

# Charges upgraded on officer arrested for George Floyd’s death

## Three others charged with aiding and abetting

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

On Wednesday, at a news conference in Minnesota, Attorney General Keith Ellison formally announced that charges have been upgraded on former police officer Derek Chauvin, who pressed his knee against George Floyd’s neck until Floyd breathed his last breadth.

Chauvin, who has been the center of widespread protests throughout the world due to Floyd’s killing, has now been charged with murder in the second degree. Chauvin was previously charged with third-degree murder and second degree manslaughter.

In the news conference Ellison stated, “I now believe the evidence available to us supports the stronger charge of second-degree murder.”

Ellison also announced that arrest warrants were issued for 3 fired officers who were on the scene with Chauvin when Floyd was killed. Thomas Lane, J. Alexander Kueng, and Tou Thao were at the scene of the killing May 25.



Chauvin



Floyd

Both Lane and Kueng helped restrain Floyd during the incident. Each of these fired officers are being charged with aiding and abetting murder.

Elision said, “I strongly believe that these developments are in the interests of justice for George Floyd, his family, our community and our state. Ellison further stated that the charges filed against all four officers are justified by the facts and the law.

Benjamin Crump, the attorney for George Crump’s family said in a tweet Wednesday, “This is a bittersweet moment. We are deeply gratified Attorney General Ellison took decisive action, arresting and charging ALL the officers involved in Floyd’s death and upgrading the charge against Derek Chauvin to felony second-degree murder.”

Congressman Bennie Thompson in a phone interview

with *The Mississippi Link* said, “The murder of George Floyd shocked just about everyone. I commend the Attorney General of Minnesota for upgrading the murder charges and for bringing the three other former officers into custody.”

Thompson said that America has to atone for this murder.

He has served Mississippi’s 2nd congressional district since 1993 and said “America must do better.”

# Petal mayor refuses to resign after disturbing George Floyd tweet

By Edelia “Dr. Jay” Carthan  
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A white Mississippi mayor is receiving backlash after tweeting insensitive comments amid the controversial death of George Floyd, an unarmed black man, who died recently while in police custody after a white policeman kneeled on his neck for nine and a half minutes.

Floyd pleaded for his life and asked for his mother after repeatedly saying, “I can’t breathe,” a phrase also used by Eric Garner whose life was met with the same fate in July of 2014.

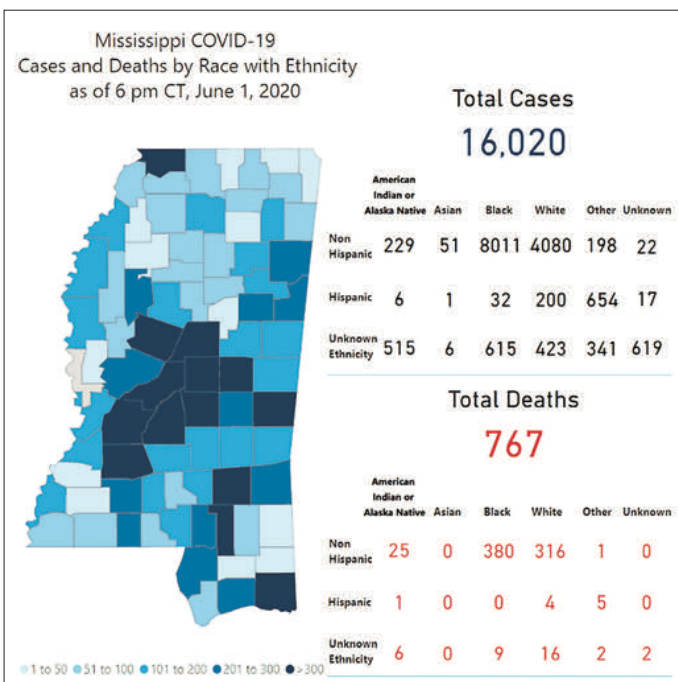
“If you say you can’t breathe, you’re breathing. Most likely that man died of an overdose or heart attack,” the Petal mayor tweeted, weighing in on the viral video.



City of Petal Hall Marx

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## MISSISSIPPI COVID-19 UPDATE

New Cases and Deaths as of June 2

### NEW CASES

302

New COVID-19 positive tests reported to MSDH as of 6 p.m. Tuesday

### NEW DEATHS

15

New COVID-19 related deaths reported to MSDH as of 6 p.m. Tuesday

### LTC OUTBREAKS

126

Current outbreaks in long-term care facilities. (One or more cases among staff or residents counts as an outbreak.)

# Mississippi Gov: Protests good but no place for ‘agitators’



Protesters lie on ground at Jackson Police Department. PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

By Emily Wagster Pettus  
Associated Press

Protesters marched in Mississippi’s capital city Monday, with some stopping to lie on the ground outside Jackson’s main police station to remember George Floyd, a black man who died after a Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into Floyd’s neck for several minutes.

Other protests took place during the weekend in Oxford, Biloxi, Jackson and other parts of Mississippi. There were no reports of violence.

Mississippi Republican Gov. Tate Reeves said Monday that he respects people’s First Amendment right to pro-

test. He said he differentiates between those who are protesting to air grievances and “anarchists and agitators from other parts of the country who seem committed to violence.”

“We’ve seen them all over the country in the last few days and frankly, they’re usually spoiled kids who are privileged enough to not know the consequences and they tend to co-op otherwise protests that are nonviolent,” Reeves said. “I want you to hear that there is no place for the anarchists and there is no place for the antagonists here in Mississippi.”

Protesters

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# Protests erupt across America after police murder of George Floyd

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Senior Correspondent

From the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul to the Streets of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston, Chicago, Louisville, Atlanta, Washington, DC and New York City, and the bright lights of the Big Apple, citizens across racial lines are expressing outrage over the police killing of George Floyd, the latest in a country-mile long list of black men and women murdered under the color of law.

City officials in Minneapolis and St. Paul called on the National Guard, and state police lined the streets there in riot gear.

“There is a lot of pain and anger right now in our city... What we have seen in terms of looting is unacceptable,” said Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey to CBS News.

“We’re seeing two separate groups, said St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter to CBS.

“[There are] protestors... and folks who are out to use George Floyd’s killing... [to] further victimize the very communities who have already been traumatized...”

An 8 p.m. curfew was ordered, and an African-American CNN reporter was arrested while giving a live report from a hotspot of protests.

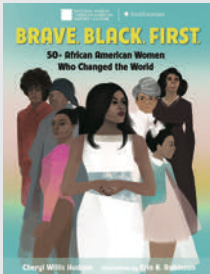
In California, demonstrators closed the 101 freeway in San Jose as marchers took to the streets in San Francisco and Oakland.

In New York, where the novel coronavirus hit America the hardest and where residents had remained reluctant to gather outdoors, protestors jammed city streets.

New York’s Gov. Andrew Cuomo joined an extensive list of politicians condemning the action of former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin, 44, who, along with three other officers, were vid-

Floyd

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# Hinds County School District Weekly Update

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## Highlights from Gary Road Elementary Parade!



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## Protestors

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He said any efforts to cause violence “will be overwhelmed.” “I am not threatening,” Reeves said. “I am promising that the full force of our state will be ready and willing to defend our communities.”

Reeves acknowledged hearing protesters outside the Governor’s Mansion during the weekend.

“I heard their message,” Reeves said. “I watched in a manner that was forceful without descending into violence.”

The Jackson suburb of Pearl said on social media Monday that it was temporarily closing an outlet mall because of the possibility of protests and warned of the continuing coronavirus pandemic.

In Oxford Monday, a judge set bond for a man charged with defacing a Confederate monument at the University of Mississippi during nationwide protests against police brutality. A judge ruled that Zachary Borenstein, 38, could be released on \$5,000 bail, *The Oxford Eagle* reported.

Borenstein is a graduate of the university. He was arrested Saturday after the rebel memorial was damaged with spray paint that said “spiritual genocide” and red hand prints. He faces a felony charge of defacing public property.

Critics contend the memorial near the main administrative building sends a signal that the university glorifies the Confederacy and glosses over the South’s history of slavery. Confederate memorials and monuments have been targeted elsewhere during protests against police killings. Installed in 1906 during a period when Confederate descendants and sympathizers were erecting monuments to the “lost cause” of the South, the statue was a rallying point in 1962 for people who rioted to oppose the university’s court-ordered integration.

