and forced to leave schools. Online classes have resulted in lack of motivation. Students aren't adjusting to the sudden change, one reason being, they aren't in a work environment. Many students are working from their bedrooms, a warm sleepy setting, with no classmates nor teachers to encourage them.

The excitement was taken out of learning for the kinesthetic and intrapersonal learners. These types of hands-on and social learners are having a hard time tackling assignments and understanding the new material given. In addition to lack of motivation, teachers are assigning boatloads of work with only a short amount of turnaround time. This is enough to make a student who already lacks drive and motivation to give up.

Broken homes  
In many ways, college is an escape from reality for some students experiencing hardships at home. Some college students return home to unfortunate circumstances. Students who come from broken homes are dreading this adaptation of not only returning home early but quarantining with their family members. Some are experiencing abuse at home, which can come in many forms ranging from mental-emotional abuse to physical abuse.

In many ways on-campus housing, which has been revoked for many, was their "es-

cape." Some students with no homes, count on college housing for their shelter. Where are they supposed to go? What about students who came from across the country whose families can't afford for them to come back at the moment because they've been laid off? What about the foreign students? Reality has sunk in for these students with nowhere to turn as well as those who aren't in an ideal housing situation.

Athletes last chance – gone  
Student-athletes everywhere are disappointed that their season has come to an end so soon and senior student-athletes feel as though they were robbed from their final chance to prove themselves/make a comeback. The saying "play every game like it's your last" is haunting them. For some, they may never be able to play the sport they played in high school again on a collegiate level. Fortunately, the NCAA has voted to allow schools to provide spring-sport student-athletes an additional season of competition and extension of their period of eligibility.

Keep students in your prayers, for some they are at their lowest. They are being forced to adapt to the sudden change from physical to online learning, experience a lack of motivation, return to broken homes/having nowhere to turn to. Not to mention, the sad truth of coping with losing family members and writing a ten-page paper all in the same breath. Students learn not to take school for granted, all it took was our choice of furthering our education being revoked/altered. There will be something great to come out of this and there will be solutions offered to students and anyone else affected.

*Walker's Legacy is a growing global women in business collective founded to establish networks of empowerment and access for women of color in business.*

## FEMA awards federal funding for mental health services to Mississippi during Coronavirus pandemic

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Federal funding is now available for the state of Mississippi to provide crisis counseling services to its residents coping with stress and anxiety as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On April 30, the presidential disaster declaration for Mississippi was amended to include the Crisis Counseling program. The program assists individuals and communities in recovering from the psychological effects of disasters through community-based outreach and educational services.

Stress, anxiety and other depression-like symptoms are common reactions after a disaster. These reactions may include feelings of vulnerability and loss of security, fear and worry about your own health and the health of your loved ones.

Guilt or self-blame for not heeding the warnings could lead to:

Changes in sleep or eating patterns;

Difficulty sleeping or concentrating;

Worsening of chronic health problems;

Worsening of mental health conditions;

Increased use of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs.

Children may have an especially difficult time understanding the impact that COVID-19 has on their family, friends and themselves. Here's what you can do to help ease their worries and anxiety:

Be accurate and calm. Children will react to both what you say and how you say it.

Be available to listen and to talk, let children know they can come to you when they have questions.

Pay attention to what children see or hear on television, radio or online and consider reducing the amount of screen time focused on COVID-19. Too much information on one topic can lead to anxiety.

Help is also available to all

residents of the United States through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Disaster Distress Helpline.

Learning how to cope with stress will make you, the people you care about and your community stronger.

Call 1-800-985-5990 or text TalkWithUs to 66746.

Toll-free, multilingual and confidential crisis support service is available to all residents in the United States and its territories. Spanish speakers call 1-800-985-5990 and press "2" or text Hablanos to 66746 from all 50 states.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service to call the Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990 or TTY 1-800-846-8517.

For additional information on the Disaster Distress Helpline, please visit Disaster Distress Helpline | SAMHSA - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

## May is National Stroke Month; B.E. F.A.S.T. to recognize symptoms

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

When it comes to having a stroke, every minute counts. Acting F.A.S.T. can help stroke patients get the treatment they need to survive and reduce damage to the brain. But these days you need to B.E. F.A.S.T.

During May, National Stroke Month, physicians at Forrest General's Primary Stroke Center and the American Stroke Association want you to know that while the F.A.S.T. (Face Drooping, Arm Weakness, Speech Difficulty, Time to Call 911) acronym once provided a helpful way to determine if a person was having an acute stroke, B.E. (Balance, Eyes) has been added to provide even more assistance in making that determination. Balance refers to a sudden loss of balance or coordination, while the E means a sudden change in vision or trouble seeing.

"Identifying issues with balance or visual loss as possible stroke symptoms increases the number of people that may be eligible to receive acute stroke treatment," said Christy Lofton, stroke coordinator. An American Heart Association study says a simple modification of the FAST mnemonic

(BE-FAST) could reduce the proportion of missed strokes while reinforcing the essential public health message.

According to the Center for Disease Control, more than 3 out of 5 people are aware of all major stroke symptoms and know to call 9-1-1 when someone is having a stroke, but there's more work to do. While about 1 in 4 stroke survivors suffers a second stroke, it doesn't have to be that way. Reduce your risk. Work with your doctor to create a secondary stroke prevention plan and stick with it.

That plan might include:

- Manage high blood pressure

- Control cholesterol
- Reduce blood sugar
- Be active
- Eat better
- Lose weight
- Stop smoking
- Discuss an aspirin regimen with your doctor

Every 40 seconds, someone in the United States has a stroke. The faster the stroke is treated, the more likely the patient is to recover. In fact, stroke patients who are treated with a clot-busting drug within 90 minutes of their first symptoms were almost three times more likely to recover with

little or no disability, according to the American Stroke Association.

Signs of a stroke in men and women include:

- Sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking, or difficulty understanding speech.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance, or lack of coordination
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

By knowing the signs and symptoms of a stroke, you can take quick action and perhaps save a life – maybe even your own.

Forrest General is home to a Primary Stroke Center, which features a comprehensive system for rapid diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients admitted to the emergency department.

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# In America the choice – death, coronavirus or the economy

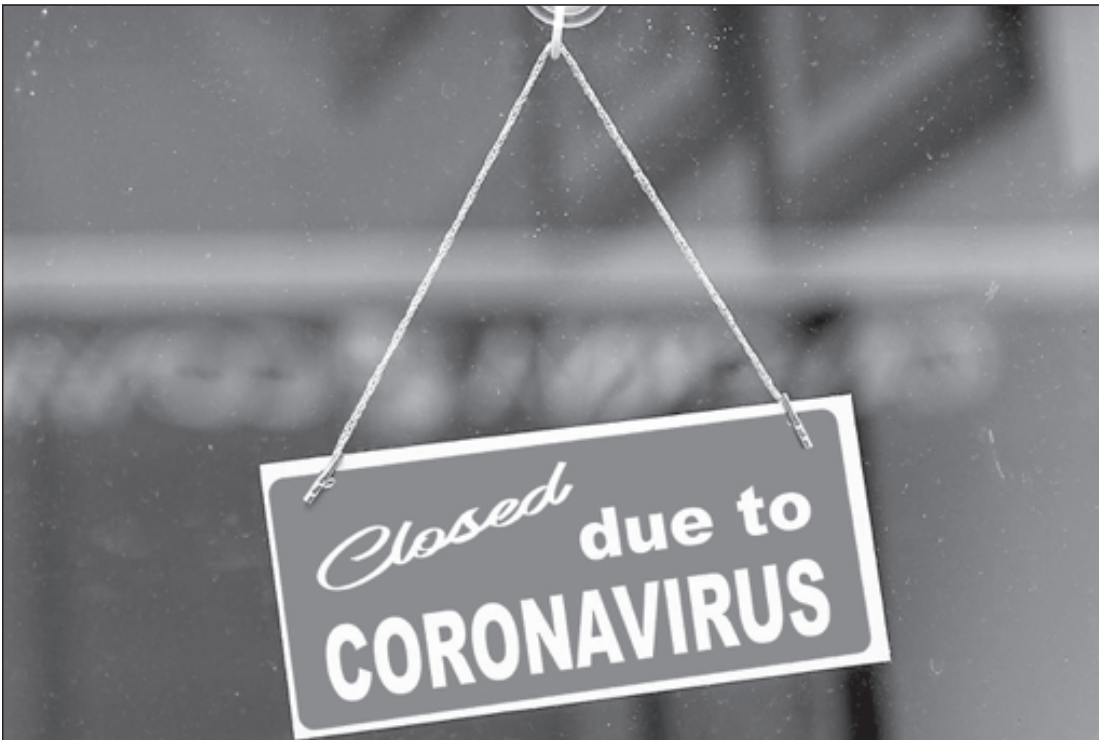
By Roger Caldwell  
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Under the direction and management of President Donald Trump and his coronavirus pandemic task force, there has been mass death. With over 83,900 deaths, and over one million cases of the virus, there are still no masks, limited ventilators, limited gowns, limited tests-kits and massive corruption.

