

Man wronged in past by police saves officer from burning car

By Claudia Lauer
Associated Press

There was a boom, then the house shook. Daylan McLee thought for a minute it might have been a small earthquake until a relative came running inside to say there had been a car crash involving a police cruiser outside the apartment in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, about 45 miles south of Pittsburgh.

McLee ran outside and pulled an officer from the mangled patrol car as flames began to spread into the cabin. Police officials and others have credited McLee with saving the officer's life after the Sunday evening crash.

"I don't know what came across me, but I ripped the door open and just pulled him to safety across the street," McLee said Monday.

Protests over police brutality following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis that have gripped the nation for weeks have laid bare tensions between police and the communities they serve, exposing grave mistrust by civilians, and frustration by law enforcement officers who say they are being painted with too broad a brush. But for McLee, the issue broke through the larger ques-



McLee

tions on race and policing; it was about saving a life.

Uniontown Police Lt. Thomas Kolencik's voice cracked as he told WTAE-Pittsburgh at the scene Sunday that the department was thankful McLee was nearby

when the crash happened.

"Daylan actually said, 'I'm not going to let him die,'" Kolencik told the TV station. "There's just no words to describe, you know."

Several of Officer Jay Hanley's relatives had thanked McLee on

social media Sunday and Monday, noting the officer was undergoing surgery after the crash for a serious leg injury.

McLee said Hanley's sister had

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3 men indicted on murder charges in killing of Ahmaud Arbery



Greg McMichael

Travis McMichael

William Roddie Bryan

By Kate Brumback
Associated Press

A prosecutor on Wednesday announced that three men have been indicted on murder charges in the killing of Ahmaud Arbery in coastal Georgia.

Speaking to reporters outside the Glynn County courthouse, prosecutor Joyette Holmes said a grand jury has indicted Travis McMichael, Greg McMichael and William "Roddie" Bryan Jr. on charges including malice and felony murder in the death of the African American man.

"This is another positive step, another great step for



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Citizens of Holmes County march to Courthouse after the Board of Supervisors ask them to cancel

By Edelia "Dr. Jay" Carthan
Contributing Writer

Cardell Wright, president of the Freedom Democratic Party in Holmes County, planned a march to bring awareness to police brutality, justice for the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin and to remove the Confederate monument from the Holmes County Courthouse lawn.

Wright said he decided to inform the Holmes County Board of Supervisors that they were planning a march in Lexington around the courthouse. Wright said Thursday the president of the board, James Young, approved the march and

asked for something in writing for their records.

By Monday, Wright said the board president asked him to cancel the march. Wright said when he asked what provoked this decision Wright replied, "COVID-19."

"What are the ramifications if we do march in protest?, Wright asked. Young replied, "We are trying to keep the peace. The Bible says blessed are the peace keepers."

Wright said there is no peace as long as that Confederate monument is on the west side of the courthouse lawn. "I only informed the board of

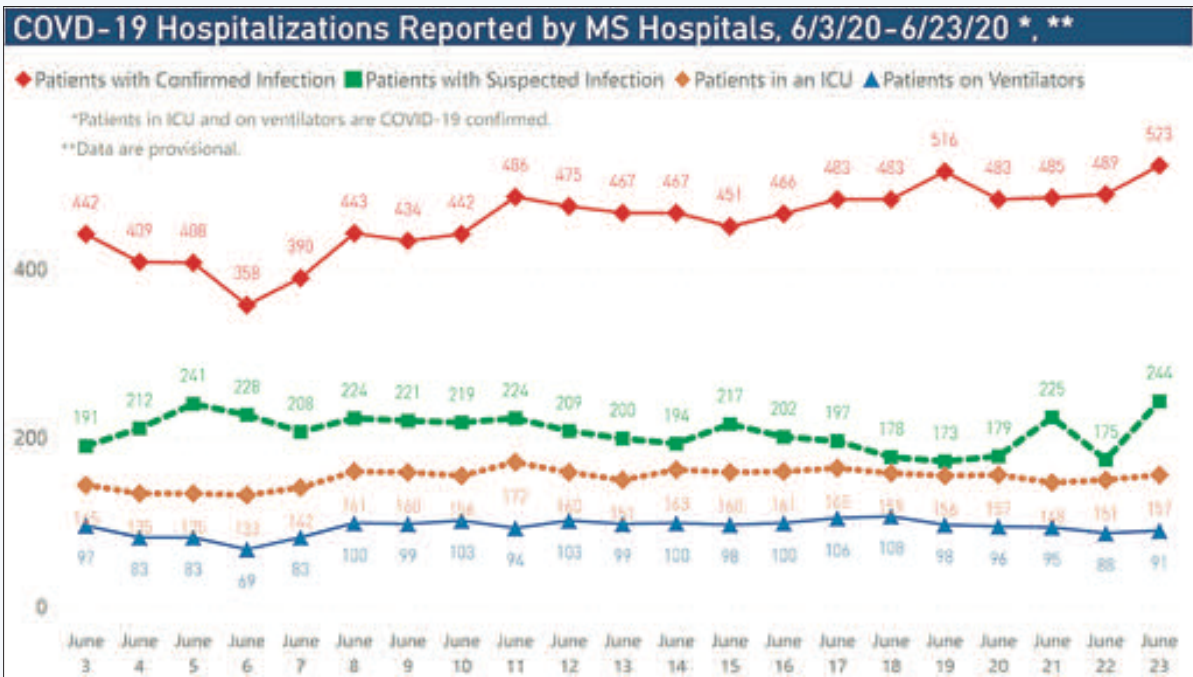
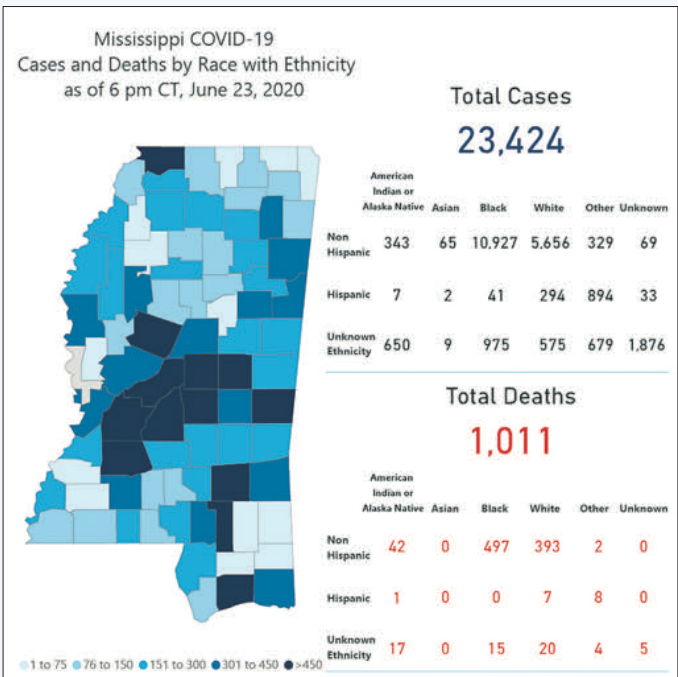
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Citizens of Holmes County march in protest of the Confederate monument on courthouse lawn in Lexington.

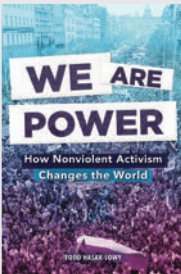
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Juneteenth Celebration liberation, freedom and jubilation

By Jerry Komia Domatob
Guest Writer

All over the globe, African Americans along, with their friends, celebrate Juneteenth (June 19th) with zeal and zest. Prayers, dances, food, discussions, dramas, music and reflections capture people’s imagination.

What is Juneteenth and its relevance today?

Activist, educator and leader Baba A. Lukata Chikuyu of Jackson Mississippi, says, “Juneteenth was a symbolic representation of freedom for formerly enslaved people of America. Told that they were “now free” the formerly enslaved began to celebrate their hopes for a new beginning. Today, Juneteenth represents the idea that people of African descent can live a better life than their ancestors who endured the worst form of enslavement experienced by any other group of human beings.”

1865 Freedom and Liberation

History is always difficult to research, document and write since authors approach subjects from different perspectives and angles. However, there is a consensus that in 1865 African Americans, many of whom were still under slavery’s chains, finally gained emancipation and liberation from their



Juneteenth celebration in Jackson, MS

former masters.

Thus Juneteenth celebrates the freedom and emancipation of African Americans from slave fetters.

Jackson, Mississippi community mother, Maati Jone Primm, owner of Marshall’s Music and Bookstore, cherishes the event. In her view, “Juneteenth is an internal holistic day that celebrates African-American freedom from the physical chains of bondage and captivity.”

Global Jubilation

Originating from Texas, today the celebration spans the entire nation in some form or another as a private or even public holiday. Although there is no universal strategy or tactic for Juneteenth observance, it is in many respects, fast evolving into a cherished festivity, which is observed in myriad patterns

throughout the country and indeed, the world.

Myriad Strategies

Some people celebrate Juneteenth with church and prayer services. Others organize bazaars, lectures, dances, theatrical performances, public speeches, panel discussions, educational exhibitions, marches and protests. Visits to historic sites, museums, burial grounds, families, gardens as well as monuments and other significant spots also mark the event.

Jackson Mississippi’s Diversity

Jackson Mississippi observes Juneteenth with sundry activities. While some folks march and even protest, others gather on streets for performances, expressions, music, dance, speeches, poetry and other activities. They have celebrated it

over the years. However, owing to COVID 19’s assault, the event in Jackson was cancelled and postponed to next year.

Small wonder Zuleania Travis, Jackson Catholic Charities employee, stated that, “I have enjoyed celebrating Juneteenth throughout the years. I am disappointed that it was cancelled. It gives us an opportunity to celebrate liberation within our own community.”

Study Your History

One of the event’s organizers said they gathered to celebrate Juneteenth and thanked all attendees for participating. He encouraged all, especially the youth, to study their history and aim for the skies.

While inspiring the young to shoot for excellence, he told them that they could be anything – lawyers, doctors, engi-

neers, accountants, technicians, even though they were descendants of slaves. “If you don’t stand for something, you will fall for anything.” He motivated all present to strive for excellence in all their pursuits and endeavors.

Libation’s Invocation

The Jackson event, held on Saturday, July 20, was peaceful, civil and courteous. It started with drumming and dancing at the McCoy Federal Building, along with greetings, pleasant-ries, exchanges and interpersonal interactions. It was followed by the march from the McCoy Federal Building to Farish Street Park led by dispatch police riders.

At the park a short, sweet and inspiring libation was poured in memory of ancestors. It extended thanks to forbears, in-

vited their presence and invoked their blessings for residents of the area, African Americans and people all over the world. Drumming, interaction, photographs and salutations closed the event.

Significance

Activist and budding community leader Shabaka K Harrison notes that: “For me Juneteenth means the emancipation of black people who were offering free labor under harsh conditions. Although that practice was abolished, in the US, the incarceration system was created. So as I celebrate Juneteenth my mind is on the brothers and sisters in the incarceration system, which is the new enslavement.”

Afrikan Art Gallery Jackson, Mississippi, sales manager Jean Carolyn Carson summed up the event simply and lucidly. “Juneteenth celebrates freedom from slavery.”

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finding justice for Ahmaud, for finding justice for this family and the community beyond,” Holmes said during the news conference, which was streamed online by news outlets.

Lawyers for the McMichaels have cautioned against a rush to judgment and have said the full story will come out in court. A lawyer for Bryan has maintained that his client was merely a witness.

Arbery was slain Feb. 23 when Greg and Travis McMichael, a white father and son, armed themselves and pursued the 25-year-old black man running in their neighborhood. Greg McMichael told police he suspected Arbery was a burglar and that Arbery attacked his son before being shot.

Bryan lives in the same subdivision, just outside the port city of Brunswick. Bryan said he saw the McMichaels driving by and joined the chase, a Georgia Bureau of Investigation agent testified earlier this month.

It wasn’t until May 7 – two days after Bryan’s cellphone video leaked online and stirred a national outcry – that the McMichaels were arrested. Bryan was arrested May 22, and an arrest warrant said he tried “to confine and detain” Arbery without legal authority by “utilizing his vehicle on multiple occasions” before Arbery was shot.

In addition to malice murder and felony murder charges, the McMichaels and Bryan each are charged with two counts of aggravated assault and one count each of false imprisonment and criminal attempt to commit false imprisonment.

Court functions in Georgia have been severely limited in recent months because of a statewide judicial emergency declared by the chief justice of the state Supreme Court

in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Holmes said they were able to call in a grand jury that had been impaneled prior to the judicial emergency. They followed public guidelines, providing hand sanitizer to the grand jurors and allowing them to sit far apart, she said.