Arielle Hudson, the university’s first African-American woman Rhodes Scholar, created a fund to cover Borenstein’s bail money. She was one of the main leaders of a movement to relocate the statue from its current location. The state college board has delayed acting on recommendations that the statue be moved to a secluded part of campus, where some Civil War soldiers are buried.

University of Mississippi Chancellor Glenn Boyce issued a statement after Borenstein’s arrest condemning racism and saying he is committed to moving the statue, *The Daily Mississippian* reported.

“That monument has divided this campus, and the process of its removal from the Circle is one I am committed to seeing through to completion,” Boyce said. “There is more to do, but this needs to happen.”

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## Petal

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Hal Marx, the Republican mayor of Petal admits that his comments were not well thought out but he refuses to resign. “I admit that my comments on the recent tragic death of George Floyd in Minnesota were made in haste and not well-thought out or expressed, he said. “I apologize to the people of our city...I will not resign.”

Lea Campbell, an activist who helped organize a march, said the mayor’s remarks were veiled racism that attempted to dehumanize and criminalize George Floyd instead of the real criminal, the police officer who murdered him. At least 200 people rallied at Petal City Hall Sunday, a third day of protests, demanding the mayor’s resignation.

“The citizens of Petal will accept nothing less than Hal Marx’s resignation,” Lea demanded. The Petal Board of Aldermen held a special meeting Thursday, voting unanimously to ask for the mayor’s resignation.

“He has a history of racist remarks on social media and a history of providing cover for police who kill black men,” Lea explained. “In 2017, a Petal police officer shot Marc Davis three times and killed him at the scene of the car accident Davis was injured in. Davis was reportedly unarmed and shot three times including once in the back by the officer. Marx supported the officer without calling for a transparent public investigation.”

“These most recent remarks signal to police with racial biases that they will be welcomed to work on the Marx administration,” Lea said. “We organized the rallies to give Petal citizens a platform to have their demands for Marx’s resignation amplified to the world.”

Indianapolis Colts offensive lineman Javon Patterson also tweeted, “You know as a former resident of Petal...this is truly disturbing to see. To know that a leader of the community feels right even posting this.”

There’s another special called Board of Aldermen meeting Tuesday night at 5:30 p.m. at Petal City Hall. While citizens are still calling for his resignation, Marx’s Twitter account is no longer active.

Marx’s actions are disgraceful to all elected officials whose mission should be to serve all citizens.



Concerned citizens who rallied at Petal City Hall.

## Floyd

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teotaped using excessive force on Floyd.

National Newspaper Publishers Association Chair Karen Carter Richards and NNPA President and CEO Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., and numerous other Black Press of America newspaper publishers have expressed outrage over Floyd’s murder and concern about the rampant killings of African Americans at the hands of police and white supremacist vigilantes acting under color

of law.

Chauvin inexplicably pressed his knee against a handcuffed Floyd’s neck while the black man lay on the ground.

The assault went on for nine minutes, with Floyd pleading that he couldn’t breathe.

Floyd died a short time later at a local hospital.

On Friday, May 29, Chauvin was arrested

and charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter. Later on that day, bail was set at \$500,000.

“The investigation is ongoing,” said Hanne-pin County Attorney Mike Freeman in a press conference, noting that other charges may be imminent.

“Chauvin has eighteen prior complaints of improper police conduct, including violence,”

said Guy Lewis, former U.S. Attorney to FOX News. “Just charging [and] arresting is only half the picture... the real goal here is to convict.”

He currently faces up to 25 years in prison if convicted.

“This is not a new story, this is a continuing narrative,” Cuomo stated. “This is just another chapter in the book called: Injustice and inequality in America.”

# Jackson Association of Black Social Workers responds to killing of George Floyd

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

The mission of the National Association of Black Social Workers, Inc. is to “work and create a world in which people of African ancestry will live free from racial domination, economic exploitation and cultural oppression. In collaboration with national, international and other appropriate groups, NABSW will continue to leverage its collective expertise to strategically develop the capacity of people of African

ancestry to sustain and flourish.”

Consistent with the mission of our national association, the Jackson Association of Black Social Workers recognizes “racism as a risk factor for any person of color in our society.” We stand in solidarity with those who speak out against the racist acts that led to the death of Mr. Floyd and others like him that go unpunished. We stand ready to defend and uphold all aspects of racial dis-

parities, injustices and inequalities in communities of color.

Social workers have an ethical duty to actualize our commitment to social justice. Therefore, we reaffirm and advocate for a fair policy change in the current justice system impacting our society.

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- 4) **Child's Social Security number**
- 5) **Medical insurance of child (if applicable)**
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# Veterans of Foreign Wars place flags on graves of soldiers

By Jeffrey McKenzie Jr.  
Guest Writer

On Memorial Day, May 25, 2020, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 9832, members of its auxiliary, the VFW 5th District Commander Essie Rash, and members of the Community Health Initiative Obesity Fighters placed memorial U.S. flags on the graves of soldiers laid to rest at Autumn Woods Memorial Gardens Cemetery on Northside Drive in Jackson.

The flag-placing ceremony began with a prayer by Comrade Harold Grant and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance, led by the Post Commander Sam Clay. The event ended with a final salute to the fallen by Comrade Christopher Gray and the playing of “Taps.”

Among those honored was Robert L. Mayberry, a standout member of the 1964-1965 National High School Basketball Championship team Lanier Bulldogs (833), and an Army Veteran who, along with Sr. Vice Cmdr. Aaron Honeysucker, enlisted into the United States Army May 13, 1968. Both Mayberry and Honeysucker attended basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky and both were involved in combat operations in the Vietnam War.

All the veterans honored, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to The United States of America for an amount up to and including their lives.

All gave some, some gave all.



Comrade Tara Rivers and Cmdr. Aaron Honeysucker pay tribute to Army Veteran Robert Mayberry.



Post Cmdr. Sam Clay, Comrade Harold Grant



Comrade Christopher Gray saluted all veterans who wrote a blank check to The United States of America.



Auxiliary President Gladys McKenzie and Secy. Alisa Anderson



Cmdr. Essie Rash pays respect to her parents.



Members of the Community Health Initiative Obesity Fighters (C.H.I.O.F.)



Members of VFW Post and its Auxiliary, place flag on fallen VFW Comrade, Otis Washington