Instead of Trump’s weekly briefing solidifying and bringing the country together to fight a common enemy, the nation is more divided and broken. Trump’s briefings have become a comedy show where officials tell lies, with no co-ordinated national plan. The president has made a mockery of the country by suggesting that citizens could cure COVID-19 by injecting bleach or tanning.

Here are Trump’s strange remarks, “And then I see the disinfectant, where it knocks out in a minute, one minute. Is there a way we can do something like that by injection?”, Trump asked.

As a result of Trump’s statements, major companies have



put out statements to customers not to follow the president’s instructions or advice.

This strange behavior is bizarre, and the president’s numbers are getting worse instead of better. After this debacle, many Americans are forced to ask the question, “Do we trust our president and the government?”

The failure is national, and

our president sees the coronavirus pandemic in personal and political terms. He is forcing Republican governors to open up the country with limited thought, no strategic plan, and everyone on their own. Trump sees the coronavirus pandemic as a “temporary speed bump,” that will magically disappear, and things will go back to normal.

America will not be just back in business. The virus is highly contagious and there will probably be more than one wave. With the Republican governors opening their states, we can expect more carnage and death because there is not yet a drug or vaccine to combat the virus.

“The virus should have united America against a common

threat. With different leadership, it might have. Instead, even as it spread from blue to red, attitudes broke down along familiar partisan lines. The virus also should have been a great leveler. You don’t have to be in the military or in debt to be a target – You just have to be human,” says George Parker – reporter for *The Atlantic*.

But Trump and the republican regime have decided that compassion, integrity and truth were character faults that should never be practiced or exemplified. Trump and the republicans are only interested in making money with the healthcare system and economy set up for the rich to keep winning.

There is something wrong with a healthcare system that is expecting Americans to die, and don’t care if only less than 2% of the population have been tested. The republican leaders only care about opening up the economy to get as many people as they can off unemployment.

The president never talks about death and families suffering because “happy talk”

makes Americans feel better.

The universe is speaking, and all our president can do is lie, lie and lie.

“He never even pretended to be president of the whole country, but pitted us against one another along lines of race, sex, religion, citizenship, education, region, and – every day of his presidency – political party. His main tool of governance was to lie,” says George Parker.

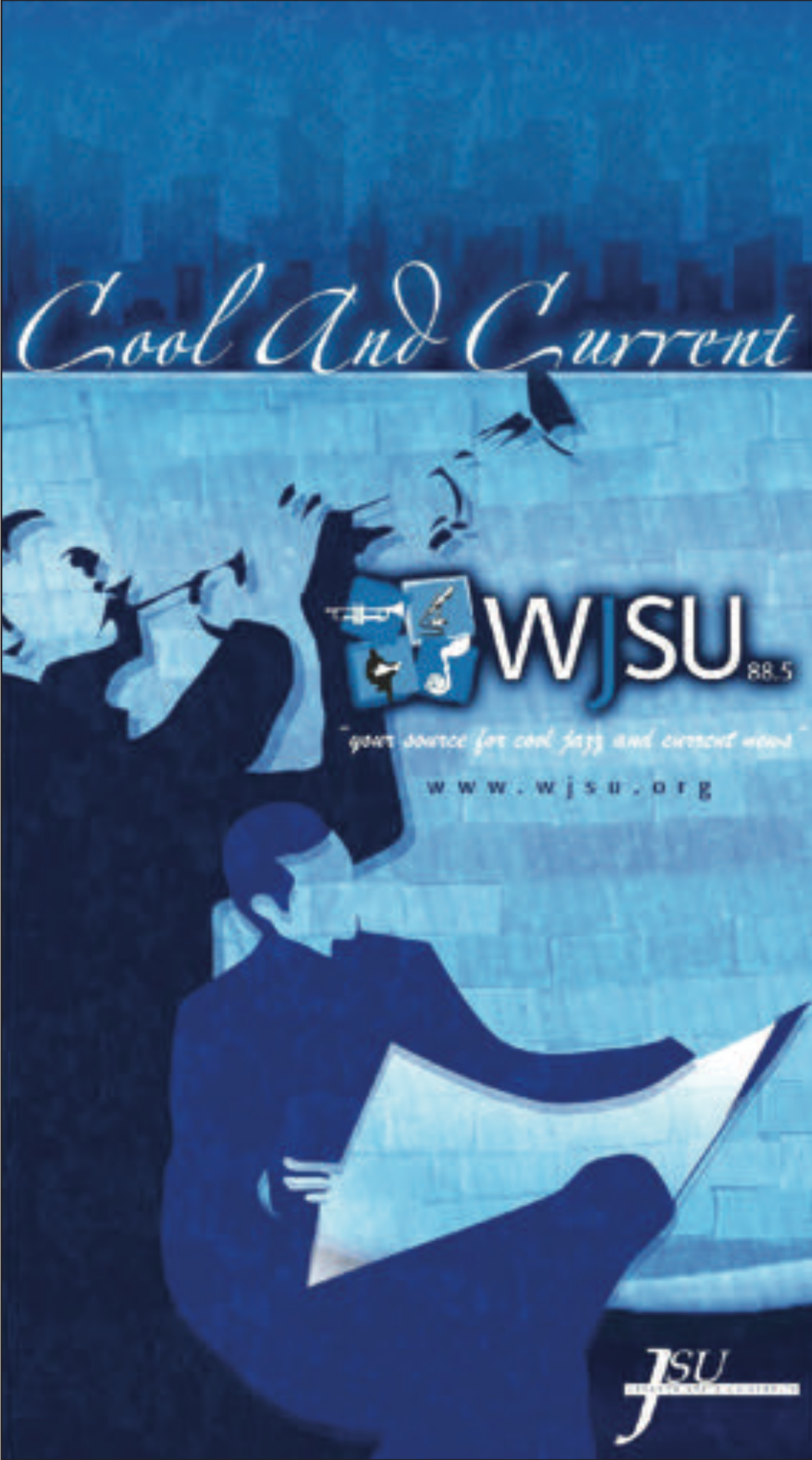
History is bound to repeat itself, and the second wave of a pandemic is usually the most fatal and deadly. America is at the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, and very few Americans are thinking. It is very easy to lie, but covid-19 will force you to tell the truth.

“The fight to overcome the pandemic must be a fight to recover the health of our country and build anew. Under our current leadership nothing will change,” said Parker.

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## JPS to host virtual graduation ceremonies for Class of 2020

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The recording of the ceremonial “Presentation of the Class of 2020” and awarding of diplomas will take place at the Veterans Memorial Stadium. The district will follow safety measures aligned to recommendations from federal and local health officials around COVID-19. Each graduation ceremony will be pre-recorded and streamed on Comcast Channel 19 and online. These broadcasts will air on each school’s original graduation date and time.