Because of the uncertainty caused by the virus, the Arbery family didn’t know when the next steps would be taken after a probable cause hearing held earlier this month, Holmes said. But they were notified as soon as the grand jury returned an indictment, she said.

“The family was ecstatic to hear that it had happened this morning,” she said.

Bob Rubin, a lawyer for Travis McMichael, said in an email that prosecutors choose the facts they want to present to a grand jury when seeking an indictment. The defense team has found other facts “that are an integral part of the case,” he wrote.

“To this indictment, Travis McMichael will plead not guilty, and we look forward to presenting all of the facts regarding this tragic death in a court of law,” Rubin wrote.

Attorney Kevin Gough, who represents Bryan, spoke to reporters at the county courthouse right after Holmes announced the indictment.

“We welcome the action of the grand jury today,’ Gough said. “While we disagree with it, it’s an important step in the process to moving this case closer to the speedy trial that Roddie has demanded.”

He said his client has committed no crime and has cooperated with law enforcement officers from the beginning.

Lawyers for Greg McMichael did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment Wednesday afternoon.

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called to thank him, along with a handful of officers and even the police chief.

The 31-year-old said it wasn’t a complicated decision to help another human being. But even some of his close friends wondered if he hesitated because of his previous interactions with a few law enforcement officers.

“No. There is value in every human life. We are all children of God and I can’t imagine just watching anyone burn,” he said. “No matter what other people have done to me, or other officers, I thought, ‘this guy deserves to make it home safely to his family.’”

McLee filed a lawsuit in late 2018 against four Pennsylvania State Police troopers for wrongful arrest after he spent a year in jail related to a March 2016 fight outside an American Legion bar.

McLee had rushed to the bar in Dunbar, Pennsylvania, after his sister called saying she needed a ride home because she had been drinking and a fight had broken out. When McLee arrived, he disarmed a man who was standing in the parking lot with a gun and threw the weapon aside.

At least one trooper fired shots at McLee as he fled. The trooper said McLee pointed a weapon at him twice, but security footage showed McLee disarming the man, discarding the gun quickly and fleeing when shots were fired.

McLee, a black man with tattoos visible on his neck and arms and twisted dreads that reach below his chin, spent a year in jail before a jury acquitted him on the charges after reviewing the video. That was a year away from his children, and a year away from his mother, who was ill at the time. She passed away last year.

McLee had another run-in with officers a few months ago, when he ran from a porch gathering after officers in plain clothes and vests approached with guns drawn. He said they did not announce they were officers, and he stopped running and put his hands behind his head when they yelled they were police.

He said he was charged with fleeing and resisting arrest, but said during that arrest an officer kicked him in the face through a fence, splitting his lip. He said the use of force was caught on a security camera and he plans to fight the charges.

But McLee stressed forgiveness, saying he couldn’t

blame every police officer for bad interactions he had with any others.

“We need to work on our humanity... that’s the main problem of this world. We’re stuck on how to get up or to get even, and that is not how I was raised to be. You learn, you live, you move on and I was always taught to forgive big,” he said. “You can’t base every day of your life off of one interaction you have with one individual.”

McLee’s attorney Alec Wright said he isn’t surprised his client acted quickly and without being jaded.

“Over the course of his life, Daylan McLee has had multiple, unjustified encounters with police officers just because of the color of his skin,” Wright said. “Those encounters make him the perfect candidate to hate and resent the police. But, that is not Daylan... The answer is not to disregard human life; the answer is to accept it for all that it is. That is Daylan.”

Police said the officer McLee helped rescue was flown to a hospital in West Virginia where he underwent surgery and is recovering. McLee said he realized after the crash that he had spoken to Hanley maybe three weeks earlier when the officer was on patrol.

“I realized after, that I’d seen him. He speaks to people; he says hello; he isn’t an officer that harasses anybody. He commented to me about the heat was coming for us,” he said.

McLee has a 13-year-old son, Avian, who he is trying to teach not to judge anyone for the color of their skin, for the job they hold or for what other people might say about them, but to instead look at people as individuals.

“Some people may think I look intimidating... and I can’t hate the trooper who shot at me for what he doesn’t know,” McLee said.

“I don’t want to be called a hero. I just want to be known as an individual who is an upstanding man. No matter... what or where, just an upstanding person,” he added. “And I hope (that trooper) sees this and knows he’s forgiven.”

Uniontown police would not comment Monday on the crash or McLee’s actions, saying questions should be directed to Pennsylvania State Police who are investigating the crash. Phone calls and emails to a Troop B spokesman were not returned.

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the march out of respect. They cannot deny me my First Amendment right,” Wright said in a telephone interview.

Wright went on with the March as planned on Saturday, June 20, at the courthouse at noon with about 150 protestors present.

Representative Bryant Clark, District 47, and former mayor of Tchula and Supervisor Eddie J. Carthan, were some of the speakers at the March along with several youth.

“I believe someone else is behind the Board of Supervisors changing their minds. White folks don’t want this march to happen,” exclaimed Carthan. “I was coming to the march, but when he told me the board told him to cancel, I really wanted to come then.”

Wright has started a petition on change.org to have the Confederate monument removed from Holmes County Courthouse. “We have about 250 signatures now. We want at least 500 signatures before Thursday’s board meeting where we plan to present the petition,” Wright said.

“We also have marches planned in Tchula and Pickens in July,” Wright continued. “We will lead the fight against any symbol, flag, monument, statue or emblem that causes division, hatred or oppression. Holmes County is about 80-85% black; we deserve to live in peace and harmony free of Confederate statues and emblems.”

Young wasn’t available for comments on this story.

Holmes County has the oldest and most active Freedom Democratic Party in the state. The Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party was created in 1964 during the Civil Rights Movement by Fannie Lou Hamer, Ella Baker and Bob Moses.

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Katherine Dow Lee

Katherine Dow Lee, the tenth child of eleven siblings, was born to Eddie Smith Dow and John Dow, Sr. on January 29, 1929, in Jackson, Mississippi. A precocious child, Katherine began her education at Adams Kindergarten on Valley Street and actively participated in school and church activities in Adams Tabernacle Church on Biloxi Street. She acknowledged Christ as her Savior at an early age and became a member of College Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

Katherine Dow attended Lanier High School, Jackson, Mississippi, and upon graduation, she married her schoolmate Alvin G. Lee. Soon thereafter, he was deployed to military duty in Germany. She traveled with her husband as military wife, living on military bases, including Ulm and Nuremberg, Germany, Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, and Fort Knox, Kentucky.

After a period of residency in Mississippi, Katherine Dow Lee returned to Kentucky and resided in Louisville for the last thirty-three years of her life. In Louisville, Mrs. Lee, alongside her husband Rev. Alvin G. Lee, served and worshipped with Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Katherine was never a birth mother, but she was generous in love and support of children in her family and community, helping them develop industrious skills and work ethic. Katherine, known as “Sister” and “Kat” to family and friends, is described by them as generous, outspoken, sometimes brutally frank, a fastidious housekeeper and flower gardener.

On Friday, June 5, 2020, in Louisville, Kentucky, God called Katherine Dow Lee from life on earth into life everlasting. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Amanda Dow Gardner Allen, Comelia Dow Taylor Cantrell, Marguerite Dow McKinney, Laura Lee Dow Thomas; brothers John Dow, Jr., Willie Charles Dow, James Dow, and Joseph Dow. She is survived by her husband Reverend Alvin G. Lee; brother Robert E. Dow, Sr. (Malena); sister-in-law Gladys Dow; stepdaughters Vantoya Johnson, Debra Mason, and Sharon Johnson; nieces Marlene Jones, Jewel McKinney, Eddie Liddell and Cheris Dow; nephews Robert E. Dow, Jr. and Broderick Dow; and a host of grand nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A memorial service was held Thursday, June 18, 2020, 11 a.m. at Westhaven Memorial Funeral Home, located at 3580 Robinson Road in Jackson, Mississippi.

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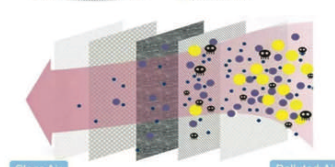
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Tougaloo Class of ‘67 remembers their alma mater Juneteenth



Tougaloo College alumni of the Class of '67 pictured in front of the gazebo that the class contributed to the campus. PHOTOS BY LEVELL WILLIAMS

By **Levell Williams**
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Even after more than fifty years, Tougaloo College’s Class of 1967 has not forgotten their alma mater. Rather, members of the class have continued to give back monetarily and otherwise, in an effort to promote continued excellence at the Eagle Queen.

One of the class’ most notable contributions to the campus is a wooden gazebo stationed near the front gate. Fitly located in Donald Park, amidst outdoor art pieces and a jogging trail, the ga-

zebo acts adds to the serene feel of the recreational area. It has acted as not only a beautification contribution, but it also has fostered many memorable times for students and other members of the Tougaloo community.

In addition to the gazebo, the Class of 67 also has a plaque and memorial bench located in Donald Park. These items, located quietly at the base of a tree a little off from the gazebo, show honor to the past. More than a measure of self-recognition for the Class of ’67, they serve as a tool of education for incoming students.

At the institution “where history meets the future,” this is a value that cannot be understated.

The Class of ’67 has also donated to Tougaloo monetarily in times of need. Notably, the class answered President Carmen Walter’s call for support for dorm renovations last year, in her first year as president of Tougaloo. “She has the ball and is running with it. . . We’re going to keep throwing it to her,” said Constance Slaughter-Harvey, a member of the class, in support of the new administration.

By directing their donation



The bench and plaque commemorating Tougaloo’s Class of ’67 pictured with members of the class. (Tougaloo President Carmen J. Walters pictured second from the left in black and white.)

specifically to dormitory improvements, the Class of ’67 prioritized student living and learning conditions. Their generosity also alleviated some pressure from the host of budgetary concerns demanding administrative attention.

Beyond campus pleasantries and financial support, the Class of ’67 also advocates for the social justice mission of Tougaloo. Members of the class joined on June 19, 2020 in celebration of Juneteenth, known to many as Black Independence Day. Their gathering, though, represented

more than just the celebration of one day, according to Slaughter-Harvey.

To her the Juneteenth gathering stood for a larger support of civil rights advocacy among today’s youths. “The work that we started will continue even after we’re gone...” She made reference to the thousands of young people across the nation, who were rallying in protest of police brutality and systemic racism, expressing that she was proud of the youth for “deciding for themselves... not doing [what] we tell them.”

Renowned as “the Cradle of the Civil Rights Movement,” Tougaloo fostered the Class of ’67 during the height of that spirited time. The class had a unique opportunity to experience the role of HBCUs as empowering agents of black intellectual, social and civil growth.

If the Class of ’67’s generosity and engagement is any measure, it seems that Tougaloo College and what the institution stands for will ensure that Tougaloo continues to provide an empowering experience to many eaglets to come.

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Students emerge as leaders during COVID-19 through service learning

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As learning has gone virtual to curb the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, educators and parents have been left with a pressing concern: how will this experience impact social and emotional development?

“The pandemic is having profound effects on children’s mental well-being, their social development, their safety, their privacy, their economic security and beyond,” a policy brief by the United Nations stated. “While children are not the face of this pandemic, its broader impacts on children risk being catastrophic and amongst the most lasting consequences for societies as a whole.”

While maintaining progress in core subject areas is imperative, a curriculum that develops leadership skills is equally essential to ensure that emotional development continues virtually.

An independent research study commissioned by Lead4Change found that students who completed the Lead4Change Student Leadership Program experienced tangible emotional growth. The program involves lessons in leadership, as well as creating and implementing team projects

to meet a need in the community. Those that completed the program experienced significant changes in leadership skills (60 percent of students improved), respect for others (54 percent) and ambition and innovation (53 percent). Programs of this nature can be completed virtually by adapting projects to address current concerns, and they can not only succeed without physical contact, but offer unique challenges that help students to grow as leaders.

Students at Mohave High School in Bullhead City, Ariz. reconsidered their project when quarantine began, creating a read-aloud library of developmentally appropriate books for preschoolers. With high schoolers reading preschoolers books and teaching them literacy and social development skills, this resource allowed an early childhood program to continue virtually.

“The students developed a ‘can do attitude’ while working collaboratively to adapt to their new normal,” said teacher, Michele Leyendecker. “With so much uncertainty, this project truly gave them purpose.” The “T-Bird Readers” team was awarded

Lead4Change’s grand prize, a \$10,000 grant for a nonprofit of their choice.

In Garner, N.C., students participated in service learning and emerged as community leaders by directly addressing the local impact of the pandemic. The “Corona Relief Crew” collaborated with volunteers and vendors to create and distribute kits with essential food and supplies for the homeless and those in nursing homes who have been severely impacted by the pandemic.

“Being an adult leader for the Corona Relief Crew has caused a paradigm shift in how I view youth strength and their ability to lead,” educator Cleopatra Lacewell shared. “This experience has taught me when students have well-organized plans, identified goals and established team structures, they can then perform as stellar leaders with minimum support.”