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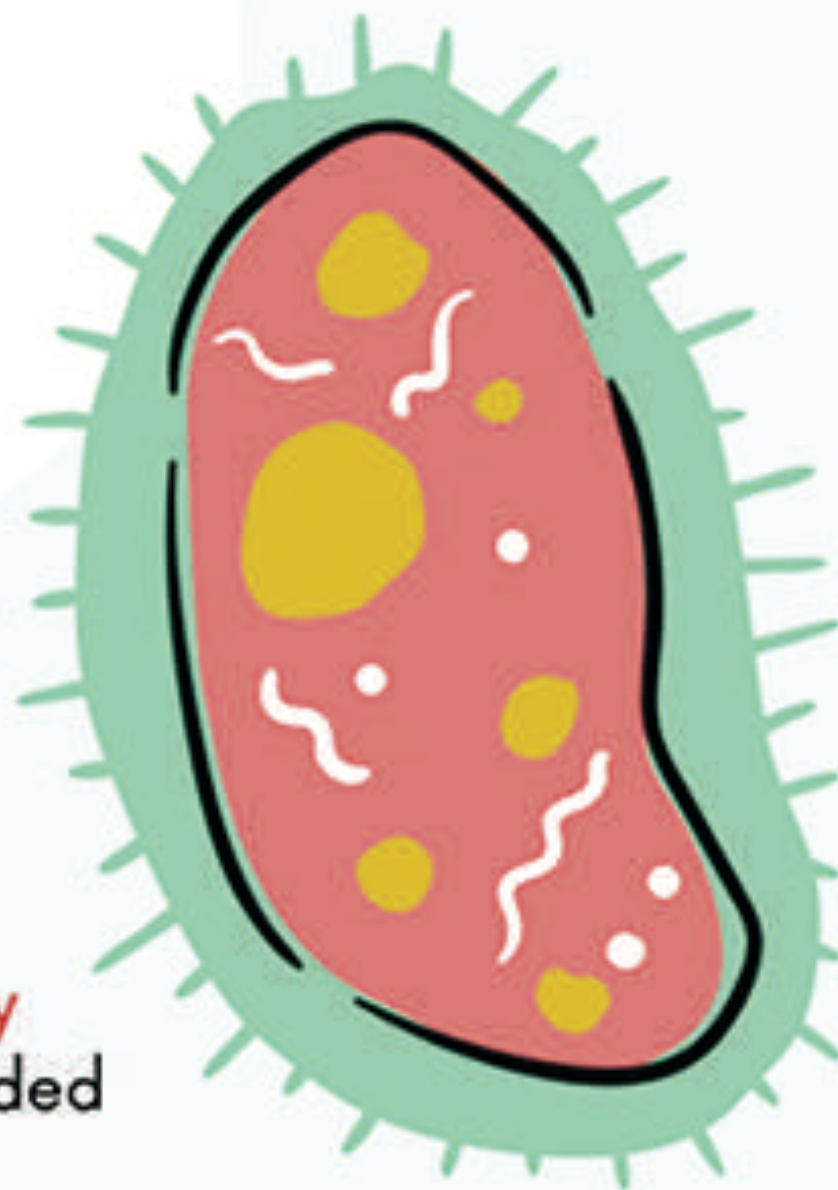
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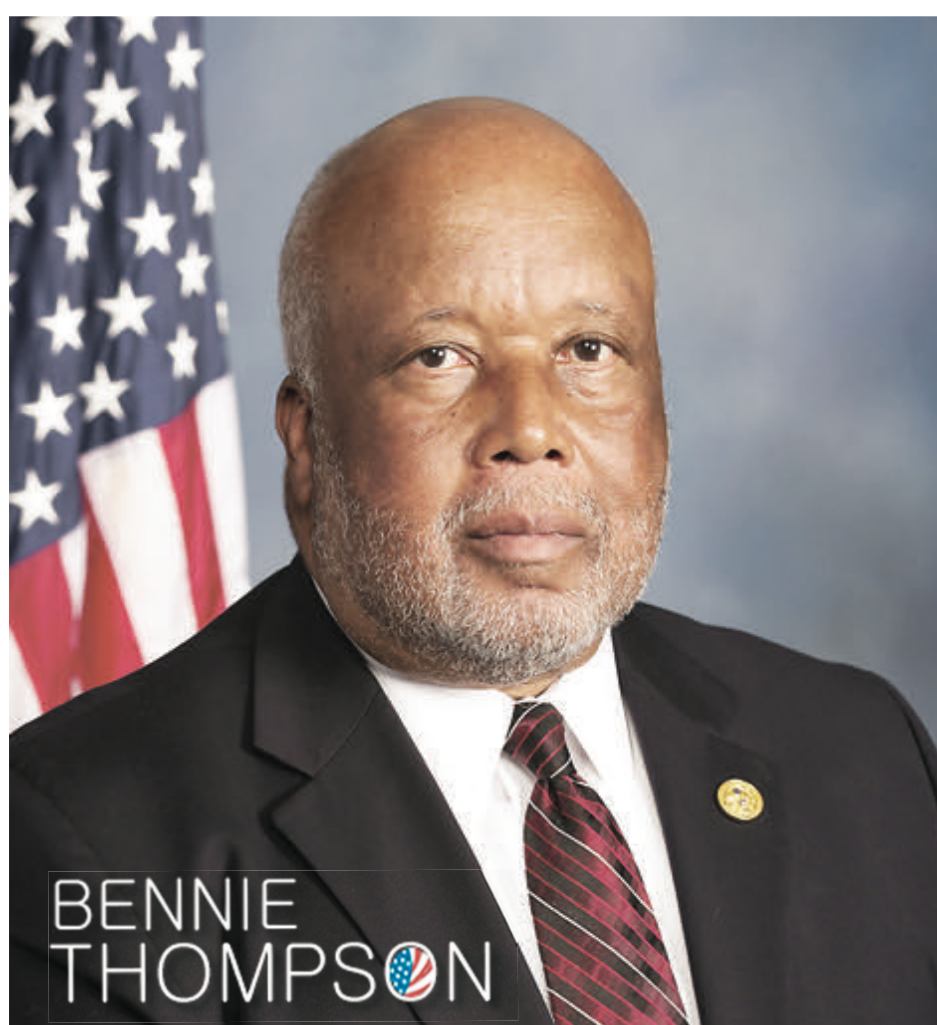
# How to be safe from Coronavirus

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# The Black Church faces an atypical crisis

By Lisa Olivia Fitch  
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If a Tsunami happens on the other side of the world, some may be unaware and unaffected. Others may hear the news and be aware of the disaster, but still be unaffected. Still others may be aware and only inconvenienced by the Tsunami, cancelling plans to visit that part of the world.

But then there are those affected by the crisis and those who are deeply impacted. Relatives are lost, homes are lost, friends are lost, income is lost. During the coronavirus crisis, essentially everyone in the entire world has been affected.

Blacks in the U.S. have been disproportionately affected during the pandemic. Although African Americans only compose 6 percent of the population in the state of California, blacks comprise 10.6 percent of the COVID-19 deaths. This has been attributed to the fact that a number of blacks have underlying and sometimes untreated conditions — cardiovascular disease, hypertension, diabetes, etc. — which compound problems, when paired with the coronavirus.

“Some of us are only two degrees away from a COVID death — we know someone who knows someone,” said Dr. Erica Holmes, executive director of the Champion Counseling Center at Faithful Central Bible Church. “The church is now being called back into the role of meeting the needs of the entire church body.”

During a recent meeting organized by Anchor of Hope Ministries, a local, faith-based nonprofit assisting the formerly incarcerated, Holmes stated that the Black Church has historically been centered to meet the community’s needs in a variety of ways.

“Often, blacks could not access governmental services,” Holmes said. “The church was the entity in the black community that met the needs of the oppressed.”

After slavery and during the civil rights era and beyond, black churches gave rise to community businesses, schools, banks insurance companies and the like.

“Black churches were ‘one-stop



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shops’ because other means of access to community services were off limits,” Holmes said.

Holmes pointed to a recent Pew Research Center study that concluded that blacks still have close ties to churches, as 47 percent of black adults surveyed said that they attended religious services, compared to 39 percent of Latinx and 34 percent of whites.

An additional Pew poll showed that 43 percent of black adults say they look to their religion for guidance on right and wrong.

“It speaks to the power of the pulpit,” Holmes said. “It’s important for the church to have accurate information to keep their congregations safe. How are those individuals who visit the pews one, two, or three times a week impacted?”

“They are looking to you to help them understand,” Holmes said. “Maybe they need to hear that the governor of California said it’s not safe yet, so sit back. You must be able to address the realities of life right now.”

Holmes also noted a silver lining, in that the crisis brought technology to some churches.

“With this pandemic, there has been a major reorganization, but we must see the opportunities as well,” she said. “Like being able to use things like zoom, Facebook and telephone trees, where members are calling at least two other members per day. Those people are interacting with people they

hadn’t interacted with in the sanctuary.”

Additionally, persons who already had difficulties surviving day-to-day before the crisis, may have those difficulties exacerbated, Holmes explained.

“Because their equilibrium is thrown off, they can’t usually find a way of coping and dealing with these new feelings,” she said. “It’s important for us in the faith community to pay attention to things we might see.”

Holmes explained that even though church leaders are not face-to-face with members, they should still be on the watch via phone calls or internet services — for any signs of abuse that may be triggered by the current stay-at-home order.

“Does the child have on a turtleneck shirt when it’s 80 degrees outside?” Holmes asked. “Are the parents yelling at the kids in the background? These individuals don’t feel that the safer at home order accurately describes their situation.”

Holmes attends debriefing meetings with the County Department of Public Health each Thursday.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has guidelines for faith-based communities at <http://ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/Guidance-FaithBasedOrgsEnglish.pdf>.

Limited attendance at funerals and weddings is allowed following the guidelines. All other in-person gatherings are prohib-

ited. Worship service must be live-streamed, recorded or taped. Baptisms, infant dedications, bar and bat mitzvahs and confirmations must be postponed. When feasible, ceremonial gatherings can be conducted virtually.

Cemeteries and crematoriums are able to provide direct burials and cremation services but without a gathering of people. Immediate family members who live together and a faith leader may gather in person at a cemetery but are encouraged to reach out directly to the funeral home to understand specific protocols and whether they provide livestream services. Memorial services should be postponed and can be scheduled for a later date.

“Faith leaders clearly have a key role to play in offering comfort and care to Los Angeles County at a time when illness, isolation and economic hardship come together to burden so many residents and communities,” the department writes in its “Guidance for Faith-Based Organizations” piece. “We ask for your support and leadership in helping us mitigate those burdens by reducing the spread of COVID-19, assuring optimal care for those who become ill, and speeding community recovery.”