Programs will include presentations by the principals, valedictorians and salutatorians of each school, an address by JPS Superintendent Errick L. Greene, and the conferring of diplomas by JPS School Board President Letitia Johnson.

Graduates are being instructed to wear their caps and gowns, and their families are being encouraged to participate in Graduation Watch Parties as these events are streamed. The Graduation Watch Parties should be for immediate family in order to adhere to federal and local guidance around crowds and gatherings. Copies of printed programs will be provided to each graduate to use during their Graduation Watch Party.

JPS virtual graduation air dates are as follows:



Murrah – Tuesday, May 26, 1-2 p.m.

Provine – Tuesday, May 26, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Jim Hill – Tuesday, May 26, 4-5 p.m.

Callaway – Wednesday, May 27, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Forest Hill – Wednesday, May 27, 3- 4 p.m.

Wingfield – Wednesday, May 27, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Lanier – Wednesday, May 27, 6 -7 p.m.

Jackson Public Schools extends special gratitude to Woodward Hines and the Get2College Center for doing their part to celebrate this special class. The organization donated a yard sign to each JPS 2020 graduate. A total of 1,511 signs were designed and printed and delivered to each high school. Seniors will be able to pick up their signs the week of May 12–15 when they pick up their caps and gowns.

## Ole Miss pharmacy ranked Top 25 in nation

*National rankings in academics, research funding highlight school’s recent accomplishments*

By Whitney Tarpay  
*OleMiss.edu*

The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy once again ranked in the top 25 nationally in the 2020 U.S. News and World Report survey of best pharmacy schools.

UM tied at No. 23 among public institutions and No. 24 overall in the most recent release. The rankings are based on peer assessments from all accredited pharmacy schools and published every four years.

“Our top 25 ranking is a testament to the dedicated faculty, staff, students, alumni and other partners we are fortunate to have at Ole Miss pharmacy,” said David D. Allen, dean of the pharmacy school. “We continue to have exceptional classroom and experiential learning experiences along with outstanding research opportunities that prepare our graduates to be health care leaders.”

The school rose to sixth in the nation in external research funding for 2018, according to the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. Research funding reached \$21.2 million, placing the School of Pharmacy second in the Southeastern Conference and among the top 5% of pharmacy schools nationwide.

“The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy has long been held in the highest esteem among academics, health care professionals, researchers and those associated with pharmaceutical science and practice throughout the nation,” Chancellor Glenn



Boyce said.

“This year’s ranking reflects its continuing excellence, which is due in part to the school’s active approach to redefining its curriculum and enhancing admissions avenues. I applaud Dean Allen for his leadership and thank the faculty, staff, students, alumni and all those who have been champions for the school.”

The school also underwent a curriculum transformation beginning in the fall of 2018. Student pharmacists are in a modular, integrated curriculum based on major body systems that is focused on patient-

centered care.

The Ole Miss pharmacy school also introduced new pathways for aspiring pharmacists to enter the program. Students can gain admission through the Sophomore Entry Program for university freshmen or the Preferred Admissions Program agreements with Jackson State University, Alcorn State University, Tougaloo College and Millsaps College.

The school continues to offer its Early Entry Program for high school seniors as well as regular entry into the professional program.

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# #FreeBlackMamas bail out during May amid coronavirus pandemic

## #FreeBlackMamas Bail Out Campaign planned in honor of Mother's Day

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To highlight the disproportionate number of incarcerated black women, the Mississippi Bail Fund Collective (MBFC) is coordinating a #FreeBlackMamas bail out during the month of May to get as many mothers and caregivers as possible out of jail and back in their homes with their families.

"When mothers languish in jail because of money bail, our families and communities suffer," said Rukia Lumumba, executive director of the People's Advocacy Institute. "Women often lose their jobs, housing or even children only to be found innocent. Their entire livelihoods are put at risk simply because they can-

not afford to make bail."

In addition to the candidates that have been identified for the #FreeBlackMamas bail out, the Mississippi Bail Fund Collective is also seeking other candidates on an ongoing basis, focusing on those individuals in vulnerable populations that are at particular risk of COVID-19. MBFC is also providing holistic support services like food and rent assistance to help them in this difficult period.

"The use of pretrial detention caused significant harm to Mississippians and their families even before the coronavirus outbreak. Being detained puts them at an even higher risk for exposure to COVID-19 because physi-

cal distancing is virtually impossible inside a detention center," said Katherine Poor, attorney with the Office of the State Public Defender and MBFC partner. "One of the safest ways to reduce the risk of COVID-19's spread inside county jails is to reduce the number of people and keep people from entering pretrial detention in the first place."

The Mississippi Bail Fund Collective was formed in 2019 by a coalition of organizations, social workers, attorneys and activists, working to upend the state's money bail system by addressing the inequities and injustices it perpetuates. This system fuels mass incarceration and disproportionately impacts

black and low income communities.

In April, the group posted bail for a man in Desoto County who had been sitting behind bars for six months because he could not afford a \$100 bail.

The Mississippi Bail Fund Collective has bailed out five individuals thus far, and looks to expand its impact statewide through its commitment to bail poor people out of jail and offer compassionate care to reverse the damage their jail stay has caused.

*For more information, find the organization on Facebook at Mississippi Bail Fund Collective and on Twitter @msbailfund.*

# Pandemic offers resilient Mississippi a chance to embrace a brighter future

## COMMENTARY

By Hu Meena  
CEO, C Spire



My favorite streaming video program during the COVID-19 virus stay-at-home lockdown has not been

about tigers and their crazy trainer, Joe Exotic, from the wildly popular Netflix docuseries. Nor has it been about Scottie Pippin and the other guy who played professional basketball with him on the Chicago Bulls.

The one I've enjoyed the most is a series entitled The Chosen about the time of Jesus' earthly ministry which has brought that profound era to life for me in new and compelling ways. The last few years of His life here on earth literally changed the world forever.

In a scene from one of the early episodes, disciple Simon Peter states how different an activity or task prescribed by Jesus is compared to the way it had always been done. The character playing Jesus replies, "Get used to different."

While that phrase is not mentioned in the Bible, it resonated with me because everything is so different now compared to two months ago and, I believe, will remain different for a long time. If so, fine. Let's not pine away for the past. Let's learn from this change, embrace different and move Mississippi forward.

How do we as a people and a state move forward? First, we need to acknowledge and mourn the loss of life, the vast negative impacts on our economy and the necessary loss of personal freedoms of movement as most of us continue to practice "social distancing" to protect ourselves and our neighbors.

Second, I believe we need to consciously decide not to participate in the looming recession. Instead of accepting a recession, let's embrace a reset. A reset to see change as an enabler and not an impediment. A reset to move aggressively instead of deliberately. A reset that leverages toughness, technology and

a transformative mindset.

It all boils down to whether we are willing to proactively use this change to our advantage. Some change, like that caused by this global pandemic, can be very challenging, dramatic and uncomfortable. So, how do we use it?

We reset and move forward, fast, like a runner looking to win a race at the finish line. If we hesitate, turn back and look behind, we will lose a step. We can't look back. We need to embrace different and move forward.

At C Spire, for over three decades, our company has found success in one of the most competitive industries in the world because we have fully embraced continuous change and perpetual innovation. We learned early on that resisting change is an exercise in futility. There's no question we are structured and operate differently today than we did back then, but that's the essence of change.

Let's transition with conviction and speed to the economic mountain top we have never seen. It can be done by incorporating the positives of work-from-anywhere applications, by viewing on-line education as a sharp new tool in our educational tool kit and expanding the use of telehealth in our great health care ecosystem in Mississippi.

Further, our businesses should leverage the highly connected world we have discovered while trapped in our homes. In the last few weeks we have seen how the entire worldwide marketplace might literally be at our fingertips. It's time to go after it.

Our very existence as human beings is proof that change is at work in all aspects of our being. Change forces us as individuals and organizations to grow and to constantly evaluate our decisions and priorities.