The Corona Relief Crew was also honored with Lead4Change’s \$10,000 grand prize for their initiative.

For more information about the Lead4Change Student Leadership Program, visit lead4change.org.



COVID-19: how will schools reopen?

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When COVID-19 hit the United States, many school districts decided not to return back to in-class learning after spring break. Instead, districts resorted to a virtual setting where students could continue their learning and assignments. As the 2020-2021 school year approaches, there are many conversations on whether schools will open in the traditional sense or if new methods will still continue.

On June 8, The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) published a document entitled “Considerations for reopening Mississippi Schools.” The document includes three options that school districts should consider when planning for the upcoming school year. It comes out just after the Institutions for Higher Learning, who oversee major decision for colleges and universities, chose to allow state public universities and colleges to open back up in the fall for traditional operations.

The first option in the MDE document is a traditional schedule in which it “requires students to be physically present in school with scheduling modifications to follow CDC and Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) recommendations.” This plan also includes facility and staffing considerations such as: daily screenings, transportation adjustments, disinfectant protocols and limiting student movement and restricting gatherings to achieve social distancing.

A hybrid schedule is the second option outlined in the document. This option “combines online and face-to-face instruction for students.” The examples of the hybrid option marked out by the MDE includes A/B Days in which students are divided in half and report to schools on alternative days with social distancing practices.

Other examples include Elementary face-to-face and secondary distance learning or elementary face-to-

face and secondary A/B Days.

The third choice mapped out in the MDE document is a virtual schedule in which “instruction [is] provided through distance learning.” Some considerations for the effectiveness of this option is sufficient internet bandwidth, developed curriculum content and training for teachers on instruction in a virtual setting.

Along with these options the document highlights academic programming, family and community support, health, safety and technology and learning management systems. “This plan outlines a three-month timeline of strategies for superintendents and principals to consider to plan for the start of the 2020-2021 school year and is intended to be used as a resource and starting point for districts to consider local needs in collaboration with stakeholders,” Jean Cook, the spokesperson for the MDE, said in a press release.

The state is not telling districts which options to take but instead is encouraging them to pick the option that best suits their community. Certain requirements have already been changed to meet CDC guidelines such as hours of instructional time per day. School districts also no longer have to seek a waiver if they cannot comply with student-teacher ratio.

Districts still have to establish graduation requirements that meet the state’s minimum graduation requirements. Local school districts have to also create criteria for whether students can move on to the next grade as well as come up with “uniform grading policies” before the first day of school according to the MDE press release.

According to educators, hybrid is the most likely option. However, there is no way to really know since ultimately school districts have the final say so. The Mississippi Department of Education will update these considerations every three months to be in accordance with COVID-19 data.

JPS Parent of the Year named Congressional District 2 finalist

Special to the Mississippi Link

The Mississippi Department of Education announced that JPS Parent of the Year Mark Anthony Davis Jr. is the 2020 Congressional District 2 finalist for the Mississippi Parent of the Year. He was nominated for having a true passion for the community and the well-being of all students.

Davis has two children at Spann Elementary, Lia in second grade and Clair in first grade. His oldest son Mark Anthony III graduated from fifth grade at Spann in 2019.

As a parent, Davis tries to prepare his children for life, and that includes helping them succeed in school, prepare for college and careers and navigate family and friend relationships.

While he does not expect his children to have the same



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interests that he did as a child, he expects them to give 100% at whatever they do. He is deeply involved in their ac-

tivities, which include ballet, kung fu and reading clubs.

He works with their mom to make sure they can take

advantage of great opportunities with the hope of passing on what they have learned from life to make their children’s lives better. Research has repeatedly shown that parental involvement is a critical factor determining the academic success of students.

As part of the annual Parent of the Year program, the MDE asks each district to select an outstanding parent who has made a significant impact on school improvement efforts in the school district. The selection committee for the state-level honor reviewed numerous applications submitted by school districts and selected the four congressional district finalists.

The 2020 Mississippi Parent of the Year is Lisa McCusker, a parent of two students in the Pascagoula-Gautier School District.

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MS governor rejects ‘separate but equal’ 2-flag plan

By Emily Wagster Pettus
Associated Press

Mississippi Republican Gov. Tate Reeves said Monday that he’s against having two state flags – the current banner with the Confederate battle emblem that critics see as racist, and a yet-to-be-determined design that would erase Confederate images. “Over the weekend there has been a proposal floating amongst some in the Legislature to create a second Mississippi flag. Let’s call it the ‘Separate but Equal’ flag option,” Reeves said Monday on social media.

He said having two flags would further divide the state.

“I don’t believe it would satisfy either side of this debate, and I don’t think it is a viable alternative,” Reeves said.

Confederate symbols have come under increased scrutiny in recent weeks amid protests against racial injustice across the United States, and monuments are being toppled in some states. Mississippi has the only state flag that includes the Confederate battle emblem, a red field topped by a blue X with 13 white stars.

White supremacist Mississippi lawmakers set the flag design in 1894 during the backlash to political power that African Americans gained during Reconstruction. People who voted in a 2001 statewide election chose to keep the flag, but the rebel symbol has

remained divisive in a state with a 38% black population.

Mississippi legislators have the power to change the flag, just as they have changed other state symbols. Several years ago when Reeves was lieutenant governor and was presiding over the state Senate, legislators added “In God We Trust” to the state seal.

Reeves, however, has said repeatedly that if the flag is going to be redesigned, he thinks it should be done in another statewide election. He said Monday on social media that “any attempt to change the current Mississippi flag by a few politicians in the Capitol will be met with much contempt.”

The Legislative Black Caucus said in a statement Monday that legislators should vote to change the flag during the current session, which is set to end in a few days.

“We want one unifying flag that does not incorporate Confederate symbols or connotations” said the caucus chairwoman, Democratic Sen. Angela Turner Ford of West Point. “Our constituents, student athletes and businesses deserve better.”

A white Republican statewide elected official, Insurance Commissioner Mike Chaney, said Monday that the current state flag needs to be “retired and replaced” because it does not achieve “a common brotherhood of our citi-

zens.”

Some people and businesses have been flying a flag designed in 2014 by Jackson artist Laurin Stennis. It has red vertical stripes on either end with a white field in the center topped by a 19 small blue stars encircling a large blue star that represents Mississippi as the 20th state.

Stennis is the granddaughter of the late U.S. Sen. John C. Stennis, who retired in 1989 after being a segregationist for most of his four decades in Washington. While she rejects that part of her grandfather’s mindset, some critics have said Mississippi should not adopt a state flag that has commonly been called the “Stennis flag” in recent years.

Laurin Stennis said Sunday on Twitter that she is stepping away from the effort to change the state flag “as I understand the hurt and potential harm my last name can cause.” “The flag she designed has been rebranded as the ‘hospitality flag.”

Other people have proposed a variation on the flag Stennis designed, with a circle of blue stars around a magnolia, the state flower.

Reeves is not the first person to use “separate but equal” to describe plans for two state flags. White politicians in the U.S. used the phrase decades ago to try to justify keeping racially segregated schools. The U.S. Supreme

Court declared the doctrine unconstitutional for schools in 1954.

All eight of Mississippi’s public universities stopped flying the state flag years ago because of the Confederate emblem. Several cities and counties have also removed it. Several business groups have said the state should drop the Confederate image from the banner, including the politically conservative Delta Council, which represents business people and farmers.

Mississippi faces additional pressure because the NCAA on Friday expanded its policy banning states with prominent Confederate symbols from hosting its sponsored events. That happened a day after the Southeastern Conference made a similar declaration aimed at the Mississippi flag.

The current NCAA ban, in place since 2001, applies to what the NCAA calls predetermined sites, such as for men’s basketball tournament games.

Mississippi is the only state currently affected by the policy. The expanded ban is supported by all eight public universities in the state. It means that even when sites of NCAA events are determined by performance, as they are in baseball, women’s basketball and softball, Mississippi schools will not be permitted to host.

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2020 was not the year for alcohol freedom

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A few months ago, I wrote with great hope and optimism that 2020 very well could be the “year for alcohol freedom.”

Unfortunately, even before the coronavirus pandemic forced adjustments to the legislative session, legislators were already casting their votes against many widely popular bills that would have expanded the freedom of Mississippians and strengthened entrepreneurs. Or just never considering such bills.

Sunday sale of alcohol. Grocery stores allowed to sell wine. Direct shipment of wine. Expansion of liquor licenses. Privatization of distribution. Craft brewery freedom. Regulatory reform. A range of bills were introduced this session that would have dramatically empowered both consumers and entrepreneurs. Almost every single one of these bills died.

In voting against alcohol freedom, legislators are not only consistently voting against the will of Mississippians but are also crushing potential economic growth of a potentially major industry.

In a survey conducted earlier this year, an overwhelming 75 percent of Mississippians said that they would be in favor of legislation that allows grocery stores to sell wine in addition to beer. Furthermore, 48 percent of those surveyed said they would be more likely to vote for a legislator who had supported such legislation, while only 17 percent said they would be less likely to vote for said candidate.

The survey also found that among Democrats, Republicans, and Independents, levels of support were above 70 percent. How often today are individuals across political parties able to so strongly agree on an issue? The present support should have been enough to drive change.

House Bill 981, sponsored by Rep. Brent Powell (R-Flowood) and Senate Bill 2531 sponsored by Sen. Walter Michel (R-Ridgeland) would have changed state policy and allowed for the widely supported sale of wine in grocery stores. Unfortunately, neither bill even made it out of committee, and thus was never given a chance for a floor vote in the House or Senate.

Ironically, many Mississippians shop at stores such as Costco, Whole Foods, Sam’s Club, and others throughout the state who have their own liquor store directly attached to the actual store. However, current law does not allow these stores to be connected internally, so one is forced to walk out the door and then right back in. These types of rules fail to pass even a basic test for common sense.

Mississippi had the opportunity to become the 44th state in the nation to give individuals the freedom to purchase wine and have it shipped directly to their homes through Senate Bill 2534, also authored by Michel. When this bill came to the floor, it was defeated by a vote of 32-13.

At the present moment, it seems that the only bill set to pass would allow for shipment of alcohol to a local liquor store. This allows a customer to avoid the hassle of going through the ABC warehouse process to order a specific bottle of wine or liquor, but is far from embracing the widely supported direct shipment of alcohol to one’s home.

In rejecting many good bills, legislators have chosen to not only restrict freedoms that are widely supported by Mississippians, but also to further hinder the alcohol industry in the state.

Moving forward it seems likely that pandemic has changed the state of the game for many burdensome rules and regulations. Many rules have been dismissed, including ones that blocked the sale of to-go bottles of wine or mixed drinks, as well as the delivery of alcohol curbside. While a pandemic has raged across the nation, many of the rules which we were previously told were enacted for our safety, were quickly thrown out in order to promote actual health and safety via social distancing techniques.

Thus, the question is begged as to what other rules ought to be dismissed to further protect health and safety. Ordering alcohol online via one of the many food delivery apps would surely help to lower the number of physical interactions at stores. The direct shipment of wine to one’s home would also go a long way to improve social distancing methods. As the fear of a Fall Covid-19 return looms, should we not quickly take action to promote and encourage safe actions in any way possible?

Support for change in alcohol policy is not a political issue, but a freedom issue. The question at hand is whether state officials trust their constituents to make decisions related to personal responsibility for themselves.

While this may not have been the year for alcohol freedom, continued growth in support for new policies demands a coming change to the status quo.

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Alcorn alumnus receives aid through U.S. Small Business Administration

By Renita Lacy
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Beonard Brown, a 79- year old farmer, begins his day at 6:30 a.m. every morning. Together with his twin brother Leonard, he owns and operates Brown’s Farm, a commercial cow/calf operation in Bolton, Mississippi.

Like many others around the world, the Browns were forced to adapt to economic challenges brought on by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. To help combat this crisis, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law March 27, 2020. It contains over \$2 trillion in relief for American workers and small businesses. As a result of the CARES Act, Brown was able to sustain his farming operation through an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) administered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

Designed to provide economic relief to small business owners that are experiencing a loss of revenue, this aid does not have to be repaid.

“The Coronavirus affected me a whole lot,” said Brown. “With the shutdown going on, I couldn’t sell my calves so I was losing money. I’m very happy to have received this help from the government.”

Brown recounts how his farming techniques have changed a lot since he was a young boy growing up on his family’s farm. Back then, not only would he and his



Beonard and Leonard Brown

brothers be required to help out in the fields, but also at their family store, Brown’s Grocery. Referring to his father as a “backbone of the community,” Brown spoke fondly of some of his most cherished childhood memories.