Holmes encouraged her fellow church leaders to speak life into the current situation.

“The parishioners need to hear how the church is planning for the future,” Holmes said. “What is our next step? How are we going to address the ‘new normal.’”

## Analysis: Budget writing complicated by pandemic revenue dip

By Emily Wagster Pettus  
Associated Press

Mississippi tax collections were robust for the first several months of the budget year that started last July 1. Then the coronavirus pandemic struck, businesses were hobbled by government shutdown orders and the economy started to sputter.

On the status of state tax collections, Republican House Speaker Philip Gunn recently told The Associated Press: “We clearly got hammered in April and are still waiting to see about May.”

Legislators face deep uncertainty as they approach two budget-writing tasks. They must plug holes in the current year’s budget, deciding how to fill requests from a few agencies. And they must write a new spending plan to operate state government during the year that begins this July 1.

House and Senate leaders say they will wait until at least June 10 to do most of the detailed work on the upcoming budget. That’s when they expect to receive a monthly report from analysts at the Legislative Budget Office, the full-time professionals who crunch numbers for the elected lawmakers.

A report from LBO (or, in legislative speak, “elbow”) showed that the state’s total revenue collections from July through March were \$189.9 million above collections for the same period a year before — a 5% increase.

With pandemic problems, revenue fell sharply the next month. The state’s total collections from July through April were \$108.6 million below those for the same period a year before — a 2.3% decrease.

“I just hate it, because we were doing so well,” House Appropriations Committee Chairman John Read, a Republican from Gautier, told the AP.

Writing a state budget is a long process. Agencies submit requests nearly a year before a fiscal year begins. LBO analysts comb through the numbers. The 14 members of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee hold hearings in September. By December, the

committee releases its first set of recommendations and the governor releases his own proposed budget.

In typical times, legislators put final touches on the budget at the end of their session. That happens by early May during the first year of a four-year term, when a session is four months long, or by early April during the other years of the term, when sessions last three months.

This year is the beginning of a term, but the pandemic disrupted the session. Legislators were sent home in mid-March and have worked only a few days since then.

The House and Senate met last week and passed the first set of budget bills for the coming year, with initial proposals to shrink state spending. The action was more procedural than meaningful because leaders acknowledged the numbers could change dramatically before they reach a final agreement.

Bills that passed the House will move to the Senate, and those that passed the Senate will move to the House. The two chambers will substitute their own numbers and intentionally put budget bills into a final negotiating process.

Gunn and Republican Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann sent a letter to state agency leaders in late April telling them to be frugal during the final two months of the budget year, doing things like eliminating out-of-state travel, which should be fairly easy during the pandemic.

Making deep cuts to budgets is difficult during the final weeks of a fiscal year, when agencies have already spent or obligated most of their money.

Mississippi does have a financial cushion, with more than \$550 million in a rainy day fund. Filling the fund was a big point of pride for budget writers, and it’s unclear whether legislators will decide to pull some money from it to fill in gaps for the current year. They could take some out for this year and refill it during the coming year — a shell game that helps them meet the obligation for a balanced budget.

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# ASK DR. KEVIN: An unfamiliar, rare disease associated with heart failure in African Americans

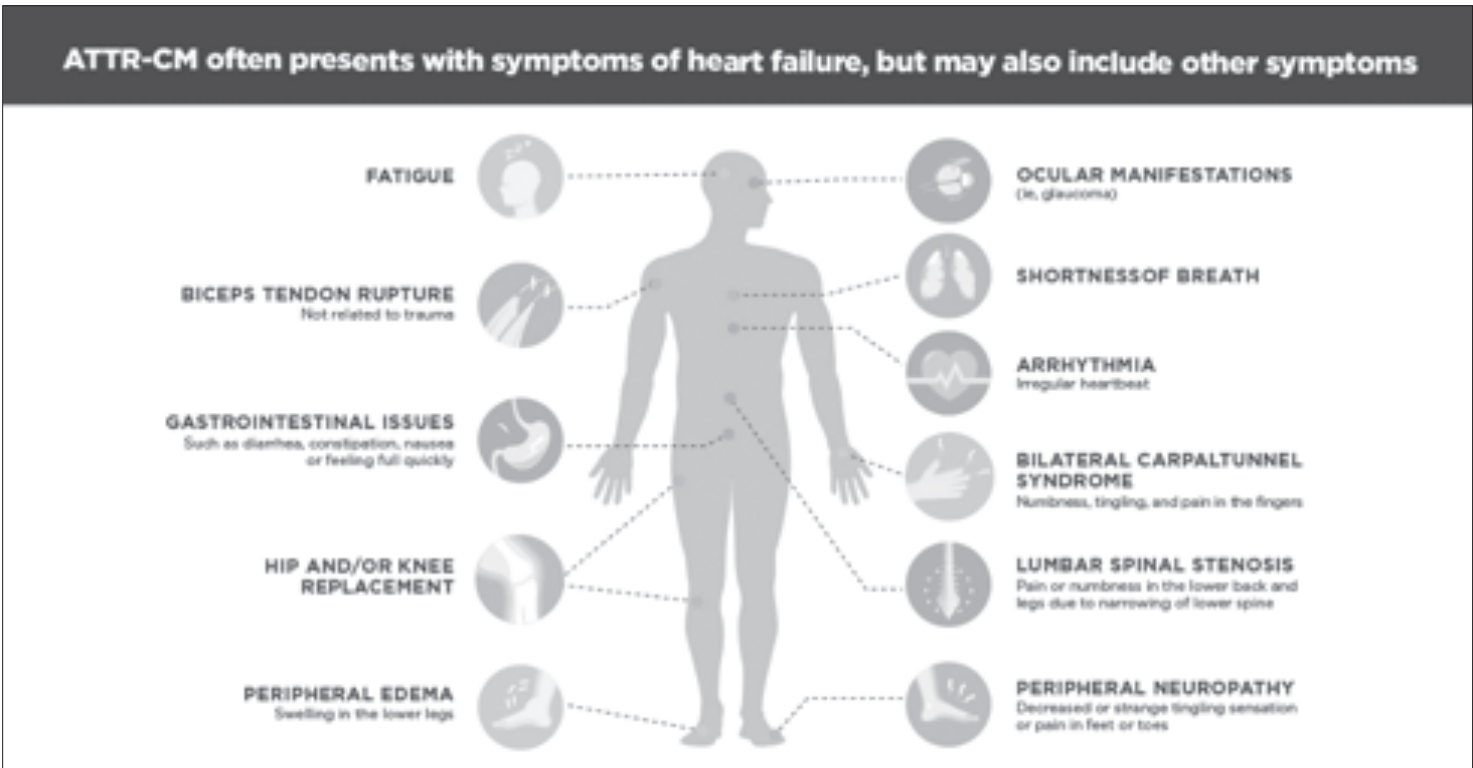
**By Dr. Kevin Williams**  
*Chief Medical Officer for Rare Disease at Pfizer*

The “Ask Dr. Kevin” series is brought to you by Pfizer Rare Disease in collaboration with the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) to increase awareness and understanding of ATTR-CM, or transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy, and the risk to African Americans.

As you may already know, heart disease is a leading cause of death for all Americans, but certain minority groups face a greater risk than others. In fact, according to one study, African Americans were 45 percent more likely to die as a result of heart failure-related hospitalization compared to Caucasian populations in the United States.

With the disproportionate rates of heart failure, heart attacks, and other serious heart conditions in the African American community, it’s important to fully explore the underlying cause of these conditions with the help of a cardiologist.

As the “Ask Dr. Kevin” series enters its fourth year, I want to turn my focus to a rare, but very serious form of heart disease



known as ATTR-CM. ATTR-CM is a life-threatening, underdiagnosed disease associated with heart failure, but many people have never heard of it or don’t know what it is. In this article, I’m going to explain more about ATTR-CM, and answer some of the most commonly asked questions in hopes it will help raise awareness of the condition and the misunderstood symptoms that often delay diagnosis.

Who is Affected By ATTR-CM?

There are two sub-types of ATTR-CM, wild-type and hereditary. Wild-type ATTR-CM is thought to be the most common form of ATTR-CM, is mostly associated with men

over the age of 60 and is not caused by a mutation in a person’s genes. Most wild-type patients are white.

Hereditary ATTR-CM is inherited from a relative and is due to genetics, affecting both men and women. In the United States, the most common genetic mutation associated with hereditary ATTR-CM is found

almost exclusively in people of African or Afro-Caribbean descent. Symptom onset can occur in people as early as their 50s or 60s; however, people who have the mutation may never develop symptoms of the disease.