Let's get used to different, Mississippi. It's time for a reset. Let's work to make it work.

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# Mississippi set to ease some pandemic rules for restaurants

By Emily Wagster Pettus  
Associated Press

Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves said Monday that he will ease some of the restrictions that he imposed on restaurants and outdoor gatherings to slow the spread of coronavirus, and that the new rules will take effect Thursday.

"The threat is not gone. ... We all want to move on, but we must stay vigilant," said Reeves, a republican.

Restaurants will be allowed to open their indoor dining rooms and outdoor seating areas, with each at no more than 50% capacity and with no more than six customers per table. Servers must wear masks, and customers enter-

ing restaurants will be asked if they have shown any signs of the virus or have been exposed to anyone who has it. For more than a month, restaurants have been restricted to takeout or delivery.

Outdoor gatherings will be limited to 20 or fewer people, up from the current restriction of 10 or fewer. Reeves said the change could help some youth sports teams get back to practice.

The State Health Department said Monday that Mississippi had at least 7,877 confirmed cases and 310 deaths from coronavirus as of Sunday evening. That was an increase of 327 cases and seven deaths from the previous day. Missis-

sippi's population is about 3 million.

The number of infections is thought to be far higher because many people have not been tested, and studies suggest people can be infected with the virus without feeling sick. For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For others, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, the highly contagious virus can cause severe symptoms and be fatal.

The Health Department said Monday that more than 79,000 coronavirus tests had been done in Mississippi as of Sunday. The department said at

least 125 cases of the virus had been confirmed in long-term care facilities such as nursing homes.

The governor's "safer at home" order started April 27, replacing a stricter stay-at-home order that was in place for more than three weeks.

Reeves eased business restrictions under the "safer at home" order, allowing some to reopen with limits on how many customers may be present.

The order allows physicians to start offering some services that had been limited in recent weeks. Barbershops, salons, tattoo parlors and entertainment venues such as movie theaters remain closed.

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# Judgment is coming

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



Noah was a faithful preacher. In reproofing the world of the wickedness in his day, he warned the world that judgment was coming. I can imagine in my mind that every time Noah drove a nail into the ark, he was saying, “Judgment is coming. Judgment is coming. You had better get right with God. You had better get into the ark because judgment is coming.”

Friend, it was a day of sin just as today. It is hard to get people’s attention because the god of this world has so blinded the minds of the people. The fountains of the deep were opened in Noah’s day, and the windows of Heaven

were unstopped. I want you to know that God’s way is perfect both in judgment and in mercy to make sure that none escape the judgment of God.

The highest mountain and the highest tree of that day were overflowed. No doubt, some thought they could get to the top of a mountain or climb to the top of a tree to escape the judgment of God, but the waters kept rising, and finally they were forced to die.

Possibly some began to cling to the ark, hoping that it would be their safety. Perhaps some even tried to climb on top of the ark, but eventually they were forced to die.

Friend, there is no place on earth so high or so low where men can get out of reach of the judgment of God. The water that covered everything and demolished all the buildings was the same water that

bore up the ark. No doubt when the rain began to fall, they were reminded of the words of the faithful man of God who warned them, but the door of the ark was shut. There is coming a day when the door of grace will be shut, and then it will be too late to pray.

Friend, though hand join hand, the wicked shall not go unpunished. Genesis 7:16 says, “The Lord shut him (Noah) in.” At that moment in time, all those millions of people were cut off from hope of admittance. Soon God will shut the door of mercy, and once the door of mercy is shut, my friend, it will never be unbarred again. The fate of those millions of people is recorded in Genesis 7:21, which states, “And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of

beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man.”

The results are terrifying when God’s wrath refuses to wait. You may ask, “What was going on at that time?” Luke 17:27 tells us, “They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.”

America and the world are in need of a great revival. As the church, we must plead for a revival. If we do not have a revival, we are going to perish.

*Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.*

P R E S E R V E D

# Future faith

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



“Whoever needs a ride to 2021, we leaving tomorrow morning” is the last Instagram post of late R & B music executive Andre Harrell that sums up how so many people feel about 2020. Though some are saying it jokingly, some are wishing they could transport themselves into the 2021 since 2020 has been such an emotionally chaotic year. The year started with the shocking death of NBA legend Kobe Bryant in January. Then, the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic hit in February.

Just a few short months after the first Covid-19 deaths in the United States, there are now over 80,000 deaths attributed to the respiratory ailment. Even worse, unemployment numbers have soared reaching levels not seen since the Great Depression.

Despite deaths from Covid-19 rising daily throughout the country, businesses are reopening with some inviting customers to enter without masks.

Following God into the victories of 2021 and not getting distracted by the battles or disappointments of 2020 might help some of us who are getting discouraged. What many of us do out of habit (or maybe I’m just speaking of myself) is that we focus so much on God meeting our needs for our current battles that we forget he’s an omnipresent God and He can take care of both your current and future needs at the same time.

However, there is a great benefit to looking and planning ahead: you can better strategize when things don’t necessarily go as you planned. Plus, you don’t get distracted by insignificant current is-


sues because you are focused on the future.

A few years ago, I was blessed to join the Anointed Authors writing and book ministry tour group that reminded me of just that kind of timeless faith. We planned our ground-breaking tour as seven African-American Christian female authors in late 2005 and early 2006. We all come from different parts of the country and prayed about every aspect of the tour from when we would start, who would be a part and where we would go. Through mostly emails and phone calls, we put together six years worth of a dynamic multi-city tours that promoted christianity, literacy and the ministry of writing.

Despite some initial financial and physical hardships for a few of the tour members, we pressed ahead. As we planned our tours, we saw God’s hand in opening greater doors of opportunity and creativity. When things didn’t go as planned at one tour stop, we marked it as a learning opportunity for next year.

This may seem like a simple Sunday School lesson, but having a faith focused on future victories requires so much greater discipline and intimacy with God. We learned an important lesson just as the children of Israel did in the Old Testament. Exodus 17 describes how he was Jehovah Nissi and he went before them and prepared the way. We have to follow their example: be obedient, follow the path of faith and wait for the promised victory.

*Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth, TX based author of “Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends” and “Writing to the Beat of God’s Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers.” Email preservedby-purpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.*




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**Advertisement for RFP**  
**RFP 2020-02 Exceptional Education Speech Language Pathologist Service Providers**

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Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing jewalker@jackson.k12.ms.us, calling (601) 960-8799, or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at HYPERLINK "http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us" www.jackson.k12.ms.us.

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**Request for Proposal (RFP)#2020-01**  
**Transportation Plan Study**

The City of Jackson (the "City"), through its Department of Planning and Development, Office of Transportation, is soliciting proposals to retain the services of a consultant team to provide professional services to develop a transportation plan that provides a long-range vision aimed at reshaping its public transit network, supporting a multitude of mobility options, enhancing major public transportation corridors, and integrating land-use policies with a well-connected transportation system.

Interested firms may obtain a copy of a detailed Request for Proposals, and any proposal addenda by emailing mguice@jacksonms.gov. Official proposal documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Please reference RFP#2020-01.

Six copies of the offeror's Proposal together with a PDF file of the Proposal on a flash drive shall be deposited with the City of Jackson, Office of City Clerk at 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39205 until Tuesday, June 9, 2020 by 3:30 pm, Central Standard Time (CST). Electronic bids and/or reverse auction bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Submittals received after the specified date and time shall not be accepted.

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**Advertisement for Bid**  
**Bid 3131 Hardy Middle School Restroom Renovations**

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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 Nonrefundable 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 Krystal Lamm at Duvall Decker Architects, Phone: 601-713-1128 or Email: kl@duvalldecker.com.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Jackson, Mississippi is considering Amendment Number 2 to its 2015-2019 Five Year (5 YR) Consolidated Plan and Amendment Number 1 to the 2019 One-Year Action Plan of the Consolidated Plan by:

- Increasing available funding to include CARES Act funding awarded to the City of Jackson in the following amounts:
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - \$1,101,225
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) - \$575,228
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) - \$208,689
- Include projects to expend the CARES Act funding in preparing, preventing and responding to the Coronavirus.