“I used to love to help my dad run the store,” he revealed. “We would sell pops, vienna sausages, canned goods, hook cheese, bologna and beer. I always looked forward to the weekend because that’s when we would have buffalo fish in, and we all loved us some good ol’ buffalo fish!”

As a teenager, Brown knew that he wanted to eventually attend Al-

corn State University, the “Home of the Braves,” as he affectionately calls it. After graduating in 1964 with a degree in physical education, he went on to work as a coach and P.E. teacher at Bolton Elementary School, where he retired after 29 years. A proud alumnus, he reminisced on his time spent on the yard playing football during homecoming and drinking chocolate milk from the dairy farm on campus.

While his work on the farm is rewarding, Brown acknowledges how tedious and expensive it can be to maintain livestock. “You got to feed your animals, vaccinate

them, deworm them, take them to the doctor, take care of them and a lot more.” He shared that with the CARES Act aid, he was able to buy ample feed and other necessities to sustain his operation.

Sitting on roughly 120 acres, Brown and his two brothers inherited their farm through heir’s property, which is land that is owned by two or more people who share a common ancestor that has died without leaving a will. Today, he raises and sells cattle to various markets and stockyards throughout Mississippi and Louisiana.

Delmar Stamps, alumnus and outreach consultant for Square O Consulting, described the tremendous challenge that COVID-19 presented for farmers. He cited, “the lack of knowledge regarding the availability of relief programs from the USDA and SBA,” as well as “inability to apply using online applications,” as significant barriers. “We used our network to make timely notification to farmers in the region,” he said.

Brown credits Stamps and Gerald Jones, director of County Operations, Alcorn State University Extension Program, for being instrumental in informing him about the aid as well as assisting him throughout the application process.

To learn more about Coronavirus relief options for businesses, visit www.sba.gov. Eligible businesses may apply for the Loan Advance at <https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/>.

Juneteenth meaning amid new push for racial justice

By Mike Householder, Jonathan Mattise and Michelle R. Smith
Associated Press

Protesters marched over the Brooklyn Bridge, chanted “We want justice now!” near St. Louis’ Gateway Arch, stopped work at West Coast ports and paused for a moment of silence at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial in Washington, as Americans marked Juneteenth with new urgency Friday amid a nationwide push for racial justice.

The holiday, which commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans, is usually celebrated with parades and festivals but became a day of protest this year in the wake of demonstrations set off by George Floyd’s killing at the hands of Minneapolis police.

In addition to traditional cookouts and readings of the Emancipation Proclamation – the Civil War-era order that declared all enslaved people free in Confederate territory – Americans of all backgrounds were marching, holding sit-ins or taking part in car caravan protests.

Thousands gathered at a religious rally in Atlanta. Hundreds marched from St. Louis’ Old Courthouse, where the Dred Scott case partially played out, a pivotal one that denied citizenship to African Americans but galvanized the anti-slavery movement. Protesters and revelers held signs in Dallas, danced to a marching band in Chicago and registered people to vote in Detroit.

“Now we have the attention of the world, and we are not going to let this slide,” Charity Dean, director of Detroit’s office of Civil Rights, Inclusion and Opportunity, said at an event that drew hundreds and called for an end to police brutality and racial inequality.

Events marking Juneteenth were planned in every major American city Friday, although some were being held virtually because of the coronavirus pandemic. At some events, including in Chicago and New York, participants packed together, though many wore masks. At others, masks were scarce.

Cranes came to a standstill as longshoremen in more than two dozen West Coast ports stopped work to mark Juneteenth. In California’s Port of Oakland, political activist and former Black Panther

Party member Angela Davis thanked the workers for shutting down on “the day when we renew our commitment to the struggle for freedom.”

In Nashville, Tennessee, about two dozen black men, most wearing suits, stood arm in arm in front of the city’s criminal courts. Behind them was a statue of Adolpho Birch, the first African American to serve as chief justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court.

“If you were uncomfortable standing out here in a suit, imagine how you would feel with a knee to your neck,” said Phillip McGee, one of the demonstrators, referring to Floyd, a black man who died after a white police officer pressed a knee into his neck for several minutes.

President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation Sept. 22, 1862, and it became effective the following Jan. 1. But it wasn’t enforced in many places until after the Civil War ended in April 1865. Word didn’t reach the last enslaved black people until June 19, when Union soldiers brought the news of freedom to Galveston, Texas.

Most states and the District of Columbia recognize Juneteenth – a blend of the words June and 19th – as a state holiday or day of recognition, like Flag Day. But with protests over Floyd’s killing and a pandemic that’s disproportionately harmed black communities, more Americans – especially white people – are becoming familiar with the holiday and commemorating it.

“I feel hopeful and really, really proud to see the community of whites and blacks joining together and for white people to really understand what the significance of Juneteenth is,” said Elaine Loving, who marched with her two daughters, grandchildren and hundreds of others in Portland, Oregon’s historically black neighborhood, where she’s lived since 1959.

Some places that didn’t already mark Juneteenth as a paid holiday moved in recent days to do so, including New York state.

The growing recognition of Juneteenth comes as protests have yielded results, including policing reforms in several places. Also gaining momentum were longstanding demands to remove symbols and names associated with slavery and oppression.

Protesters in North Caro-

lina’s capital pulled down two statues Friday night that are part of a larger Confederate monument. Also this week, a crane toppled a Confederate monument that had stood in an Atlanta suburb since 1908 and the U.S. House removed portraits of four former speakers who served in the Confederacy.

In addition to big marches, smaller events were held. In Louisiana, community and environmental groups won a court fight to hold a Juneteenth ceremony at a site archaeologists have described as a probable cemetery for enslaved African Americans. Philadelphia residents staged impromptu celebrations after a parade and festival were canceled because of the pandemic, and St. Petersburg, Florida, unveiled a blocklong mural that says “Black Lives Matter.”

“We know our lives matter. You don’t have to tell us that. We’re trying to tell the world that,” said Plum Howlett, a tattoo artist who painted part of the mural.

President Donald Trump issued a message for Juneteenth, which he said was “both a remembrance of a blight on our history and a celebration of our Nation’s unsurpassed ability to triumph over darkness.”

Trump had originally planned a rally Friday in Tulsa, Oklahoma, but changed the date to Saturday amid an uproar about his appearance on a date of such significance. The city also is where white mobs attacked a prosperous black business district nearly a century ago, leaving as many as 300 people dead.

In New Orleans, where demonstrators were greeted with bowls of red beans and rice, speaker Malik Bartholomew offered a reminder.

“We celebrate Juneteenth in honor of the celebration of freedom, but guess what? We also have to celebrate the fight,” Bartholomew said.

Mattise reported from Nashville, Tennessee and Smith from Providence, Rhode Island. Associated Press writers Jim Salter in St. Louis, Phil Marcelo in Boston, Tamara Lush in St. Petersburg, Florida, Ron Harris in Atlanta, Janet McConnaughey and Stacey Plaisance in New Orleans and Gillian Flaccus in Portland, Oregon, contributed to this report.

Black Lives Matter wants to oust first black Los Angeles DA

By Brian Melley
Associated Press

For nearly three years, Melina Abdullah has led dozens of demonstrators once a week outside the Hall of Justice to call for the ouster of Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey for failing to prosecute killings by police officers.

Thousands more joined Abdullah after George Floyd’s death.

Chants of “Jackie Lacey must go!” echoed between the courthouses downtown several days this month. Demonstrators hoisted signs saying, “Prosecute Killer Cops” and “Bye Jackie!” and read the names of some of the more than 340 people killed by LA County law enforcement officers during the eight years Lacey has been DA.

In every case but one Lacey has found a shooting justified or decided not to bring charges because she concluded the officer could win an acquittal at trial.

“Everybody is utterly shocked when they think about the number of people who have been killed by police or while in custody since Lacey took office,” said Abdullah, co-founder of Black Lives Matter-LA. She criticized Lacey’s substantial financial support from law enforcement organizations for appearing to be “a quid pro quo.”

Lacey is the first black person and woman to serve as Los Angeles district attorney. She is seeking a third term in November and has taken note of the recent crowds, saying “the weight of them and the number of people is substantial, to say the least.”

But she is less concerned about the impact of demonstrations than about being misunderstood.

“I don’t want people thinking I’m biased or racist or afraid, or any of these very unflattering things that are said,” Lacey told The Associated Press. “We shouldn’t assume that everyone who says ‘black lives matter’ isn’t concerned also about public safety. That’s a false choice that those are mutually exclusive.”

Lacey fell just shy of getting the majority of votes needed to get re-elected in a March primary against two contenders running to the left of her on platforms to reform the criminal justice system. She faces a runoff against George Gascon, the former San Francisco district attorney and longtime Los Angeles police commander, who was a distant second.

The death of Floyd, a black man who cried out that he couldn’t breathe as a white Minneapolis officer pressed a knee to his neck for over eight minutes, has ignited protests across Los Angeles for more than three weeks. Protesters want dramatic reforms to the criminal justice system, and that demand could shape the DA’s campaign.

Lacey, who grew up in South Los Angeles and worked her way up through the ranks in the nation’s largest local prosecutor’s office, is seen as the institutional law-and-order candidate. Gascon, who immigrated to Los Angeles from Cuba as a teen, has billed himself as a progressive reformer.

Gascon has not joined the protests, but quickly condemned the death of Floyd and police abuses. He has tweeted and issued press releases supporting rights of protesters and



Lacey

denouncing their arrests for curfew violations while calling on Lacey to continue not seeking bail in low-level, non-violent criminal cases after a statewide order imposed during the coronavirus pandemic was rescinded.

Lacey didn’t issue a statement until six days after Floyd was killed and has been a step behind Gascon in announcing she won’t prosecute curfew violators and will continue to not seek bail for less serious offenses.

“She is so obviously reacting to the political pressure of the election,” Gascon said. “But the motivation behind that is not driven by her concerns and her desire to be thoughtful and humane but they’re really motivated by campaign politics which tells me that if she were to be re-elected she would go back very quickly to being who she’s always been.”

Gascon’s campaign, which was largely funded in the primary by outside contributions from a pair of wealthy Northern California donors, has seen a spike of interest since the protests started. He’s got 200 new volunteers and raised over \$160,000, mostly in donations averaging \$20, according to his campaign.

Lacey, who got most of her primary support indirectly from police unions, has criticized Gascon for not prosecuting police for shootings during his time as San Francisco DA, though his spokesman, Max Szabo, said none of those cases involved unarmed suspects.

The union representing Los Angeles Police Department officers spent \$1 million to torpedo Gascon in the primary as a “con man” and failed leader who fled San Francisco before his term expired. He’s been criticized for authoring a law that reduced some felonies to misdemeanors, not charging enough misdemeanor cases and for a steep rise in San Francisco property crimes, mostly car break-ins.

Violent crime in San Francisco during his tenure rose 15%, though it jumped 31% in Los Angeles County during most of Lacey’s time in office, according to a *Los Angeles Times* analysis.

Lacey points to her record prosecuting two dozen officers for unlawful use of force and for currently being the only DA in the state to have a case pending against an officer in a killing – a manslaughter charge against a sheriff’s deputy.

Having law enforcement support at a time when protesters are calling for defunding police

could hurt Lacey, said Eric J. Miller, a criminal law professor at Loyola Law School.

“Before it used to be a net positive in the days of law and order, and by that I mean two months ago” Miller said. “But now, ‘I’m supported by the police union’ or more possibly Black Lives Matter saying, ‘The police union supports Lacey,’ is a very different signal.”

Lacey has been criticized for not bringing charges in several high-profile police killings of unarmed suspects, including one involving Brendon Glenn, a black homeless man who had accosted patrons of a bar in Venice and was shot as he struggled with officers who were trying to handcuff him. Then-LAPD Chief Charlie Beck had called for criminal charges in the case, but Lacey said she didn’t think she could win a conviction.

Tyrone Howard, an education professor who heads the Black Male Institute at the University of California, Los Angeles, said that given the “long ugly history” LAPD has had with black and Latino communities, there was hope Lacey would be different from her predecessor, who never charged an officer with an on-duty shooting.

From the standpoint of holding police accountable, he said: “I think there’s been widespread disappointment that with her as an African-American, the first who has been in that seat, that that has not happened to the degree that people think that it should have.”

Lacey said Floyd’s death has forced her to consider dusting off an idea she shelved to remove police departments from investigating their own officers in shootings, though she knows that will not be popular with chiefs.

Lacey said she’s tried to have discussions with Black Lives Matter, but the members want to meet in larger forums, where she has been heckled and shouted down.

Protesters even showed up at her doorstep before dawn the day before the March primary, prompting Lacey’s husband to pull a gun on Abdullah and threaten to shoot. The incident is under investigation by the state attorney general.

Black Lives Matter does not endorse candidates and Abdullah won’t say she will support Gascon.

“We can’t say that because we’re going to have to protest him too, I’m sure,” Abdullah said. “I just know that it’s impossible to be worse than Lacey.”