Since many patients and even some doctors are unfamiliar with ATTR-CM, the condition is highly underdiagnosed. Many

people with ATTR-CM present with symptoms similar to those of more common causes of heart failure — such as fatigue, shortness of breath and swelling in the lower legs — or have symptoms that are not commonly perceived to be linked to a heart condition, like carpal tunnel syndrome (numbness, tingling, or pain in the fingers), bicep tendon rupture, gastrointestinal issues (constipation, diarrhea and nausea) and lumbar spinal stenosis (a narrowing of the open spaces in the lower spine). All of these factors can lead to delays in diagnosis or misdiagnosis.

If you’d like to learn more about hereditary ATTR-CM, including signs and symptoms, visit [YourHeartsMessage.com](#).

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# Doctors livestream to discuss impact of COVID-19 on black America

**By Stacy M. Brown**  
*NNPA Newswire Correspondent*

Hope, misinformation, fear, sickness, and death – the impact of COVID-19 on black communities took center stage during an unprecedented National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) livestream event broadcast to Facebook and YouTube, Thursday, May 28.

Five highly touted doctors discussed the effects the novel coronavirus has had on African Americans and the post-recovery long-term health and psychological impact the disease has had on many of its victims.

The event was part of the NNPA’s Coronavirus Taskforce and Resource Center where doctors Leigh-Ann Webb, MD and Ebony Jade Hilton are members.

“We’re all colleagues [at the University of Virginia (UVA)] and we are all friends and first-generation physicians, which means we are first in our families to be doctors – and some of us are first in our families with a college degree,” Dr. Webb stated.

Webb, an assistant professor of emergency medicine at the University of Virginia, moderated the distinguished panel which featured Hilton, an associate professor of anesthesiology and critical care

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medicine at the University of Virginia and co-founder of GoodStock Consulting, LLC.

The panel also included: Dr. Cameron Webb, hospitalist and assistant professor of medicine and director of health policy and equity at UVA; Dr. Taison Bell, an assistant professor of medicine in the divisions of infectious diseases and inter-

national health and pulmonary and critical care medicine, UVA; and Dr. Rochanda Mitchell, a second-year Maternal-Fetal Medicine fellow and the current recipient of the Peyton T. Taylor Scholarship.

“My role is mainly in the intensive care unit. I’m seeing mostly the critically ill,” Bell stated. “COVID-19 is still a re-

ally serious problem. There’s been a little bit of a change in the narrative, but people are still getting really ill.”

“A real game-changer will be a vaccine,” added Bell. “The thought is that we might have something by the fall or winter, but realistically it’ll be later than that.”

Hilton, who has long cham-

pioned for the collection and reporting of racial data on the virus’ impact, said it’s important to underscore the effects COVID-19 has had on the African-American community.

“When we had 50 deaths, maybe 100, I started to tweet, and I said you know where this is going to go?,” Hilton reflected. “We don’t need data

to say that black and brown people die at a higher rate, but when you add a pandemic, we know what it’s going to look like.”

“For every 2,000 black people who were alive in January, one has died,” Hilton observed. “We often talk about mortality rates, but 102,000 Americans are now gone, and that’s an underestimate of what we know to be true.”

Dr. Cameron Webb, the husband of Dr. Leigh-Ann Webb, said COVID-19 has proven an old adage: “When America gets a cold, black people get the flu.”

“Racism is the underlying reason that we’re seeing disparities,” he noted, listing economic instability and food insecurity as major reasons why African Americans are more susceptible to the virus.

“Racism shapes our communities, and our communities shape our health outcomes,” said Dr. Cameron Webb.

Mitchell noted, research is ongoing to determine the impact of COVID-19 on pregnant women. “We are looking at pre-term labor and some second-trimester losses,” said Mitchell. “I hope the NNPA’s Coronavirus Task Force uses this platform to help elevate health literacy because that’s very important.”

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## Oprah Winfrey donates \$12 million for COVID-19 relief in 5 cities

By Stacy M. Brown  
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During a recent virtual address to the class of 2020 college graduates, Oprah Winfrey spoke of the need to provide for those impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

“What this pandemic has done is made me think about giving differently. How I give and who’s on the receiving end of that, and how do you do that in such a way that sustains people? I’ve ultimately always believed that you teach people to fish. But sometimes people just need fish and a piece of bread,” the media mogul stated. “Sometimes you need some fish, OK? Sometimes you don’t have time to learn to fish. I just need some fish today.”

Winfrey made sure that there was plenty of “fish” in the places she’s called home. Through the Oprah Winfrey Charitable Foundation, the OWN Network boss announced she was donating \$12 million to organizations dedicated to helping underserved communities in Chicago, Baltimore, Nashville, Milwaukee and Kosciusko, Mississippi.

Born in Kosciusko, Winfrey has lived in each of the



Oprah making virtual address to college graduates. Born in Kosciusko, MS she donated there.

cities where she’s donating money.

“This thing is not going away. Even when the virus is gone, the devastation left by people not being able to work for months who were holding on paycheck to paycheck, who have used up their savings – people are going to be in need,” Winfrey told the Associated Press.

“So, my thing is, look in your own neighborhood, in your own backyard to see how you can serve and where your service is most essential. That is the real essential work, I think, for people of means.”

Of the \$12 million donations, Winfrey gave \$5 million to Live Healthy Chicago, which provides immediate support to seniors and high-risk residents affected by the coronavirus.

She gave \$2 million to Nashville Nurtures, a collaboration with Mount Zion Baptist Church and Tennessee State University (TSU). Winfrey graduated from TSU and began her career in Nashville.

She later lived in Milwaukee, where she announced a \$100,000 gift to SaintA and the Nia Imani Family, Inc., which assists those in need

of housing and mental health care.

In Baltimore, where she once worked, Winfrey is donating money to Living Classrooms Foundation and Center for Urban Families.

Winfrey also said she’s giving \$115,000 to the Boys and Girls Club of East Mississippi.

“I want to be able to reach people who have been incarcerated and are coming out of prison,” Winfrey noted.

“I want to reach mothers of domestic violence. I want to reach people. I want to feed people. I want to help people get access to testing.

## MEC honors Mississippi’s STAR students and teachers of 2020



By Levell Williams  
Interim Editor

On May 21, the Mississippi Economic Council (MEC) honored the state’s top students and their most influential teachers in its fifty-fifth annual Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) Program. Despite complications from the COVID-19 pandemic, the MEC was able to honor the students and teachers of the STAR Program via live video broadcast.

First began in 1965, the event keeps the MS State Chamber of Commerce’s tradition of pairing MEC’s Annual Meeting (which joins nearly 2000 business and community leaders) with a showing of appreciation for the state’s leading high school scholars and their mentors.

A total of 322 star students and teachers were recognized, with special recognition for the top three. During the program panelists, including MEC President and CEO Scott Waller, discussed with the top students how the state of MS can best benefit from its young, bright minds.

John C. Kees and his STAR teacher, Thomas B. Riesenberger, was the number one top student. Kees is a graduate of St. Andrews Episcopal School. In addition to interests in piano and Latin, he is an aspiring botanist. Kees plans to attend the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

First runner-up was Riward A. Iftekhar and his STAR teacher, Matthew B. Bramuchi. A graduate of Madison-Ridgeland Academy, Iftekhar said his choice for STAR teacher was clear. “Most of my friends already knew who I was going to choose,” he shared, noting that he could often be found spending more time with Bramuchi than with his peers. Iftekhar plans to attend the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Second runner-up was Nathan F. Keen and his STAR teacher, Johna-

than C. Begnaud. Keen, a graduate of Tupelo High School, spoke highly of his STAR teacher’s work ethic. “He keeps teaching,” he said, “... not just to prepare us for a paycheck or to pass a test.” Keen plans to attend Mississippi State University.

Each of the young men showed an appreciation for well-roundedness, in addition to excellent scholarship.

Kees provided some on-the-spot gardening advice to panelists, and he even shared his thoughts about statewide agricultural trends.

Iftekhar shared that he enjoys such activities as ultimate frisbee, science olympiad and martial arts.

In addition to being an enthusiastic sports fan, Keen shared that he enjoys spending time with his family – something he has found more opportunity for during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The students discussed the topic of the MS “braindrain,” the steady emigration of MS’ brightest minds out of the state. Iftekhar noted a need for more research opportunities in the state of MS, noting a prevalence in other states. “Leave [students] the open choice and just make [MS] the most attractive option,” said Kees. Keen said he has plans to “stay... close to home.”