Comments regarding the proposed amendment may be emailed to OHCD@jacksonms.gov. Comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m., May 19, 2020.

At the conclusion of the public comment period, unless there are objections from the general public, this Amendment will be considered adopted, however, if there are any objections from the public, these objections will be presented to the City Council for consideration prior to the adoption of the Amendment.

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**Advertisement for Bids**  
**Bid 3132 Child Nutrition Warehouse Food Products**  
**Bid 3133 Child Nutrition Warehouse Paper & Stock Supplies**

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bid 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 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) May 27, 2020, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. 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

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**Advertisement for Bid**  
**Bid 3130 Capital City Alternative School Site Drainage and Foundation Repairs**

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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, June 09, 2020, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 400 E. Silas Brown Street in City Hall for the following:

18086-060920	Twelve-Month Supply of Soda Ash
19090-060920	Twelve-Month Supply of Citric Acid (Liquid Form)
88536-060920	Twelve-Month Supply of Polymer
88538-060920	Twelve-Month Supply of Liquid Chlorine
88544-060920	Twelve-Month Supply of Alum
88570-060920	Twelve-Month Supply of Aluminum Chloral Hydrate (ACH)
88575-060920	Twelve-Month Supply of Fluorosilicic Acid
88579-060920	Twelve-Month Supply of Potassium Permanganate
88584-060920	Twelve-Month Supply of Sodium Chlorite
88596-060920	Twelve-Month Supply of Anhydrous Ammonia
88597-060920	Twelve-Month Supply of Hydrated Lime

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE CITY OF JACKSON WEBSITE, https://www.jacksonms.gov/businesses/ and Central Bidding www.centralbidding.com . 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) 960-1533 or (601) 960-1025

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI RESPECTFULLY GIVES NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT A RELATIVE OF AN EMPLOYEE FOR THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI HAS APPLIED FOR THE LEAD-SAFE JACKSON HOUSING PROGRAM UNDER THE CITY'S FEDERAL HOUSING PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT'S OFFICE OF LEAD HAZARD CONTROL AND HEALTHY HOMES. THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL PROVISION 2 CFR 200.112 AND 24 CFR 92.356

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY OF JACKSON DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AT (601) 960-2155. ATTENTION: VALERIE TUCKER

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**Request for Quotes (RFQ)#2020-02**  
**LANDSCAPING AND GROUND MAINTENANCE AT VARIOUS PROPERTIES- JTRAN**

The City of Jackson (the "City"), through its Department of Planning and Development, Office of Transportation, is soliciting Quotes from qualified providers for Landscaping and Ground Maintenance for the Administration Building (located at 1785 Highway 80 W), old JTRAN-until disposal (located at 1025 University Blvd.) and JTRAN's Transfer/Hub Station (located at Union Station @ 300 W Capitol St).

Interested firms may obtain a copy of a detailed Request for Quotes, and any Quotes addenda by emailing mguice@jacksonms.gov. Official Quotes documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Please reference RFQ#2020-02.

Six copies of the offeror's Quotes together with a PDF file of the Quotes on a flash drive shall be deposited with the City of Jackson, Office of City Clerk at 219 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39205 until Tuesday, June 9, 2020 by 3:30 pm, Central Standard Time (CST). Electronic bids and/or reverse auction bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814. Submittals received after the specified date and time shall not be accepted.

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**ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 122-177 (a) OF THE JACKSON CODE OF ORDINANCES—DIVISION 5. FATS, OILS AND GREASE CONTROL PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson entered into a Consent Decree with the State of Mississippi and the United States of America on March 1, 2013 in the case entitled, United States of America and the State of Mississippi vs. The City of Jackson, Mississippi, No. 3:12-cv-790 TSL-MTP, United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Consent Decree requires the City to implement certain Capacity, Management, Operations, and Maintenance program, including a fats, oils, and grease (FOG) control program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson submitted a proposed FOG Control Program to the United States Environmental Protection Administration, Region IV, for review and approval, which included a commitment to revise the City's ordinances to implement the FOG Control Program and enforce compliance with it; and

WHEREAS, the City initially adopted this Ordinance with a grandfather provision that exempted Food Service Establishments (FSE) existing at the time of its enactment unless their discharge of fats, oils, and grease cause a sanitary sewer overflow or problems in the sewer collection system; and

WHEREAS, the United State Environmental Protection Agency has requested that the City make certain amendments to the original ordinance to place a sunset provision on the grandfather clause, but indicated it would not grant pre-approval to such an amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City placed a sunset date on the grandfather clause of June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency reviewed the amendment to the grandfather clause and expressed that it would require a significantly shorter sunset date to be considered to comply with its requirements for the City.

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

SECTION 1. Section 122-177 (a) is amended as follows:  
DIVISION 5 – FATS, OILS AND GREASE CONTROL PROGRAM

Sec. 122-177. – FOG Control Plan and Fees

(a) FSEs lawfully in existence as of the date of this ordinance are not shall be required to install a grease control device on or before February 28, 2021. However, unless and until if a FOG discharge to the City's sanitary collection system from the such a lawfully existing FSE has caused causes or significantly contributes to a blockage or system problem, as documented by the Director of the Department of Public Works. If such a blockage or system problem occurs such FSE shall be required to submit a FOG Control Plan and install a grease control device. Such a lawfully existing FSE shall submit their FOG Control Plan and install their grease control device within 30 days of notice from the Director of the Department of Public Works.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective thirty days after enactment and following publication.

Council Member Tillman moved adoption; President Lindsay seconded.

Yeas- Foote, Lindsay, Priestser, Stamps and Tillman.  
Nays- Banks.  
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 April 14, 2020 and recorded in Minute Book "6R, Pgs. 4-5 ".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 11th day of May, 2020.

Angela Harris  
SEAL Angela Harris, Interim Chief Deputy Municipal Clerk

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ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 110-29 OF THE JACKSON CODE OF ORDINANCES REGULATING URBAN CAMPING AND THE IMPROPER USE OF PUBLIC PLACES.

WHEREAS, the Jackson Police Department and the Mississippi Department of Transportation has observed people inhabiting, camping, building fires, and storing belongings beneath certain bridges and overpasses throughout the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, in one incident an overpass on Interstate Highway 20 was damaged by a fire set beneath the overpass, creating a dangerous condition in one lane of that overpass, which required the emergency closure of a section of Interstate Highway 20 in order to repair the damage; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Police Department periodically receives calls for assistance when persons are sleeping on sidewalks or in the entrances to buildings, effectively blocking the use of the sidewalk or building ingress and egress; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson currently has no Ordinances that expressly prohibit these types of uses of rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Department of Transportation has requested assistance from the City of Jackson in keeping clear the areas under its overpasses within the City of Jackson, otherwise, they may be required to erect fencing with razor wire to restrict the use of these areas; and

WHEREAS, the use of the areas beneath bridges and overpasses for inhabiting, camping, building fires for warmth and cooking possesses a public health and safety issue because of the risk of damage to bridge structures; and

WHEREAS, the blocking of sidewalks presents a safety hazard for persons having to walk around off the sidewalk and possibly into the street; and

WHEREAS, the blocking of building ingress and egress poses a public health and safety issue from slowing egress from a building in the event of an emergency and slowing ingress of first responders in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Police Department believes a narrowly tailored ordinance that gives them the authority to request people to move from beneath bridges and overpasses, and from sidewalks and other rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council seeks to prevent damage to bridges and overpasses, to prevent the installation of razor wire fencing on state-owned right-of-way, to allow the unimpeded use of sidewalks in the City.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 110-29 of the Jackson Code of Ordinances is created as follows:

Sec. 110-29. - Urban camping and improper use of public places.