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High schoolers learn to fight COVID-19

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The coronavirus (COVID-19) entered the United States in late January of 2020, claiming its first case Mississippi March 11. It has since devastated the US, along with the rest of the world, claiming the lives of thousands upon thousands of Americans. Despite the severity of the virus’ impact, however, there still remains a significant amount of people who fail to protect themselves from COVID-19 as best possible. Efforts to increase education for COVID-19 prevention aim to limit these harms. To that end, the Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH) hosted a COVID-19 education virtual event aimed at high school students June 17. Dr. Chigozie Udemgba, a.k.a. “Dr. Chico,” director of the MSDH Office of Preventative Health and Health Equity, was the featured speaker.

Dr. Chico expressly emphasized the severity of the pandemic to the young people on the call. “We’re not back to normal,” he said. “We still [see] the virus being spread.” He also noted, “Young people are also dying from this as well... [and] being sent to the hospital... We’re still a ways away” from getting a vaccine.”

On preventing sickness, Dr. Chico said, COVID-19 can pass through droplets. One of the major purposes of social distancing, separating at least six feet physically from people around you, is to eliminate the spread of saliva droplets between people. These droplets only travel about six feet at maximum.

Furthermore, masks serve the purpose of preventing the spread of droplets that may carry the virus. Dr. Chico admonished, however, that a mask must cover both the nose and mouth, acting as more than a “chinstrap.”

The virus can also be spread from surfaces. Tables and counters, phones and keyboards, clothes and sneakers can all carry COVID-19. This is why disinfecting is so important. In addition to disinfecting regularly, Dr. Chico also recommended not sharing items, such as smartphones.

Just as important as disinfecting surfaces is disinfecting yourself. Dr. Chico reminded the audience that thorough hand-washing is the best way to deter COVID-19. He emphasized that hand sanitizes must be alcohol-based, and traditional hand-washing must last at least twenty seconds, in order to be effective.

Another key preventative measure against the coronavirus is effective quarantining. Avoid gathering in large groups unnecessarily. If you believe you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, stay indoors and away from any people for at least five days, Dr. Chico said. “Take the time to make sure that you’re not sick before [you get] back to moving in your community.”

He also spoke about how to maintain mental and emotional well-being, while preventing COVID-19. “If you’re feeling depressed... take the opportunity to talk to someone... [such as] family [and] friends,” he said. He also noted that technology is great for connecting with loved ones at a distance.

According to Dr. Chico, there are myths surrounding the coronavirus, which can be harmful to those who fraudulently believe them. He made mention of popular meme culture, including one specific video popularized by hip hop artist Cardi-B that humorously talks about how COVID-19 is “getting real.” Even though memes can raise awareness of the virus’ presence, he said they also tend to minimize the seriousness of the matter.

He debunked some myths of how the virus has developed. Among them was the idea that COVID-19 is essentially the same as the flu, which also appeared as a deadly pandemic in the early twentieth century. While he did say it’s possible that COVID-19 may become seasonal like the flu, he said, “during the same amount of time, coronavirus has been a lot more deadly than the flu.”

Another rumor Dr. Chico dispelled is that everyone will likely contract COVID-19 eventually, so people should just stop trying to prevent the inevitable. The idea is that, if everyone simply lets the virus come, survivors may develop antibodies to protect themselves and perhaps help with a vaccine. Contrarily, though, Dr. Chico said, “The likelihood of all of us getting it is very, very low... If we all take [the proper prevention] measures.”

The tactics and information that Dr. Chigozie Udemgba offered to young students may prove to be invaluable. As everyone stays clean and practices effective quarantining, young peoples’ behavior and health education may be the key to upholding the well-being of all Mississippi communities.

Medicare data: Blacks likelier to be hospitalized for COVID

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Associated Press

Blacks were nearly four times more likely than whites to be hospitalized with COVID-19 among people with Medicare, the government said Monday.

The analysis from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services also found that having advanced kidney disease was an even more severe risk indicator for hospitalization than race, ethnicity, or being poor.

“It reconfirms long-standing issues around disparities and vulnerable populations,” said Medicare administrator Seema Verma, adding that “race and ethnicity are far from the only story.”

Medicare’s analysis confirms what The Associated Press and other media organizations have previously reported about African Americans and Latinos bearing the brunt of the pandemic, while adding new

details.

The group covered by Medicare is considered the most vulnerable to the coronavirus. Most of its 60 million enrollees are age 65 and older. Also covered are younger people who qualify because of disabilities.

From Jan. 1-May 16, more than 325,000 Medicare recipients were diagnosed with COVID-19, and nearly 110,000 were hospitalized, according to the analysis of claims data. Medicare spent \$1.9 billion for hospital care, an average of about \$23,000 per case for people enrolled in the traditional fee-for-service part of the program.

The analysis found that:

- Black people with Medicare were hospitalized at a rate of 465 per 100,000 enrollees, or nearly four times the rate for whites, which was 123 per 100,000.

- The rate for Hispanics was 258 per 100,000, or about twice the rate of whites. Asians were about one-

and-a-half times more likely than whites to be hospitalized for COVID-19.

- Low-income Medicare recipients who are also covered by their state Medicaid programs had a hospitalization rate that was slightly higher than the rate for African Americans.

- There were fewer COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations among Medicare recipients in rural areas, when compared to cities and suburbs.

But all in all, having advanced kidney disease was by far the biggest risk factor, the study found. People whose kidneys have stopped working to the point where they can’t live without dialysis or a transplant had a hospitalization rate of 1,341 per 100,000, or nearly three times higher than the rates for low-income beneficiaries and African Americans.

Verma said this may reflect the fact that people with advanced kidney

disease generally also suffer from other medical problems that worsen COVID-19 outcomes, such as diabetes. Patients typically have to travel to a special facility to get dialysis, and the treatment can bring them together with others who may have been exposed.

Medical problems such as high blood pressure and heart conditions also tend to be more prevalent among blacks and Latinos, increasing their risks for severe coronavirus infections.

Taken together, the Medicare data call for a greater focus on social conditions that contribute to poor health, Verma said, as well as continuing to expand coordinated care for patients trying to cope with several chronic conditions at a time.

The Medicare data released Monday lack complete information about deaths, since they only record those who passed away in a hospital.

Is your church going to get you sick?

By Vince Faust
Special to The Mississippi Link

Everyone is looking forward to getting back to normal and getting back to doing the things they were doing before COVID-19. Going back to your place of worship is high on most people’s to-do-list. Will going back to my place of worship make me sick? Are our places of worship ready for their members?

I don’t want to cast your place of worship as a villain but there are a number of hazards lurking in our places of worship that should be taken care of before they entertain members. Most houses of worship have a number of hazards that are lurking in the buildings. They include toxins, allergens, irritants, germs and now the COVID-19 virus. All of these hazards can make a house of worship unhealthy to attend.

Researchers tested samples of holy water from a number of churches and hospital chapels. The study found extremely high concentrations of heterotrophic plate counts, which is used to measure microorganisms such as bacteria, mold and yeast in water. The study also found signs of fecal contamination as well as staphylococcus and other bacteria. The likely source was worshippers’ hands.

If you want to anoint yourself with holy water dip only a finger, then only touch your forehead. Your risk is minimized as long as you avoid your lip and eye area. You should wash your hands or use a hand sanitizer as soon as possible afterwards. If you have an infant that will be baptized make certain that all equipment to be used during the baptism is disinfected right before the service. Never drink communal water even if you see others drinking.

A lot of Christian denominations include a sacrament of communion in which wine and bread are shared. Often the members drink from a single large cup. Most officiates will wipe the rim with a cloth before serving the next person. This will reduce your chances of being contaminated with a cold virus, flu virus, oral herpes and some other viruses but it does not eliminate the risk. This also will not prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Some churches have started to



use small individual cups. If your place of worship has not moved in this direction you should talk to the minister that is in charge about implementing this practice.

Some religions require head covering for their worshippers. Some time the members forget to bring them and are offered one they can use during the service. Shared head covering can carry lice or other germs. If you must wear a head covering try to keep one in your car, briefcase or your coat pocket for those times you forget one.

Toxins are the last things you’d think would be a problem in your house of worship. There are toxins in most places that burn candles, oils and incense. Recent studies showed that after burning candles, oils and incense there was a higher concentration of toxic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAHs) in the air. These PAHs have been linked to the increased risk for lung cancer and other pulmonary diseases. The irritants in most candles, oils and incense can also trigger asthma attacks in susceptible people.

Mold isn’t limited to your house. Houses of worship are for the most part housed in older buildings. This makes them more susceptible to mold. Even newer building aren’t immune to mold. Plumbing leaks, poor insulation, large carpets that are shampooed frequently which makes them the perfect place for mold. Some mold can trigger allergic reactions or asthma attacks in sensitive people. Ask your lead-

ers to have your place of worship checked for mold.

If you are going back to your place of worship you should remember there is no cure for the COVID-19 virus now. The best way to combat the COVID-19 virus is to reduce your exposure. Our bodies fight off disease every minute of the day. You should look at your body as a fort that is being attacked every minute of the day. We are not defenseless. We do have weak spots but not weak enough to put us in dire straits. We do have to keep our defenses at or close to 100%.

Good nutrition, sleep, stress reduction, exercise and mental health are even more important. There is no way to be 100% infection free.

There are some things you can do to reduce your risk:

- Maintain a balance diet.
- Get enough sleep
- Exercise for 30 minutes everyday
- Keep your hands away from your nose, ears, mouth and eyes.
- Wash your hands often.
- Stop smoking
- Disinfect your house. Wash children’s toys periodically.
- Stay away from sick people.
- Plan your day.
- Avoid over crowding
- Wear a mask
- Isolate if you become sick.

Some things your house of worship can do:

- Put more space between chairs and encourage bigger seating gaps in pews.

- All church workers should wash their hands fanatically, wear masks, and maintain good personal hygiene.

- Try discouraging people with any sickness in their household from coming to their place of worship.

- Have hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes on hand. Keep all hand sanitizer out of the reach of children. Keep hand sanitizers away from fire or flame.

- Have regular scheduled cleanings of all areas.

- Hold services outside.

- Change air filters

- Ventilate the building. Don’t block air vents.

- Develop contact tracing program

- Check everyone entering the building.

- Ask worshippers not to use heavily scented powders, perfumes, hair sprays, deodorants and after-shave.

- Launder items such as drapes and linens (if possible) according to the manufacturer’s instructions. Use the warmest appropriate water setting and dry items completely

Before starting your fitness program, consult your physician.

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If you have a fitness question or concern you would like addressed write to “Tips to be Fit” P O Box 53443 Philadelphia PA 19105 or tipstobefit@gmail.com

Black Catholics: Words not enough as church decries racism

By David Crary
AP National Writer

Black Roman Catholics are hearing their church's leaders calling for racial justice once again after the killing of George Floyd, but this time they're demanding not just words but action.

As protests against racism and police brutality continue nationwide, there are rising calls for huge new investment in Catholic schools serving black communities; a commitment to teach the complex history of black Catholics; and a mobilization to combat racism with the same zeal the church shows in opposing abortion.

"As a church, we're very good with words. The church has made clear it stands against racism," said the Rev. Mario Powell, a black priest who heads a Jesuit middle school in Brooklyn.

"What's profoundly different this time is folks aren't looking for more words — they're looking for actual change," he said.

Noting that hundreds of Catholic inner-city schools have closed in recent decades, he's among those urging church leaders to make the necessary spending to reverse that. He also said all Catholic schools should teach the history of black Catholics in America.

"It's a history of discrimination and oppression," said Powell, 38. "It's also a very rich history that should be celebrated, of a population that has overcome a lot."

In 2018, after what it called an accumulation of "episodes of violence and animosity with racial and xenophobic overtones," the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a pastoral letter condemning racism and vowing to combat it. Numerous bishops issued similar statements following Floyd's death under

the knee of a white Minneapolis police officer.

Professor Shannen Dee Williams, a black Catholic who teaches history at Villanova University, argued in a June 15 article in the *National Catholic Reporter* that such responses are insufficient.

The recent statements "fall way short when it comes to acknowledging the church's role in the contemporary crisis and direct complicity in the sins of anti-black racism, slavery and segregation," she wrote, noting that the church was a major slaveholder in several states and engaged in segregation of parishes, schools, hospitals, convents and seminaries for decades after emancipation.

In an interview, Williams said the U.S. church hierarchy should formally apologize.

"We want them to own up to that history, and then atone for it," she said.

The same day her article appeared, Archbishop Wilton Gregory of Washington, D.C., the highest-ranking black leader in the U.S. church, joined eight fellow bishops from his region in acknowledging the church's "sins and failings" on racial justice.