Altogether, the top students shared high aspirations for the state and its potential for nurturing and maintaining brilliant minds.

The STAR Program concluded with a special message from Governor Tate Reeves. “You have an obligation to give back,” he said. “I am confident that you are going to do great things in whatever community you choose to live in.”

The state of MS indeed has much to look forward to with bright young minds like that of Nathan F. Keen, Riward A. Iftekhar and John C. Kees.

For more information about the STAR Program and its 2020 honors ceremony, visit MSMEC.com.

## Breanna Fulton '11 releases Alcorn themed children’s book, “A for Alcorn: Alphabet Book”

The Mississippi Link Newswire

An Alcorn State University alumna combined her passion for literature and her alma mater for her first published children’s book.

Breanna Fulton, a third to fifth-grade literacy coach at Georgian Hills Achievement Elementary School in Memphis, Tennessee, released “A is for Alcorn: Alphabet Book,” which gives children a learning experience rooted in the joys of an experience attending an HBCU like Alcorn.

The ABC book utilizes rhyme and vivid artistry to showcase the history that Alcorn offers.

As a teacher of minorities, it was important for Fulton to write and publish a book that portrays learning and good behavior to her children. She believes the images allow her students to see a good representation of themselves in mainstream publications.

“I was inspired to write a children’s book because of my love for literacy and passion for ensuring there is a positive representation of black people and culture in literature,” said Fulton, who earned a bachelor’s degree in English literature in 2011. “The students that I serve are an inspiration. My students and other black and brown children deserve to see themselves in the texts



Fulton

they read.”

Furthering her inspiration for the book was her love for Alcorn. Reflecting on the good times she had during her college years on campus played an essential role in the book’s theme.

“Alcorn has always felt like home. From the moment I first visited the campus, I knew it was where I belonged. My experience at Alcorn was filled with dynamic academics and adventure, which led me to center the book on our

illustrious university. Alcorn allowed me to learn, grow and connect with some of the brightest minds that this world has to offer. As a result of my fulfilling experience, this book highlights some of those fun times I had hanging out on ‘The Yard.’”

The book’s messaging is centered on the value of HBCUs and how they provide quality education to young adults.

“I hope that this book sends the message that HBCUs, like

Alcorn, are important and offer everybody valuable learning experiences.”

Now that the work is done, Fulton can enjoy the fruits of her labor. She appreciates the journey that led her to become a published author.

“Publishing a book feels amazing. It has been a phenomenal experience to set a goal and work to bring it to fruition.”

“A is for Alcorn: Alphabet Book” is available on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).



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# Six Atlanta officers charged after students pulled from car



Taniyah Pilgrim holds Messiah Young's bandaged hand as he speaks during a news conference on the campus of Morehouse College Monday, June 1, 2020, in Atlanta.

By Kate Brumback  
Associated Press

Six Atlanta police officers have been charged after a dramatic video showed authorities pulling two young people from a car and shooting them with stun guns while they were stuck in traffic caused by protests over George Floyd's death, a prosecutor said Tuesday.

Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard announced the charges during a news conference. Atlanta police did not immediately have a comment Tuesday.

"I feel a little safer now that these monsters are off the street and no longer able to terrorize anyone else," said 22-year-old Messiah Young, who was dragged from the vehicle along with his girlfriend, 20-year-old Taniyah Pilgrim.

The Saturday night incident first gained attention from video online and on local news. Throughout, the couple can be heard screaming and asking officers what is happening.

Two of the officers were fired Sunday after Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms and police Chief Erika Shields determined from body camera footage that they had used excessive force.

Pilgrim was released without charges. Howard said Young was charged with attempting to elude the officers, and the mayor has said she's ordering his charges dropped.

Body camera video from seven officers shows police taking another young man into custody in a downtown street alongside a line of stopped cars. The man, whom Howard identified as Chancellor Meyers, is pleading with police to let him go, saying he didn't do anything.

Sitting in the driver's seat of a car stopped in the street, Young holds up his phone, appearing to shoot video as an officer approaches and pulls the driver's side door open. Young pulls the door shut and says repeatedly, "I'm not dying today." He urges the officers to release the other man and let him get in the car as the dark sedan advances a bit.

The car gets stuck in traffic and officers run up to both sides of the car shouting orders. An officer uses a stun gun on Pilgrim as she's trying to get out of the car and then officers pull her from the vehicle.

Another officer yells at Young to put the car in park and open the window. An officer repeatedly hits the driver's side window with a baton, and another officer finally manages to break it.

As the glass shatters, an officer uses a stun gun on Young and officers pull him from the car as officers shout, "Get your hand out of your pockets," and, "He got a gun. He got a gun. He got a gun." Once he's out of the car and on the ground, officers zip tie Young's hands behind his back

and lead him away.

Howard said no gun was found.

Young's arm was fractured and he suffered a gash requiring 24 stitches when he was pulled from the car, Howard said. Young told Howard's investigators that an officer who escorted him from the scene after his arrest punched him in the back more than 10 times as they walked.

"I'm so happy that they're being held accountable for their actions," Pilgrim said at the news conference.

Both Young and Pilgrim are rising seniors at historically black colleges near downtown Atlanta. Young, from Chicago, is studying business management at Morehouse College. Pilgrim, who's from San Antonio, Texas, is studying psychology at Spelman College.

The two officers whose firings were announced Sunday – Investigator Ivory Streeter and Investigator Mark Gardner – were charged along with four other officers.

Streeter is charged with aggravated assault for using a Taser against Young and is also charged with pointing a gun at Young, arrest warrants say.

Gardner is charged with aggravated assault for using a Taser against Pilgrim, a warrant says

Lonnie Hood is charged with aggravated assault against both Young and Pilgrim for using a Taser against both of them, an arrest warrant says. He is also charged with simple battery for violently pulling Pilgrim from the car and throwing her down on to the street, a warrant says.

Willie Sauls is charged with aggravated assault for pointing a Taser at Pilgrim, a warrant says. He's also charged with criminal damage for repeatedly hitting and damaging the driver's side window of the car, which belongs to Pilgrim, a warrant says.

Armond Jones is charged with aggravated battery for hurting Young's left arm when he dragged him from the car and slammed him onto the street, a warrant says. He's also charged with pointing a gun at Young.

Roland Claud is charged with criminal damage for using a "window punch" to break the windows of Pilgrim's car, a warrant says.

Howard says he has asked a judge to set a signature bond of \$10,000, which means they wouldn't have to pay anything unless they fail to show up for court dates. The two main reasons for that is to limit the number of people in the Fulton County jail during the coronavirus pandemic and because they are police officers, Howard said.

The officers have been asked to turn themselves in by the end of the day Friday, he said.

# Floyd's brother pleads for peace, Trump takes combative tone

By Aaron Morrison  
and Matt Sedensky  
Associated Press

George Floyd's brother pleaded for peace in the streets Monday, saying destruction is "not going to bring my brother back at all," while President Donald Trump berated most of the nation's governors as "weak" for not cracking down harder on the lawlessness that has convulsed cities from coast to coast.

The competing messages – one conciliatory, one bellicose – came as the U.S. braced for another round of violence at a time when the country is already buckling because of the coronavirus outbreak and the Depression-level unemployment it has caused.

"We are a country that is scared. We are a country that is angry," said Sam Page, county executive in St. Louis County, Missouri, where the city of Ferguson has been synonymous with the Black Lives Matter movement since the 2014 death of Michael Brown, a black 18-year-old, in a clash with a white officer. "And we are a country that is holding out for the promise of justice for all."

In Minneapolis, Floyd's brother, Terrence, made an emotional plea at the site where Floyd was pinned to the pavement by an officer who put his knee on the handcuffed black man's neck until he stopped breathing.

"Let's switch it up, y'all. Let's switch it up. Do this peacefully, please," Terrence Floyd said.

The crowd chanted, "What's his name? George Floyd" and "One down, three to go" in reference to the four officers involved in Floyd's arrest. Officer Derek Chauvin has been charged with murder, but protesters are demanding that his colleagues be prosecuted, too. All four were fired.

The gathering was part rally and part impromptu eulogy as Floyd urged people to stop the violence and use their power at the ballot box.

"If I'm not over here messing up my community, then what are you all doing?" he said. "You all are doing nothing. Because that's not going to bring my brother back at all."