(a) Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section 110-29, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

"Bridge" means a structure, including the approaches thereto, erected in order to afford passage over any obstruction in any public road, railroad, or other right-of-way; or to afford passage under or over existing public roads, railroads, or other rights-of-way. As used in this section the definition of "Bridge" shall include a controlled access highway overpass as defined herein.

"Camp" or "camping" means the use of a street, sidewalk, other right-of-way, and/or any area underneath a bridge, within the City of Jackson for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping activities, or making preparations to sleep (including the laying down of bedding for the purpose of sleeping), or storing personal belongings, or making a fire, or carrying on cooking activities, or using a tent or other structure for habitation. These activities constitute camping if, in light of all the circumstances, it reasonably appears that in conducting one or more of these activities, the participant is in fact using the area as a living accommodation, regardless of the intent of the participant or the nature of any other activities in which s/he may also be engaging. For purposes of this section 110-29(a), the terms "camp" and "camping" do not include activity that occurs solely within city-owned parks.

"City" means the City of Jackson.

"Controlled access highway overpass" means a crossing of two controlled access highways or of a controlled access highway and other public road, pedestrian path, railroad or public right-of-way at different levels where clearance to traffic on the lower level is obtained by elevating the higher level.

"Interference (or "interfere") with ingress and egress" means standing, sitting, lying down, using personal property, or performing any other activity on public property and/or in a park, where such activity: a) materially interferes with the ingress into and egress from buildings, driveways, streets, alleys, or any other real property that has a limited number of entrances/exits, regardless of whether the property is owned by the city, a private owner or another public entity; b) reasonably appears, in light of all of the circumstances, to have the purpose of blocking ingress and egress; and c) occurs without the express written permission of the owner of the property at issue. Where written permission has been granted, the individuals interfering with ingress and egress must have possession of the permission at the time of the activity in question.

"Park" or "parks" means any city-owned park.

"Public property" means any street, sidewalk, and/or other right-of-way, within the City of Jackson.

"Storing (or "store") personal property" means leaving one's personal effects unattended on public property, in any area underneath a bridge, and/or in a park, such as but not limited to clothing, bedrolls, cookware, sleeping bags, luggage, knapsacks, or backpacks. This term does not include parking a bicycle or other mode of transportation.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to camp.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to store personal property.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with ingress and egress.

(e) No person may be arrested for violating this code section until they have received an oral or written warning from the Jackson Police Department to cease the prohibited conduct. If the violator fails to comply with the warning issued, they may be arrested for violation of this section.

(f) Where personal property is stored in violation of subsection (c) above, the Jackson Police Department may deem the property to be abandoned and may confiscate it. No warning is required prior to the confiscation. The department shall retain the property in a manner consistent with the handling of other confiscated property.

(g) The prohibitions set forth in subsections (b) and (c) above shall not apply during a permitted outdoor event (as defined in City Code of Ordinances Chapter 14, Article IV, Special Events) on property where the outdoor event is located, as set forth in a city-issued outdoor event permit, unless the permit explicitly prohibits the activity.

(h) The prohibitions set forth in this section 110-29 shall not apply to city, state, or county officials or employees acting in their official capacity, performing the activities as part of their official city duties.

(i) The prohibitions set forth in this section 110-29 shall not apply to city, state, or county contractors or subcontractors where said activities are associated and performed in conjunction with the scope of work set forth in the city contract.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after passage, and upon publication in accordance with Section 21-13-11 of the Mississippi Code, as amended.

Council Member Banks moved adoption; President Lindsay seconded.

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

Nays- Stamps.

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 April 14, 2020 and recorded in Minute Book "6R, Pgs. 2-4 ".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 11th day of May, 2020.

Angela Harris  
SEAL Angela Harris, Interim Chief Deputy Municipal Clerk

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS – NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS  
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Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at the City Clerk's Office located at 219 S. President St., for supplying all labor, materials and equipment as required under the plans and specifications for the construction of OB CURTIS WATER TREATMENT PLANT GRAVITY THICKENER #1 AND #2 REHABILITATION PROJECT, SRF LOAN NO. DWI-L250008-02. Please address envelope to City Clerk, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205.

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

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1972, Annotated, as they apply to local governments, in accordance with Appendix D of the DWSIRLF Program Regulations.

The PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

- Office of the MSDH/DWSIRLF Program: located at 570 East Woodrow Wilson, Suite U232, Jackson MS 39215, call Harry Gong, P.E., Project Manager at 601-576-7518.
- Office of the Consulting Engineer: Cornerstone Engineering LLC, located at 710 Northside Drive, Suite A, Clinton, MS 39056, call Mauricka McKenzie, P.E., Project Engineer at 601-473-2403 office. One copy of the Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be procured from the Consulting Engineer, upon payment of \$250, none of which is refundable.
- Official bid documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

The BID SCHEDULE may be examined at the following locations:

- Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Program (MPTAP) Mississippi Development Authority, Minority & Small Business Development Woolfolk Building 501 North West Street, Suite B-01 Jackson, MS 39201 Contact: LaTisha Landing 601-359-3448

The Standard Specifications adopted by the City Council may be procured from the Department of Public Works, if desired upon payment of \$5.00 dollars for each specification.

Bidders must be qualified under Mississippi law and possess a certificate of responsibility issued by the Mississippi State Board of Contractors establishing its classification as to the value and type of construction on which it is authorized to bid. Each bidder must deposit with its proposal, a bid bond or certified check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid for the work, payable to the City of Jackson, as the bid security.

The successful bidder shall furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount awarded. Attorneys-in-fact who sign Bid Bonds or Payment Bonds and Performance Bonds must file with each bond a certified and effective dated copy of their power of attorney.

Proposals shall be submitted in triplicate, sealed and deposited with the City of Jackson's City Clerk prior to the hour and date designated above. Each bidder shall write its certificate of responsibility number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing its proposal.

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Robert K. Miller  
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IN MEMORIAM

# Little Richard, one of the most influential founding fathers of rock n’ roll, dies at 87

By Lauren Victoria Burke  
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Richard Wayne Penniman, better known as Little Richard, was one of the most influential singer songwriters in popular music. He was one of the founders of Rock n’ Roll in the 1950s and one of the most memorable performers in rock history. Little Richard was born in 1932 in Macon, Georgia.

“Tutti Frutti” (1955), one of Richard’s signature songs, became a hit reaching the No. 2 on the Billboard chart. Another hit, “Long Tall Sally” (1956), hit No. 1 on Billboard. “Tutti Frutti” was added to the National Recording Registry of the Library of Congress in 2010 and cited for its “unique vocalizing over the irresistible beat announced a new era in music.” Two of his songs, “Tutti Frutti” and “Good Golly, Miss Molly” were listed on the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame’s 500 Songs that Shaped Rock and Roll.

Little Richard’s music was covered by several artists thereafter and his influence included The Beatles, who opened for



Little Richard

Little Richard as he toured Europe in 1962. He also advised Paul McCartney on his distinctive vocalizations. Little Richard influenced Otis Redding, James Brown, Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, John Lennon and Cliff Richard and those influences frequently showed up in their music.

Legend has it that James Brown came up with the Famous Flames debut hit, “Please, Please, Please,” after Little Richard had written the words down on a napkin.

Redding started his professional career with Little Richard’s band, The Upsetters. Bob Dylan performed covers of Little Richard’s songs on piano during a high school talent show with his rock and roll group, the Golden Chords. In 1959, Dylan wrote in his yearbook under “Ambition”: “to join Little Richard.”

Many rock critics noted the similarities between Prince’s androgynous look and vocal style to Little Richard.

In 1963, Little Richard

agreed to assist a failing tour effort by The Everly Brothers, Bo Diddley and The Rolling Stones and was given his own TV special after the tour ended.