"Prayer and dialogue, alone, are not enough. We must act to bring about true change," their statement said, calling for greater equality in health care, education, housing and criminal justice.

Black Catholics' somewhat marginal place in the U.S. church is illustrated by statistics compiled by the national bishops' conference.

According to the conference, there are about 3 million African-American Catholics, roughly 4% of the nation's 69 million Catholics. But there are just 250 black priests, or less than 1% of the total of 36,500, along with eight active black bishops out of more than 250, or about 3.2%.

Some are calling on church leaders to engage more energetically with youth at the forefront of the protest movement.

Earlier this month scores of young black Catholics staged a march in Louisville, Kentucky, to protest racial injustice and also signaling they want their local church leadership to do more.

One of the speakers, retired priest John Judie, included the church in a list of institutions that have favored white people over black people.

In an interview, Judie said some young people in the archdiocese are uncertain about their place.

"When is the leadership going to sit down with the young adults who organized that protest and listen to what drove them to do this?" Judie said. "So far, I'm not seeing it happen."

That's a notion shared by Ansel Augustine, who as a young priest in New Orleans in 2005 worked in the youth ministry of his parish on rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina.

"We see our youth and young adults leading these movements, putting their faith into action," said Augustine, now executive director of cultural diversity for the Washington archdiocese. "Now is the time to empower them, to listen to what these young prophets are saying."

Ralph McCloud, who directs the anti-poverty program of the national bishops' conference, said such steps are under way.

"We've begun with the listening sessions, hearing the very painful stories of people who've been victims of racism within the church and without," McCloud said.

"We need to broaden the conversation and see who's missing at the table," he added. "With African-American

Catholics, our numbers are so low that we get overlooked, sometimes inadvertently, sometimes intentionally."

Back in 2014, Augustine wrote an article for the Catholic media outlet Busted Halo asking why the fight against racism seemed to be a lesser priority for the U.S. Catholic leadership than the anti-abortion cause. Augustine took note when those remarks were echoed by Pope Francis earlier this month.

"We cannot close our eyes to any form of racism or exclusion, while pretending to defend the sacredness of every human life," the pontiff said.

Gregory, the Washington archbishop, echoed the idea that racial justice should be part of pro-life advocacy.

"Birth is only the first moment of a person's human dignity, which is never lost throughout the journey of life," he said via email.

That message heartens people like Lorelean Jordan, a parishioner of the predominantly black congregation of the Church of Saint Peter Claver in St. Paul, Minnesota.

"Black Lives Matter should be a pro-life issue, getting the same amount of resources and same amount of zeal as the pro-life movement," she said.

She would like to see the church help coordinate a national anti-racism march and direct all U.S. priests to mark the feast day of Peter Claver, the 17th-century patron saint of enslaved people, by preaching about racial injustice.

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Bank of Frank

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



"I am not the Bank of Frank" was one of the sayings my Daddy would half-jokingly say to me and my sisters when we would ask him for money when we were younger. The funny thing is that while he would be fussing about us asking him for money and him not being a money tree, he would be reaching for his wallet complaining all while counting out the money. However, he was more than an ATM giving us money when we asked. He also made deposits into the lives of me, my sisters as well as others.

With so much talk about the victims of police violence being fathers and leaving behind grieving children, I've thought quite a bit lately about the deposits that fathers make into their children's lives, even when they may not realize it. It could be as simple as George Floyd's 6-year-old daughter Gianna stating "Daddy changed the world." Regardless of the circumstances of her daddy's death, Gianna will hopefully cherish the many good times that she had with him.

For those of us who were blessed to have fathers that were an active part of our lives we can also say that our dads changed the world but maybe not on the global level of Floyd's raising awareness about police violence. For example, when we were going through insurance papers of my late father, we found a treasure trove including military records, resumes and performance evaluations that he kept from his jobs over 40 years in a baby blue Samsonite briefcase.

What I was most struck by was

a simple thank you note written to him in the early 1970's for the kindness he showed when a co-worker had a death in the family. The fact that my father still had it was a big surprise. But what was even more amazing was that the kindness that was described by the co-worker was the same kindness I'd seen my father show to others over the years. Even more importantly, it makes me realize that my desire to show kindness to others is one of the deposits that my father made in my life.

Seeing this nearly 50-year-old thank you note made me realize that he's the reason why I also love to keep thank you notes!

But what about those who didn't grow up with a father or didn't like the one you grew up with? You may have still learned lessons from them on what kind of person you choose not to be. Proverbs 4:1 says "Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding." In this case, the lesson is taught by watching people, realizing we don't want to be like them and avoiding their behavior.

I hope you took the time to honor your fathers (natural, spiritual, God-fathers, etc) and the deposits they've made in your life this past Father's Day. Keep this in mind: Our Heavenly Father loves us and wants the best for us...that's the best deposit that we can make in the lives of others.

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Justice shall prevail

By Bishop Dr. Jimmie R. Horton
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The death of George Floyd has enormously raised the human consciousness of injustice all over our cities, our nation and world. Dr. Martin Luther King has often stated that “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

People of diverse races and ethnicities in our nation are crying aloud together for justice. Every time we lose another human being to these horrific inhumane acts, our whole nation tremendously regresses. May this be a time that we, the American people, arise and be unified among ourselves as we fight to win the war for liberty and justice for all.

We are better together. We will never overcome the evils of injustice with rioting, loitering and other irrational forms of destruction. As we protest against the deadly injustices of our society, let us do it in the name of peace and non-violence.

One of the greatest evils of our society is when a human being stoops so low to hate another human being. We cannot completely love ourselves when we have hatred in our heart for others. The entire human race is interrelated and our destinies are universally tied together.

I, as Dr. Martin Luther King, grew up in the racially segregated south. We both were greatly influenced by parents who taught us to love and respect everyone regardless of their race, creed or color. We were taught to overcome hate with love and overcome evil

with good.

One of my most horrific memories of racial unrest was in 1970 on the campus of Jackson State University. I was a junior in college when the Jackson Police and/or the National Guard fired over 460 bullets into a dormitory where two black men lost their lives and many were injured. These heinous acts of violence have caused insurmountable pain and suffering. Many family members and citizens across our nation have yet to recover.

Our national focus upon improving policing in our cities across America is imperative.

As I am serving on several boards and community organizations, I am encountering many loyal policemen who are joining our clergy groups and community leaders offering collaborative contributions and service.

Growing up in Jackson and all over the Jim Crow south, men in blue suits with badges were a negative image to the black community. The police force at that time did not include minorities, however, my brothers and other family members, were among the minorities who brought not only diversity, but integrity, to the force. Effective policing is invaluable for the safety and well-being of our entire nation.

Now is the time that we must act with urgency upon the consciousness of our cry for justice all over our nation. This must be a daily, consistent and continual process. We should not let the many deaths such as that of George Floyd raise only a temporary consciousness just to return to the normalcy of the injustices of our past.

We must act now in our uni-

ed efforts to be inclusive of our young people who will play a vital role in the acts of justice now and in the future of our city and nation.

Empowering our educational systems is very essential. Much of my success as an educator in the Davenport Community Schools for 25 years can be attributed to my strong philosophy that all children can learn, especially when we convince each of them to believe that they all can achieve. Parental involvement is an absolute necessity in this process.

The achievement gaps within our educational systems pose serious disparities in our national economy. It takes a village to bring about positive change to assure a bright future for the youth of our society.

In the true spirit of the dream of Dr. Martin Luther Kin, we then will “Speed up the day when all of God’s children, Black men and White men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics can join hands and sing in the words of the Old Negro Spiritual, “Free At Last, Free At Last, Thank God Almighty We Are Free At Last.”

Together we can win the war and let justice prevail now and always.

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Eight minutes and forty-six seconds that will change America and the world

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Throughout our daily lives, time is important. To some extent, our moving about the countryside is all based on time. We have certain times to be at certain places.

However, Monday, May 25, time stood still. Three Minneapolis police officers stood still and almost silent as Derek Chauvin, another police officer had his knee on the neck of George Floyd. It was eight minutes and forty-six seconds, the time it took Chauvin to kill Floyd.

The death of this black man will be etched in the minds of America and the world forever. The disrespect and gall shown for life by these four men is reprehensible. They will live out the rest of their lives in agony and in shame.

The charge against Chauvin is murder in the 2nd degree. The other three officers have been charged with aiding and abetting in a murder. Already opinions have come out about what will happen in the case.

If you look at the video, it is clear what Chauvin was doing. The other three officers according to reports were relatively new to their jobs. How much this will factor in will be one of the questions.

In a memorial given in Minneapolis at North Central Univer-

sity, Reverend Al Sharpton gave a riveting and powerful eulogy. His consistent theme throughout was to get off the necks of African Americans. Our opportunities and basic existence have been hampered and hindered by a part of America. This part of America does not want to see African Americans succeed in any way, shape, form or fashion.

Sadly, and pathetically, they will never change because their hearts have grown cold and hardened.

Poignantly, at the end of his eulogy, Reverend Sharpton asked everyone in attendance to stand for eight minutes and forty-six seconds. This punctuated the brutality of this senseless killing.

Now, many in all walks of life have been moved to speak up and speak out about the killing of Floyd. Gregg Popovich, coach of the San Antonio Spurs said, “For white people to see how nonchalant, how causal, just how everyday-going-about-his job, so much so that he could just put his left hand in his pocket, wriggle his knee around a little to teach this person some sort of lesson and that it was his right and duty to do it in his mind. I think I’m just embarrassed as a white person to know this can happen.”

The marches and demonstrations do not seem to have an end in sight. Back in the day, the marches I participated in were mostly black. Now it is different.

They are quite racially diverse

which is a telling sign. Young white people are engaged and are speaking out about the evils of racism. I believe strongly they will be instrumental in bringing about racial reconciliation. They have come of age in an era of integration and do not see us as the enemy. They have black friends and do not see any stigma attached to it.

Dr. King said, “Justice for black people will not flow into society from court decisions nor from fountains of political oratory; nor will a few token changes quell all the tempestuous yearnings of millions of disadvantaged black people. White people must recognize that justice for black people cannot be achieved without radical changes in the structure of our society. The comfortable, the entrenched, the privileged cannot continue to tremble at the prospect of change to the status quo.”

Men and women of goodwill must lead the charge in making reforms that will benefit all of us because America is hurting right now.

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‘Listening’ to blacks shouldn’t be conditional

By Rev. Dean Nelson
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Too many whites on the right and left only want to listen to blacks who agree with them on everything.

The horrifying murders of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd have sparked unprecedented conversations about race in America on every imaginable platform.

I have been touched by many white friends reaching out and asking about my experiences of being black in America, but I have also been frustrated by how much of the conversation still seems to be dominated by whites, both conservative and liberal.

Far too many of my black friends and family members have experienced whites of all

ideological stripes lecturing them on what they should feel and think.

Perhaps the most outrageous of these cases occurred when my good friend and mentor to countless conservatives – black, white, young and old – Kay Coles James, penned a thoughtful and balanced reflection on the current state of affairs in our nation. I was deeply touched by her courage and eloquence. Her words reflected what nearly every black American conservative I know feels: we love our country, we refuse to use race as an excuse not to be and do our best, but we know America still has a race problem.

Tucker Carlson – a well-known figure with a popular show on Fox News – responded to James’ incredibly moving piece by accusing her on his television program of penning “a long scream denouncing America as an irredeemably

racist nation.” This is beyond absurd. James wrote, “There is no other country like ours in the world – nothing compares to its greatness.” Like countless black leaders before her, she is merely calling us to live up to America’s best ideals. And you can’t do that if you won’t acknowledge there’s a problem in the first place.

The work of healing America’s racial wounds is not done. Mrs. James has a responsibility, as not only the leader of America’s preeminent conservative think tank, but also as a black female conservative, to speak out on difficult issues regarding race relations. But Carlson’s comments remind me that some – on the right and the left – want to engage blacks in the “national conversation” only when those blacks are saying exactly what they want to hear.

If you are a black liberal, you’d better not challenge the

liberal orthodoxy surrounding abortion or family structure. You will be cancelled.

And if you are a black conservative, you’d better not acknowledge that racism exists or plays any role in the challenges our nation faces today. You will be denounced as an America-hater, no matter how many decades you have worked to make your country the best it can be.

The black conservatives I know are not conservative because we think race is not a problem in this country; we are conservative because we think that economic prosperity, limited government and strong families are best for all Americans, including black Americans.

We are conservative because we think black Americans deserve more autonomy over our own lives, not less, and we want a government that protects our right to create the good life for ourselves rather than asks us to

wait naively for a magical set of social services to rescue us.

I am a generation younger than Mrs. James and enjoyed a very happy childhood in rural Fauquier County, Virginia. But I heard the N-word as a matter of course. There was a restaurant in our town that refused service to blacks well into the 1980’s. As children, my cousin and I were chased into the woods by a white man with a gun. My high school guidance counselor told me not to take Latin because she said I would fail and encouraged me to enlist in the military instead of applying to college. Some friends who cheered my admission to Howard raised their eyebrows when I transferred to the University of Virginia.