The country has been beset by angry demonstrations for the past week in some of the most widespread racial unrest in the U.S. since the 1960s. Spurred in part by Floyd's death, protesters have taken to the streets to decry the killings of black people by police.

While most of the demonstrations have been peaceful, others have



Floyd

descended into violence, leaving neighborhoods in shambles, stores ransacked, windows broken and cars burned, despite curfews around the country and the deployment of thousands of National Guard members in at least 15 states.

Trump told the nation's governors in a video conference that they they "look like fools" for not deploying even more National Guard troops. "Most of you are weak," he said.

He added: "You've got to arrest people, you have to track people, you have to put them in jail for 10 years and you'll never see this stuff again."

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, a Democrat, dismissed Trump's comments as the "rantings of an insecure man trying to look strong after building his entire political career on racism."

Former Vice President Joe Biden, the Democratic presidential candidate, vowed to address institutional racism in his first 100 days in office. He met in person with black leaders in Delaware and also held a virtual meeting with big-city mayors.

Biden said hate emerges "when you have somebody in power who breathes oxygen into the hate."

Meanwhile, an autopsy commissioned for Floyd's family found that he died of asphyxiation from neck and back compression, the family's attorneys said.

That distinguishes it from the official autopsy, which said he died from the effects of being restrained along with underlying health problems and potential intoxicants in his system. The official autopsy found nothing "to support a diagnosis of traumatic asphyxia or strangulation."

The second autopsy was done by a doctor who also examined the body of Eric Garner, a New York man who died in an officer's chokehold six years ago.

As it girded for more violence, New York joined other cities in announcing a curfew, set to begin at 11 p.m. The move followed a chaotic Sunday night in which groups of people broke into Chanel, Prada and Rolex boutiques and electronics stores.

At the same time, Mayor Bill de Blasio said the law-breaking in the city of 8.3 million people was "fomented by a very small number of violent protesters."

At least 4,400 people nationwide have been arrested over the past week for such offenses as stealing, blocking highways and breaking curfew, according to a count by The Associated Press.

Police officers and National Guard soldiers enforcing a curfew in Louisville, Kentucky, killed a man early Monday when they returned fire after someone in a large group shot at them, police said. In Indianapolis, two people were reported dead in bursts of downtown violence over the weekend, adding to deaths recorded in Detroit and Minneapolis.

While police in places tried to ease tensions by kneeling or marching in solidarity with the demonstrators, officers around the country were accused of treating protesters with the same kind of heavy-handed tactics that contributed to the unrest in the first place.

Cities struggled to keep police in line.

In Fort Lauderdale, Florida, an officer was suspended for pushing a kneeling woman to the ground during a protest. In Atlanta, two officers were fired after bashing in the window of a car and using a stun gun on the occupants. In Los Angeles, a police SUV accelerated into several protesters, knocking two people to the ground.

In New York, the police commissioner said about six incidents were being investigated by the department's internal affairs bureau, including a weekend confrontation in Brooklyn in which two police vehicles appeared to plow through a group of protesters. In another incident, an officer pointed a gun at protesters, drawing condemnation from the mayor.

"I think some of the actions of the NYPD have exacerbated the anger," New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said. "There are videos of some NYPD actions that are very disturbing. There are videos of NYPD cars driving into a crowd that are very disturbing. Pulling a mask down off a person to pepper spray them. Throwing a woman to the ground. It's on video! It's on video!"

*Sedensky reported from Philadelphia. Associated Press journalists across the U.S. contributed to this report.*

Black Lives Matter Movement has potential to make huge impacts through social media alone.

As it continues to overcome occasional hiccups, like the Black Tuesday Dilemma, the Black Lives Matter Movement will continue to capitalize on its uniquely historic position in the age of social media.

# #BlackoutTuesday, a campaign in peril

By Levell Williams  
Interim Editor

Just over a week after the nation-igniting murder of unarmed black man George Floyd, a social media trend sought to bring attention to social injustice. June 2, 2020 was #BlackoutTuesday.

Instagram feeds were streaked with posts of plain black. To those who were following many others who were engaging in the trend, there existed on their feed an overwhelming presence of blackness – "Black Power," even.

However, others raised red flags about a flaw in this social media campaign protest. The flaw is in the use of the hashtag, #BlackLivesMatter. By associating the hashtag with Blackout Tuesday's all-black posts, it will also be disassociated from the images of police brutality and protest that empower the movement. "This is not for us," said one emphatic Instagram user.

The campaign did not seem to be lost, however. Just as the problem is in the hashtag, it seems that



the solution may be too. By using #BlackoutTuesday and simply avoiding the use of #BlackLivesMatter in their Blackout Tuesday posts, many preserved the integrity of the campaign.

In contrast to its counterparts of the 1960s who had to do everything starkly and in person, the



# Life is short. Live it well.

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



Everyday, the obituary columns list someone from all age groups. Some die young, some in middle age and some later. We are allotted only so much time in this world. It can be a depressing thought. Philosophers talk about time, and most agree about one thing: compared with eternity, time on earth is short. When we are young and vigorous, we think we are going to live forever. We think

that we are almost indestructible, but life is not that way. Death can, and does, happen early in life. Your lifetime can be a life of fruitfulness or a life of wasted time. Living in sin is a waste of time. Many have wasted their time on frivolous things and the vanities of life. Someone once said, "Life is but a fleeting moment." In the Old Testament, we read in Job 14:1, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble." Also, in the New Testament; we read in James 4:14, "Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your

life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes." Indeed, life is short. However, scripture encourages us to believe in God's deliverance. The Apostle Paul said in the New Testament; Philippians 1:21 these words, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." I do not know of anyone who does not have some troubles, from the beginning to the end of life. Thankfully, we have a God, a deliverer, who helps us. He is a present help in the time of trouble. I am thankful for God and His faithfulness. Therefore, since life is short,

it behooves us to be careful how we use the days we have in this life. In this highly materialistic world, many things can take up our time. Things like computers and fascinating electronics can become very absorbing. As you navigate limited time you have in life, you must be aware that if the devil can steal your time, he can also steal your soul. *Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.*

# Racism: America's greatest sin

By Dr. I.D. Thompson  
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My life spans more than seventy years, as an American resident, a world citizen, and a living, breathing, conscious child of God. I've spent most of my years in Mississippi, one of America's most racist states. I have also traveled, lived and worked throughout the United States. I know what racism looks like and I know what it feels like. I grew up under Jim Crow laws. I have lived every day with the constant

emotional and memory pain of government-sanctioned terrorism, segregation, discrimination and annihilation. I know what it's like to have camouflaged racism play me for a fool. And, I know what it feels like to go through life with the suffocating weight of racism on my neck. Yes, I know what it's like to live in America and never feeling completely free, for seventy plus years. Why would America do this to me? What did I do? What did I say? What's wrong with racist white people? Why are they so hateful? Why all the racism?

These are all rhetorical questions. You don't have to answer. But I'll give you the answer: "Racism, America's greatest sin." You could also call it "The white man's deal with the devil." It is the same swindling game that the devil ran on Adam and Eve, and tried to run on Jesus by promising Him all the kingdoms of the world as seen in Matthew 4:8. And even though they've read the Bible, they still fell for the devil's game. The devil convinced white racists that God didn't matter and that Jesus was a fraud. And for four hundred years, white racists have

advanced an ongoing battle with the greatest commandments of Christ as seen in Matthew 22:36-40, that we "love the Lord our God with all our soul and with all our mind, and that we love our neighbor as ourselves." Brothers and sisters, as long as America's racists believe that they have the right to subject other races of people to their dominance and control for their advantage, America will suffer from the sin of racism. Keep on fighting. Keep on pushing. Keep the faith. Let us pray: Heavenly Father, help us to fight the good fight. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# Exposing racism... again