Little Richard received all the honors possible in music. He was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as part of its first group of legendary inductees in 1986. He was also inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Little Richard is the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Recording Academy and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Rhythm and Blues Foundation. In 2015, Little Richard received a Rhapsody & Rhythm Award from the National Museum of African-American Music for his key role in the formation of popular music genres and helping to bring an end to the racial divide on the music charts and in concert in the mid-1950s changing American culture significantly.

At the suggestion of Lloyd Price, Little Richard sent a demo to Price’s label, Specialty Records, in 1955. Producer

Robert “Bumps” Blackwell, who worked at Specialty Records, thought Little Richard was Specialty’s answer to Ray Charles, but was told by Little Richard he was a fan of the sound of Fats Domino. In 1955, he recorded “Tutti Frutti” in three takes and it was released as a single in November 1955.

Penniman’s performances, like most early rock and roll shows, resulted in integrated audience reaction during an era of strict segregation in the South. On tours that included groups of music stars, Little Richard and other artists such as Fats Domino and Chuck Berry would allow audiences black and white to enter buildings via the same door but sit in separate places – but everyone would dance.

Vocal supremacist groups such as the North Alabama White Citizens Council warned that rock and roll “brings the races together.” The universal popularity of Little Richard killed the myth that black performers could not successfully perform at white-only venues.

Little Richard’s high-energy

performances while playing the piano included dancing on top of the piano, running on and off the stage and throwing souvenirs to the audience. He also dressed flamboyantly onstage. Some of what is taken for granted now in popular music was invented by Little Richard.

Little Richard was ranked eighth on its list of the 100 Greatest Artists of All Time and *Rolling Stone* listed three of Little Richard’s recordings, “The Girl Can’t Help It,” “Long Tall Sally” and “Tutti Frutti,” on their 500 Greatest Songs of All Time.

Little Richard was the third of 12 children of Leva Mae and Charles Penniman. His father was a church deacon and his mother was a member of Macon’s New Hope Baptist Church.

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# Inmates, staff worry about care as Marion Prison becomes one of largest COVID outbreaks in US

By Dan Yount  
The Cincinnati Herald

The largest-known coronavirus hotspot in the country isn’t in New York or California: it’s the Marion Correctional Institution, an Ohio state prison about 50 miles north of Columbus.

According to state data that is updated daily, for Marion Correctional, as of May 1, staff members who reported positive results are 175; COVID-19 related staff deaths are 1; staff who have recovered are 98; units in quarantine include the full institution; inmates in quarantine are 430; inmates in isolation are 2016; inmates currently positive for COVID-19 are 2016; probable COVID-19 related deaths are 0; confirmed COVID-19 related deaths are 8; inmates who have pending results are 190; and inmates who have recovered are 69.

In the Ohio prison system, as of May 1, 6375 inmates have been tested; 937 tests are pending; 4072 tested positive; and 1906 tested negative.

Thus, more than 95 percent of the population at the minimum- and medium-security facility at Marion have tested positive for COVID-19. Combined, almost 16 percent of Ohio’s total coronavirus cases come from the Marion prison.

Gov. Mike DeWine ordered that every inmate at Marion and two other prisons be tested. Many of those who tested positive showed no symptoms.

Yet, the situation at Marion is worse than any correctional institution in the country.

Interviews conducted by [cleveland.com](http://cleveland.com) with inmates and activists reveal a number of reasons they say are to blame, including lags in getting test results, inadequate cleaning, no social-distancing measures and intense strains on their mental health.

Prisons, by their very nature, are some of the most vulnerable places to infectious outbreaks, as they contain a large group of people forced to remain in close

quarters, with limited access to medical care. At Marion, some inmates are assigned to cells, while others are assigned to a dorm – a large room filled with bunk beds for dozens of people.

“There is no social distancing,” said Jonathan White, a 44-year-old Marion inmate from Cincinnati serving 15 years to life for murder, told [cleveland.com](http://cleveland.com). “You can’t get away from it.”

Inmate Emrie Smith also spoke to [cleveland.com](http://cleveland.com), saying he has been in the gym, where there is no social distancing, and after 8 p.m. there is only one toilet available for about 200 men.

White said prison officials didn’t start moving to isolate sick inmates until the disease spread throughout the population.

However, JoEllen Smith, a spokesperson for the Ohio Department of Corrections in Columbus, told the *Herald* preparations to keep the virus out of the prison began in early January. Also, ODOC officials have been conferencing with correctional officials in other states for best practices information during the entire outbreak. Smith provided a comprehensive list of conditions enforced at Marian and other state prisons to reduce the cases of the disease.

“There is so much anxiety about what is going on here with people’s health,” White added. “We view ourselves as an expendable population. So, when you see these types of numbers that are happening to us in prison, it’s almost expected – like, they (the authorities) don’t care.”

When asked why Marion in particular has so many COVID-19 cases – more than the rest of Ohio’s prison system combined – state prisons spokeswoman JoEllen Smith gave this answer:

“The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction has taken an aggressive and unique approach to testing, which includes mass testing of all staff and inmates at the Marion Correctional Institution, the Picka-

way Correctional Institution and the Franklin Medical Center (which is Ohio’s medical facility for inmates),” Smith stated in an email. “Because we are testing everyone – including those who are not showing symptoms – we are getting positive test results on individuals who otherwise would have never been tested because they were asymptomatic.”

Smith stated that after testing, inmates who show symptoms are immediately placed into isolation.

As for cleaning supplies, Smith stated that chemical boxes are delivered daily to each prison area, and the amount of disinfectant has been increased during the coronavirus crisis.

As for mental-health services, Smith stated that the state’s prisons agency offers “a full continuum of mental-health care within our facilities” using social distancing guidelines and proper personal protective equipment.

State prison officials are also developing plans to increase the use of tele-services for mental-health care if necessary, she stated.

Dozens of protestors stood outside Marion Correctional Facility Saturday holding signs to show support for their loved ones inside.

“I’m here fighting for my son’s life,” said Sabrina White, whose son, Richard Williams, has been incarcerated at Marion for over a year now. He has four more years left on his sentence.

In a *Marion Star* report, “Just recently, we have inmates in here that can’t even walk and breathe because of the virus,” said Austin Cooper, who has served over half of his six-year sentence for aggravated burglary and assault. “Medical just keeps sending them back out here to the camp, talking about they can’t do nothing for them.”

Inmate Jimmy Dzelajlija, who is serving a 17-year sentence for robbery and aggravated robbery in Cuyahoga County, talked to 5 On Your Side investigators by phone about the situation inside

Marion Correctional.

He said despite being tested Friday, he has not received the results of his COVID-19 test.

“That’s the aggravating part, they won’t tell us,” said Dzelajlija. “We don’t know with the numbers that high, we don’t know if we’re the ones who have it.”

Numbers from Ohio’s Department of Rehabilitation and Correction show more than three out of every four inmates in the prison are infected.

“They passed out masks; we these little face masks that we wear,” said Dzelajlija. “Really, that’s to be honest, that’s it. We’re supposed to practice social distancing, but it’s impossible. My neighbor is literally three feet away from me, both sides, and behind me. There’s no way to practice social distancing here.”

“The frustration is building and building and building among everybody in here,” he said. “And tempers are flaring up on just the slightest provocation.” “I saw the numbers and I just broke down bawling,” said Azurra Crispino in a report in the *Marion Star* newspaper.

Dr. Amy Acton, the director of Ohio’s Department of Health, echoed that.

“As we know, there is a significant amount of the population who are really being carriers or vectors without even realizing it,” Acton said.

And that’s what scares Crispino. She said even if you don’t care about the health of inmates, the threat of workers contracting the virus and carrying it outside prison walls and into the community is real.

“The virus doesn’t distinguish between why the person is in that facility,” said Crispino. “From the virus’ perspective, they are still eligible hosts.”

It’s why she believes it’s time for the state to seriously look at reducing its prison population to try and slow the spread of the virus.

“This is a human rights travesty and public health crisis,” said

Crispino.

Department of Correction Director Chambers-Smith was part of the governor’s press conference April 30.