As an adult, I have – like nearly every black man in America – been pulled over by cops for no reason, as has my almost 19-year-old son. A white woman allowed her dog to bite me while

I was jogging on a public sidewalk in my own neighborhood because she said I got too close to her. My daughter was falsely accused of shoplifting at 13. Like most, I could go on.

I want to clarify that my experiences have been very, very mild compared to those of many of my friends and relatives and that I have never been traumatized or defined by them. I have raised my kids to love this country and to never use their race as an excuse for not working as hard as they can. But I will not raise them to deny the realities they and their friends and relatives experience, nor do I want to leave them a world where blacks are only allowed in the conversation to the degree that we make people like Tucker Carlson comfortable.

Rev. Dean Nelson is chairman of the Douglass Leadership Institute, www.DLINSTITUTE.org

“The Land Was Theirs Before They Were the Land’s...” by Elizabeth Sewell

Special to the Mississippi Link

Elizabeth Sewell, author of the poem, “The Land Was Theirs Before They were the Land’s.” was a faculty member in the English department of Tougaloo College during the Civil Rights Era.

A copy of the poem was provided to *The Mississippi Link* by Margrit Garner, the Swiss wife of retired Tougaloo professor John Garner. The couple recently organized a neighborhood silent protest regarding the killing of George Floyd as publicized in *The Mississippi Link*, June 11-17 issue.

“To the best of my knowledge the poem is unpublished,” said John Garner who describes it as a powerful witness to the institutionalized racist brutality of the June 21, 1964 murders of three civil rights workers, James Chaney, a Mississippi African American along with Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman, two Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) workers from New York.

The poem was given to his wife Margrit by Hamid Kizilbash, a Pakistani who at that time was a sociology professor at Tougaloo College. He was an active civil rights worker in Mississippi.

Garner said, “Elizabeth and Hamid both transported civil rights workers to various civil rights events and were good friends.”

<p>And the sunsets there are as beautiful, as anywhere in the world Pure fire at first which sinks, and from ground to zenith rises a blush of rose Above which the solemn blue attends and darkens, so they took the three young men out of the station wagon which they later burned.</p> <p>And you watch the glow change minute by minute, Wine juice draining down the universe, the huge purple grape of the sky Pricked on the needle of one incredible star.</p> <p>So they faced each other and there are some who will know The first terrible plunge of fear, Then the quick careful rebinding of the self The readiness, in silence.</p> <p>And then comes the night, black, black-intense And the breeze puffs river and creek smells Over the moist black earth and the mashers And the stars go expanding in the vaporous dark and the miles of quiet.</p> <p>So they began to work them over, the three, but most the dark one Bones smashed like sugarcane in a molasses of blood Reduced them, young man by young man, To a sobbing retching mass, partly conscious, Till the three hearts shuddered and stopped To the five bullets they shared, unevenly.</p>	<p>And the dawns there are white and poignant New sun slopes down on to soaking dew Long oblique colorless rays bursting through trees and hanging moss And one remembers such a sharp steamy morning And a small Mississippi cat prancing over the high wet grass And the misty beams and shadows, purposeful and absurd and sweet.</p> <p>So they stamped down the untidy holes in the ramp Of the half-built dam and left the three, still warm and already rotting, To be thrust deeper and deeper into that hot earth by the innocent machines While they went back as a matter of course to their homes and their business, To slow speech with fellow human beings, to wiping their little children’s faces Sticky after their dinner, to the conjugal bed.</p> <p>And now irrevocably and forever the land is theirs, who gave themselves and were given Who lay with that land a little space, In its beauty and their own So best we bethink ourselves, how all of us (and we are all Mississippians) Will be called on to honor, In terms none can foresee, the gift outright.</p>
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RE: GS# 525-025 Server Room Sub Floor Repairs
Department of Rehabilitation Services
RFx #: 3160003700

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

Professional: Burris/Wagnon Architects, P.A.
Address: 500L East Woodrow Wilson Avenue
Jackson, Mississippi 39216
Phone: 601-969-7543
Email: info@burriswagnon.com

A deposit of \$50.00 is required. Bid preparation will be in accordance with Instructions to Bidders bound in the project manual. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids. NOTE: Telephones and desks will not be available for bidders use at the bid site.

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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI
SIGN VARIANCES FOR MEADOWBROOK OFFICE PARK

THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SIGN VARIANCE FOR MEADOWBROOK OFFICE PARK TO RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT ON TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE CITY HALL BUILDING, 219 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MS, 39201. INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. PLEASE CONTACT THE SIGNS & LICENSE DIVISION (601) 960-1154 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

I. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

A. OLD BUSINESS

1. CASE NO. 2020-09, REQUESTED BY: SAM NEWMAN, TO CONSTRUCT A NEW MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AT 0 GILLESPIE STREET (PARCEL 15-9), LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. CASE NO. 2020-11, REQUESTED BY: JULIA MARKS YOUNG TO REPLACE THE 75' LONG TIMBER RETAINING WALL WITH 4' HIGH AND 75' LONG CONCRETE BLOCK RETAINING WALL AND INSTALL DRAINAGE AGGREGATE (PEA GRAVEL) & DRAINAGE PIPE BEHIND THE RETAINING WALL ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF THE HOUSE AT 1820 PINEHURST ST. LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

2. CASE NO. 2020-13, REQUESTED BY: JILL PIECZYK TO REPLACE ONE EXISTING WINDOW AND FRAME DOOR WITH PRE-HUNG, PRIMED, INWARD SWINGING DOOR AND TO BUILD A PRESSURE TREATED WOOD LANDING WITH 2 STEPS AT 859 FAIRVIEW ST. LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

3. CASE NO. 2020-14, REQUESTED BY: MILLSAPS COLLEGE/COLEMAN BOND TO REMOVE TWO TREES AT THE PRESIDENT'S HOME AT 1543 NORTH STATE ST. LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DISTRICT.

II. ADJOURN

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, COMMISSIONERS AND APPLICANTS WILL ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING BZHAO@JACKSONMS.GOV TO REGISTER PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2020.

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Advertisement for Reverse Auction Bids

Bid 3142 POS System

Reverse Auction bidding 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) July 10, 2020, at which time Reverse Auction bidding begins electronically. 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 Reverse Auction bid opening ends.

Unpriced Specification responses must be submitted for this bid event. Specifications are due no later than (12:00 p.m., June 30, 2020) local time to be the given the opportunity to participate in the auction. Vendors submitting acceptable specification responses will be invited to participate in the electronic reverse auction at HYPERLINK "http://www.centralbidding.com" www.centralbidding.com on July 10, 2020 beginning at 10:00 a.m. local time. Vendors must be registered with Central Bidding in order to participate in the reverse auction. For any questions concerning the reverse auction process or how to register, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

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Advertisement for RFPs

RFP 2020-10 Core Text (Classroom Libraries)

RFP 2020-11 District Benchmark

Sealed, written formal rfp proposals for the above rfp 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) July 15, 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 rfps, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any rfp if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date rfps are opened.

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 www.jackson.k12.ms.us.

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RE: GS# 350-026 HVAC & Energy Upgrades (700 Building)
Office of Capitol Facilities (Department of Finance and Administration)
RFx #: 3160003705

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

Professional: Engineering Resource Group, Inc.
Address: Post Office Drawer 16443
Jackson, Mississippi 39236
Phone: 601-362-3552
Email: mbutler@ergms.com

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

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

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS – NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
NCRS EWP SELECT SPECIALTY HOSPITAL STABILIZATION PROJECT
Jackson, Mississippi
PROJECT NO. 19B5000.901

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, July 21, 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 NCRS EWP SELECT SPECIALTY HOSPITAL STABILIZATION PROJECT, City Project No. 195000.901. Please address envelope to City Clerk, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205.

The entire project must be completed within sixty (60) calendar days. The contract will be subject to liquidated damages in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) per calendar day for each consecutive calendar day in which the contract time is exceeded.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full an equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a precondition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) plan. Failure to comply with the City's ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact Michael Davis with the office of Economic Development at (601) 960-1856. Copies of the ordinance, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the Program are available at 200 South President Street, Warren Hood Building, Second Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

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

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 to 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.

Contract Drawings, Contract Specifications, and Proposals forms are on file and open to public inspection at Crown Engineering, PLLC located at 5269 Keele Street, Suite C, Jackson, Mississippi 39206. One (1) copy of the Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be procured at Crown Engineering, PLLC, upon payment of \$100.00 dollars for each set, which will not be refunded. All request and questions regarding plans and specifications can be directed to Calvin Dean, PE, Principal, (601) 713-4346. 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.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on June 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (CST), in the 5th floor conference room of the Warren Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. All potential contractors, subcontractors, and other interested parties are encourage to attend.

"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."

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.

The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all informalities

Robert K. Miller
Director, Department of Public Works

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS – NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
NCRS EWP FONTAINE PARK DRIVE STABILIZATION PROJECT
Jackson, Mississippi
PROJECT NO. 19B5001.902

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Robert K. Miller
Director, Department of Public Works

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Hinds County Soil and Water Conservation District
Invitation to Bid for Certified Public Accountants

HINDS COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS FOR A MULTI-YEAR AUDIT Notice is hereby given by the Hinds County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Commissioners that sealed bids will be received by said Board until 4:00 P.M. ON THE 26th day of June 2020. Minority vendors and women owned businesses are encouraged to apply. Bid proposals should include a summary of qualifications and references for any work that pertains to auditing public funding agencies. Bids should be submitted in sealed envelopes and addressed to Hinds County Soil and Water Conservation District, 322 New Market Drive, Jackson, MS 39209 with Bids for Multi-Year Audit plainly printed on the outside of the envelope. Sealed bids received pursuant to this public notice will be opened and evaluated on July 8, 2020. The Soil and Water Conservation District reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted, waive formalities, and to accept the proposal from the Certified Public Accountant that best meets the needs of the Hinds County Soil and Water Conservation District.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR QUALIFICATIONS
AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
BY THE
JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
FOR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE REHABILITATION OF TAXIWAY ALPHA, PHASE TWO
PROJECT AT THE
JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (JMAA PROJECT NUMBER 012-17)

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") requests Statements of Qualifications and Expressions of Interest (each, a "Statement of Qualifications") to provide engineering design and construction administration services (the "Services") to JMAA in connection with the Rehabilitation of Taxiway Alpha, Phase Two Project, JMAA Project No. 012-17 at the Jackson- Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport ("JAN").

JMAA will receive electronic sealed submissions only. All submissions of Statement of Qualifications to perform the Services will be accepted until Thursday, July 23, 2020 at 4:00 pm (CST) (the "Deadline"). Electronic submissions are to be submitted via email to cparker@jmaa.com. JMAA will also receive hand delivered electronic submissions up to the Deadline at JMAA's administrative offices, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208.

JMAA will not consider any Statement of Qualifications received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Statement of Qualifications ("RFQ") is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFQ, General Information for Respondents, Information Required from Respondents, and Criteria for Selection.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Chad G Parker, JMAA Director of Procurement, as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208)
Post Office Box 98109
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109
Attention: Chad G Parker, Director of Procurement Telephone No.: (601) 939-5631, ext 516
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713
E-Mail: cparker@jmaa.com

or from JMAA's website at https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/
JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference via video conferencing on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 2:00 pm (CST). Here is the information needed to access the Pre-Submission Conference:

Link: https://call.lifesizecloud.com/4056382 | Passcode: 1234
Dial In Number: (312) 584-2401 | Extension: 4056382 | Passcode: 1234

Attendance at the Pre-Submission Conference is highly recommended for all those interested in submitting a Statement of Qualifications as a Prime Consultant for the work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Consultant. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants, the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Submission Conference, and the opportunity to receive detailed scope related information from the project owner.

Based on the Statement of Qualifications, JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent ranked first on the list. If such negotiations fail to produce an agreement, in form and content, satisfactory to JMAA, within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the first-ranked Respondent.

In that event, JMAA will follow the same process with the other Respondents, in the order of their ranking, until a Respondent agrees to and enters into an agreement satisfactory to JMAA.

JMAA reserves the right to: (1) reject any and all Statement of Qualifications, for any reason, any time before execution of a contract with a Respondent selected by JMAA to perform the Services.

JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 30% for the Services solicited by this RFQ. JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

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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, July 14, 2020, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

75070-071420	12-Month Supply of Ready-Mix Concrete
55048-071420	12- Month Supply of Traffic Sign Sheetting Materials

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV 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, Purchasing Manager
Purchasing Division
(601) 960-1533

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Advertisement for RFPs

RFP 2020-12 Lead Partner for Instructional Support

RFP 2020-13 Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum

RFP 2020-14 Translation, Interpretation and Transcription Services

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BUREAU OF BUILDING, GROUNDS AND
REAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
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RE: GS# 609-031 Marina Improvements (Re-Bid)
J. P. Coleman State Park
RFx #: 3160003701

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

Professional: Dean McRae Engineering, Inc.
Address: Post Office Box 573
Iuka, Mississippi 38852
Phone: 662-423-9104
Email: kmcrae@deanmcrac.com

A deposit of \$125.00 is required. Bid preparation will be in accordance with Instructions to Bidders bound in the project manual. The Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all bids. NOTE: Telephones and desks will not be available for bidders use at the bid site.

Calvin R. Sibley, Bureau Director
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Jackson, Mississippi
PROJECT NO. 19BS002.903

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, July 21, 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 NCRS EWP CAROLWOOD DRIVE STABILIZATION PROJECT, City Project No. 195002.903. Please address envelope to City Clerk, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205.

The entire project must be completed within sixty (60) calendar days. The contract will be subject to liquidated damages in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) per calendar day for each consecutive calendar day in which the contract time is exceeded.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full an equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a precondition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) plan. Failure to comply with the City's ordinance shall disqualify a contractor, bidder or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact Michael Davis with the office of Economic Development at (601) 960-1856. Copies of the ordinance, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the Program are available at 200 South President Street, Warren Hood Building, Second Floor, Jackson, Mississippi.

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 to 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.

Contract Drawings, Contract Specifications, and Proposals forms are on file and open to public inspection at Crown Engineering, PLLC located at 5269 Keele Street, Suite C, Jackson, Mississippi 39206. One (1) copy of the Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be procured at Crown Engineering, PLLC, upon payment of \$100.00 dollars for each set, which will not be refunded. All request and questions regarding plans and specifications can be directed to Calvin Dean, PE, Principal, (601) 713-4346. 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.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on June 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. (CST), in the 5th floor conference room of the Warren Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. All potential contractors, subcontractors, and other interested parties are encourage to attend.

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.

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.

The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all informalities

Robert K. Miller
Director, Department of Public Works

6-18-2020, 6-25-2020

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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, July 14, 2020, at which time said bids will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 S. President Street Jackson MS 39201 for the following:

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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, and 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

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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, and 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.

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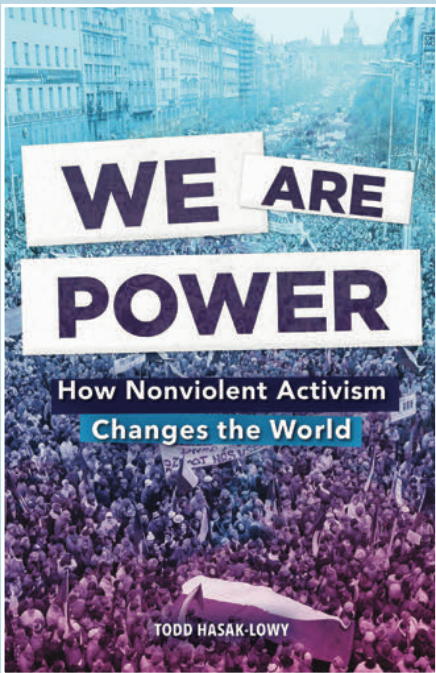
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BOOK REVIEW:

WE ARE POWER

BY TODD HASAK-LOWY

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

You put a lot of work into your sign.

When you were done, what was once the side of a cardboard box suddenly became a note to the world – but as you were making it, you have to admit that you wondered if one cardboard sign was going to make much of a difference. You were protesting, but who would notice? Read “We Are Power” by Todd Hasak-Lowy, and wonder no more.

There you were, sitting in History class last year, thinking that

there were So. Many. Wars. Right, but get this: history is much more than that. Hasak-Lowy says that history is also about “conflicts of a different sort....”

Take, for instance, the movement for suffrage: women in the early part of the last century had zero rights. Zero, but they wanted to be able to vote more than anything. It took women like Alice Paul years before protests and marches gained them (and us) that right but the entire time, they stayed the course. Yes, it meant sacrifices, both physical and mental, but Paul and her sisters stuck

with the plan.

Mohandas Gandhi used the word “satyagraha” to describe intentional, firm, truthful and forceful nonviolent action or resistance. Gandhi embraced satyagraha when he peacefully organized 300 million Indians against British rule, knowing that there was strength in numbers.

Though he was a twenty-seven-year-old “inexperienced pastor” who’d been tapped to lead a boycott he’d barely had opportunity to grasp, Martin Luther King realized that nonviolent resistance was dangerous, but worth it. It was

courageous, not cowardly.

And just a few years ago, a small braid-wearing teenager stepped to a microphone to address world leaders about climate change and the urgency for doing something solid about it. By her courage, Greta Thunberg became a satyagrahi, and brought nonviolent activism to the forefront of the 21st century.

Here’s the first thing you should know about “We Are Power:” it’s not a planner for anarchy and it’s not a how-to book; if anything, it’s a how-not-to book.

Indeed, through stories and a



few period photographs, author Todd Hasak-Lowy shows young readers something important about making change: that when an individual becomes part of a well-thought-out, peaceful collective, things can happen without warfare. There’s a reason, in other words, that it’s called “NONviolent activism.”

For the teen who’s a bit on the pessimistic side, or is eagerly ambivalent about involvement, that can be inspirational, even exciting – and yet, Hasak-Lowy doesn’t get cuddly about the realities: activism is hard work and sometimes

literal pain, and it might take years to see the fruits of one’s labor.

History shows that activists like those in this book have braved danger, but it also shows that steady, insistent confrontation works.

For the 10-to-14-year-old who’s been riveted by recent news or activities in their hometowns, this book will inspire and inform, and it will help them find parallels between yesterday and today. They’ll want “We Are Power” for its truth and its comprehensiveness, so find it. For the future of all, that’s a good sign.



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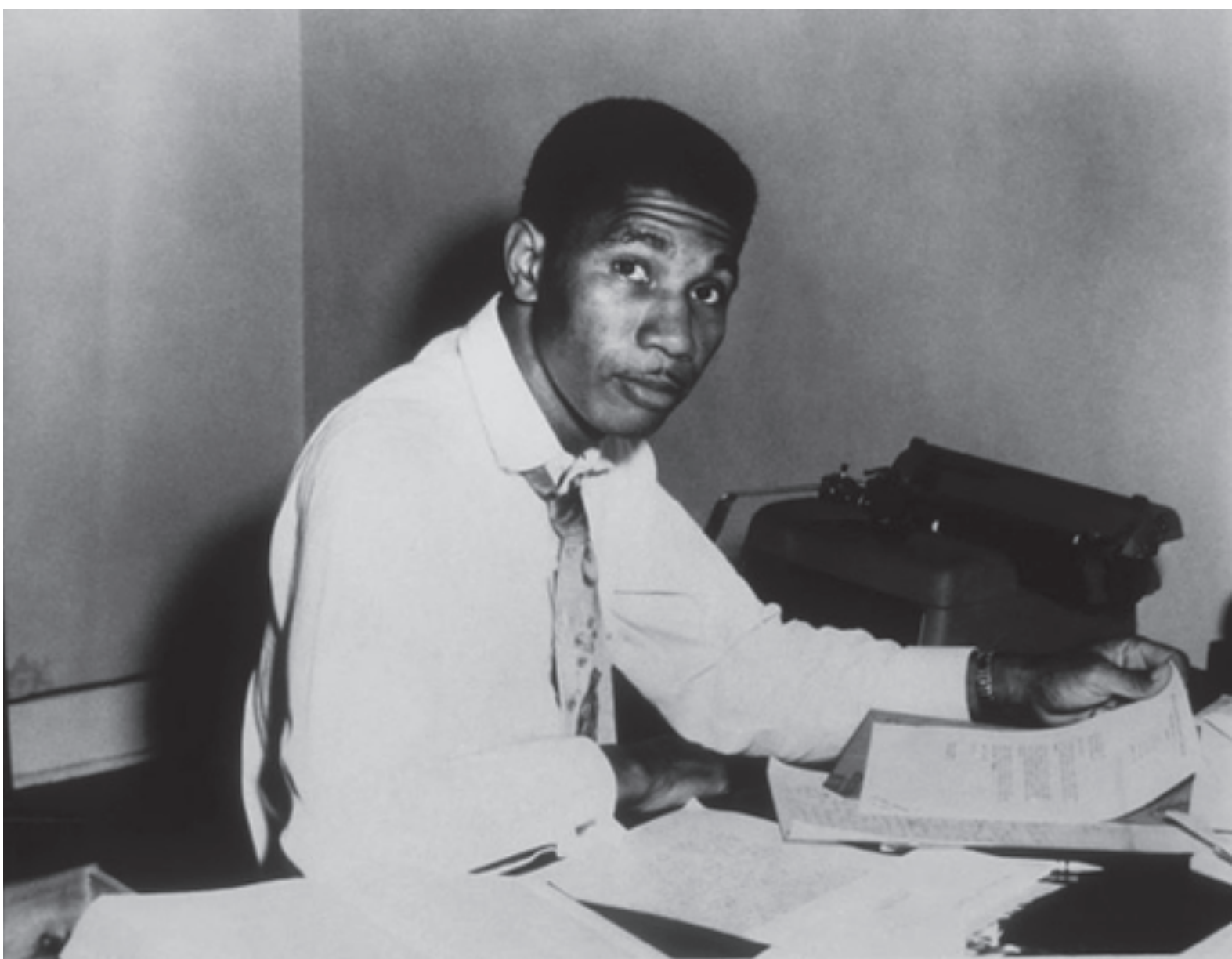
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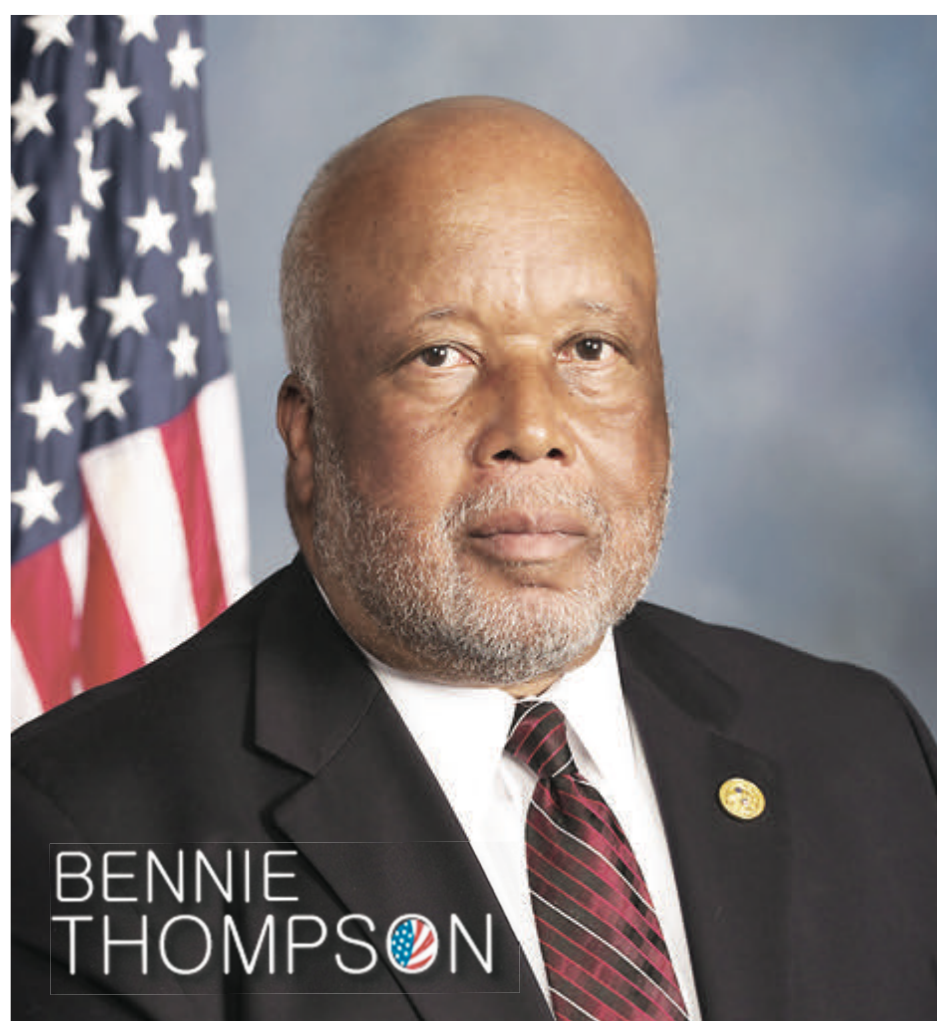
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U.S. CONGRESSMAN BENNIE THOMPSON....

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