“Individuals who test positive are placed in an area of the facility, which is separate from the general population. Also, our comprehensive testing approach of staff and inmates has assisted us in identifying asymptomatic individuals who have tested positive who can now be isolated from others in order to prevent further spread.

DRC’s preparation began for the potential impact of COVID early this year, Smith said. This included tabletop exercises and frequent discussion with counterparts across the county. Director Chambers-Smith presented during a national webinar the best practices in preparation for COVID for correctional facilities.

DRC continues to work closely with the Ohio Department of Health in implementing operational changes as we address the challenges associated with COVID-19, Smith said.

Smith said DRC has taken extensive steps in response to COVID, including but not limited to:

Prior to COVID-19, as part of our normal infectious disease control efforts, we routinely offer annual influenza vaccines to all offenders in our prison who wanted one, and especially targeted our at-risk and chronic care caseloads.

We have issued numerous communications to our staff and inmates, including education about COVID-19 and reminders to engage in aggressive hand washing and social distancing where possible.

The prisons have sanitation crews who frequently disinfect common surfaces with a chemical effective against COVID-19 in line with public health recommendations.

We are using technology and other methods to reduce staff and offender gatherings including us-

ing tele-conferencing for our new officer training.

We implemented a text messaging system for staff to be able to easily check in with their loved ones while they are at work as cell phones are not permitted within the facilities.

A family phone number and email address have been established and published to help answer questions about the impact COVID-19 is having on our operations. Individuals can email the DRC [atcovid19@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:atcovid19@odrc.state.oh.us) or call 614-728-1142.

We have implemented COVID-19 specific health screening for all inmates entering our prisons.

Volunteer activities and visiting have been suspended.

Only staff and mission critical contractors are permitted into the facilities. Health screenings are in place for staff and contractors who are entering the facilities/offices.

Staff and the incarcerated population are permitted to wear protective masks.

We have suspended travel for all state employees to only tasks that are mission critical.

The director issued an executive order to county jails regarding the screening of inmates before being transferred to our reception centers.

Reception inmates will be housed in the same area by date of arrival for a minimum of 5 weeks to monitor them for any symptoms.

Inmate work assignments, which are not on state property, have been suspended.

Most facilities are serving two meals per day – a hot brunch meal and a hot evening meal. This is being done to ensure we have less movement and less contact to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19.

Commissary prices are being reduced as well to assist residents in being able to purchase food and other goods.

State Highway Patrol is providing perimeter security at three facilities.



# Hinds County School District Weekly Update

## ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

### Happy Teacher Appreciation Week



Dear Teachers,

On behalf of the Hinds County Board of Education and as superintendent of the Hinds County School District, I wish to take this

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Teachers change the lives of millions of children every day. During the COVID-19 pandemic, you have done so much more to ensure learning continues at home. You are learning new tools, providing at-home learning, and even mailing care packages to students to show how much you care. Please know that I have had several parents express to me that they now have a much greater appreciation for your commitment, dedication, your patience, your sacrifice in ensuring that our students get the world-class education they deserve.

As we pause and reflect on all you do for our students during Teacher Appreciation Week, I wanted you to know personally that I am most grateful for what you do for our students and in the days and weeks and months ahead I have the highest confidence that you will remain committed to doing all you can do to ensure world-class results for our students.

Thank you,

Delesicia Martin, ED.D.  
Superintendent of Education  
Hinds County School District



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THS at 235 West Beasley Road, Terry, MS 39170  
UEMS at 260 Highway 18 and 27, Utica, MS 39175

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## Corporal Henry Lee Brown

(Brother, Beloved Husband, Father and Grandfather)

Corporal Henry Lee Brown, affectionately known as "Downtown Brown," was born to Percy Lee Brown, Sr., and Sarah B. Johnson Brown on April 27, 1955, in Sharon, Mississippi.

Corporal Brown dedicated nearly 35 years of his life to the citizens of Hinds County through law enforcement. He served with the Hinds County Sheriff's Department as a Detention Officer for 6.5 years and with the City of Jackson's Police Department for 28 years as a Field Training Officer and Special Events Coordinator.

Corporal Brown leaves to cherish his memory: his loving and devoted wife, Sharon Tate Brown; four children, Kevin Brown, Courtney Harris, LaKendra Lewis, and Kiara Lewis; a special daughter, Genene Richards; three grandchildren, Carter Harris, Sarah Brown, and Yaris Chambliss; six siblings: Cleopious (Gloria) Brown, Eddie (Velma) Brown, Ethel Edwards, Ozell Johnson, Rosemary Luckett, and Percy Lee Brown, Jr.; and a host of family and friends.

His parents and a brother, Willie Brown, preceded him in death.

### Acknowledgements

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude and deepest appreciation for the many acts of kindness, prayers, calls, food and visits during the loss of our loved one. May God bless each of you.

**The Family**



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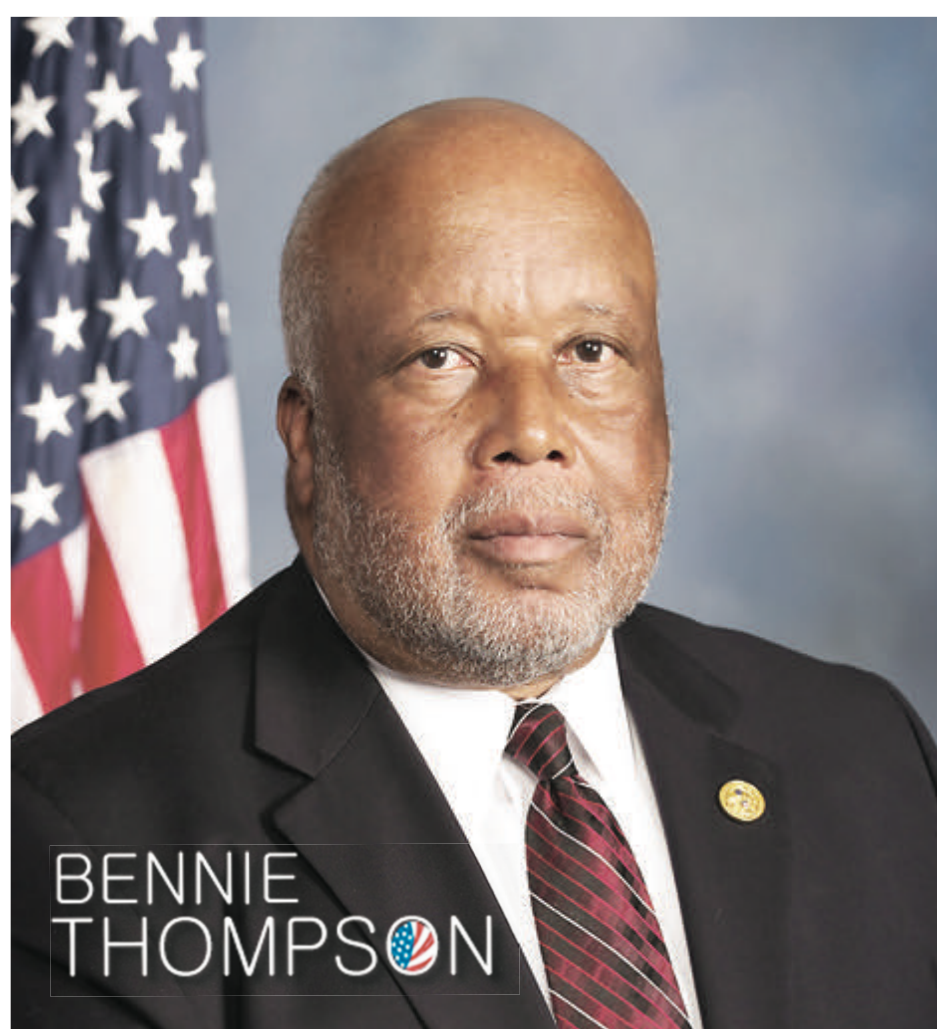


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