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



"Disgusted. Stunned. Disappointed. Despite the strong meanings of each of these words, none of them are strong enough to completely describe what I and countless others felt as we watched the video of McKinney police Corporal Eric Casebolt demonstrate questionable behavior, profane language and excessive force on a group of unarmed teenagers at the McKinney subdivision of Craig Ranch Friday, June 5." I wrote these words 5 years ago but sadly the names of the police officers and victims changed but the behavior hasn't. In this case, the only name that needs to be remembered is of the 46-year-old victim George Floyd. Whenever these problematic police/community incidents occur, I reach out to a long-time friend who is a police officer in another state. He is patient enough to answer my many questions and to share insights specifically from his point of view: a veteran African-American male police officer. Most of the time we agree that both sides, in most of these cases, should take responsibility. However, in one of our recent conversations he shared how he approaches the communities where he works and avoids these incidences of deadly force. First, he gets out into the communities and meets the neighborhood residents, good and bad, criminal and law abiding, on a face to face basis. He does not simply ride through the communities with his windows up afraid to interact with them. By getting out into the community, he shows how much he cares about it. What this does is establish his presence in the

communities which makes it easier for him to deal with any trouble that may come up later. Instead of him walking blind into a situation and only seeing a crowd of nameless faces, because he has familiarized himself with the people that make up the community, he can call them out by name and has a better chance of resolving tense situations because of that previously established relationship. It's an old quote but in his case it's true: People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. There is no way to look at the video of Floyd's suffocation and analyze the behavior of the responding officers without calling it what it was: a cold-hearted murder. Floyd begged for his life for 9 minutes. There is no reasonable explanation for their behavior. None! Despite his pleas for help, none of the officers offered to help him or stopped the officer as he leaned on Floyd's neck with his knee. However, rather than look at this situation from merely a community policing perspective, I'd also like to explore it from the Christian perspective. Proverbs 27:19 says that "As in water face reflects face, so the heart of man reflects the man." I'd like to add that actions also reflect what is in our hearts. Rather than receiving compassion from any of the four police officers, instead he was shown a callous indifference that was rooted in racist bias. Moving forward, instead of excusing or condemning their behavior, we should pray for God to continue to expose racists who hide behind the police badge. *Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth, Texas based author of "Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends" and "Writing to the Beat of God's Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers." Email preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.*

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# Riots are the language of the unheard; What is it America is not hearing?

By Edelia Dr. Jay Carthan  
Contributing Writer

The ‘Other America,’ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke of 53 years ago, is still present today.

“America must see that riots don’t develop out of thin air. Certain conditions continue to exist in our society, which must be condemned as vigorously as we condemn riots. But in the final analysis, a riot is the language of the unheard. And what is it that America has failed to hear,” Dr. King said in a speech given at Stanford University.

“It has failed to hear the plight of the Negro poor has worsened over the last few years. It has failed to hear that the promises of freedom and justice have not been met. And it has failed to hear that large segments of white society are more concerned about tranquility and status quo than about justice, equality and humanity,” Dr. King articulated.

“And so in a real sense our nation’s summers of riots are caused by our nation’s winters of delay. And as long as America postpones justice, we stand in the position of having these recurrences of violence and riots over and over again. Social justice and progress are the absolute guarantors of riot prevention.”

Dr. King articulated in 1967 what is still apparent in 2020. Most Americans have been glued to their televisions and phones as media outlets report on the peaceful protests and riots breaking out across cities in the United States. Americans, African Americans in particular, are tired of being overlooked, underserved, mistreated and murdered, and denied justice and equality in a system that pledges liberty and justice for all.

Hundreds gather in major cities not only in the United States, but in Britain, Germany, France, Denmark, Australia, Italy, Ireland, New Zealand, Canada, Poland and other countries in protest against police brutality in solidarity after the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor.

George Floyd, 46, died after a Minneapolis police officer, Derek Chauvin, knelt on his neck for nine and half minutes while onlookers filmed and pleaded for him to stop. Floyd said, “I can’t breathe,” while gasping for air.

Breonna Taylor, 26, was shot eight times in her home by Louisville police executing a search warrant after midnight.

At least 40 cities have imposed curfews and the National Guard has been activated in at least 23 states including Washington, DC as riots unleash in America because of these senseless deaths.

“We cannot be brain-



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washed by the same system we are fighting against,” Marquise Hunt explained. Hunt, former NAACP State President (Youth and College Division), an activist, and senior mass communications major at the historic Tougaloo College said.

“For too long, black people in America have never been able to enjoy the fruit of which America has had to offer. Now, more than ever, we are seeing and hearing the vices of young people who are tired of their brothers and sisters being killed at the hands of the government,” Hunt exclaimed.

When Colin Kaepernick protested peacefully on one knee, he was labeled unpatriotic and lost his NFL contract. What language does America understand? We have marched, rallied and protested year after year and still have yet to benefit from equal protection under the law guaranteed to every American by the U.S. Constitution.

Malcom X said, “Anytime you live in a society supposedly based upon law, and it doesn’t enforced its own law because the color of a man’s skin happens to be wrong, then I say those people are justified to resort to any means necessary to bring about justice when the government can’t give them justice. But when a black man strikes back, he’s an extremist. He’s supposed to love his enemies.”

There are posts on social media calling people terrorists for rioting. White Americans must be careful when commenting on violence. White America has a history of using violence to make their voice heard not only in America, but around the world. White America history of unpunished violence against black people

is documented, studied and even celebrated. There are books, films and museums to remind us of your history.

May 31 and June 1 marked the 99th anniversary of Black Wallstreet, also known as the Tulsa Race Riots of 1921, one of the worst racial violent massacres in U.S. history. A white mob attacked residents homes and businesses in the predominantly black Greenwood neighborhood of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Hundreds of people were killed and thousands left homeless. We had our own schools, hospitals and businesses and they burned it to the ground.

Today, we are dealing with the same pandemic. Not only COVID-19, but a racial manufactured pandemic against black people.

President Trump tweets suggest the police should use more force and violence amid the protests and riots.

“The president’s policies have worsened racial divisions in this country,” Schumer said in a speech on the Senate floor. “His rhetoric has consistently inflamed them. Either the president is too afraid to lead or is simply incapable,” Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said.

“What the people want is very simple – they want an America as good as it’s promise,” Barbara Jordan, the first African-American congresswoman, said in 1964. Simple, yet African Americans still continue to fight for freedom and justice.

We want to be heard. America didn’t hear us when we were whispering. Now hear us as America screams for change.

The violence will end when justice begins.

# Obama’s popularity continues to rise amid Trump’s rhetoric

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Correspondent



With unrestrained vitriol and the stunning lack of leadership emanating from the White House on an almost daily basis, the ever-rising popularity of former President Barack Obama is unmistakable.

The media and most of the American public hang on every word and watch every move Obama makes – many openly pining for the 44th president to “do something,” “do anything,” to provide some sense of normalcy and a renewed dignity to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

“Overall, most liberals I know loved President Obama because he was eloquent and thoughtful. I think he’s extremely popular right now because Trump has pretty much failed in every way possible – especially on the points where he said he could and would do things better than Obama did,” New York resident Alicia Butler told NNPA Newswire.

“The inept Trump becomes; the more people will forget what they didn’t like about Obama. And for those of us who loved Obama, seeing Trump mess up ten times a day really drives our appreciation for 44 home even further,” Butler stated.

Many others expressed similar sentiments.

In Obama’s first four years, he bailed out the auto industry saving several thousands of jobs, and the auto industry repaid the loan.

He tightened up credit requirements to curtail predatory lending practices, which was the main reason the country went into the Great Recession, stated Kevin Darné, an author whose books have included “My Cat Won’t Bark! (A Relationship Epiphany).”

“Obama got the Affordable Care Act passed which brought the number of 46.5 million un-insureds down to 27 million by 2016, and the stock market rebounded, and job growth increased monthly, and he also won the Nobel Peace Prize,” Darné stated, adding that Obama repealed “Don’t ask don’t tell” in the mili-



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tary, supported federal recognition of same-sex marriage, and protected Dreamers from deportation.

“His quick response to Hurricane Sandy drew praise from Republican governors, Chris Christie of New Jersey and Bob McDonnell of Virginia, who killed Osama Bin Laden, the person responsible for the 9-11 attacks in 2001.”

Darné also pointed out that Obama effectively managed the Ebola crisis. At the same time, Trump has only repeated his mantra of building a wall, gutting Obamacare, and handling the COVID-19 crisis with less than stellar results, he said.

“He routinely lies and blames the Obama administration for every issue that arises. The main goal of Donald Trump appears to be to dismantle every signature achievement Barack Obama had,” Darné said of the impeached Trump.

Obama’s popularity led his being named history’s most popular American president.

Presumptive Democratic Presidential Nominee and former Obama Vice President Joe Biden have publicly stated that he would love to have former First Lady Michelle Obama as his running mate.

The “Committee to Draft Michelle Obama for VP” is working to build “substantial grassroots support for a potential Michelle Obama candidacy and help garner media attention for a vice-presidential nominee who has the power to beat Donald Trump,” according to the group’s press re-

lease.

“Ms. Obama, the most admired woman in America, will be a vital asset this November when Biden will face an uphill battle to combat the lies and deceit emanating from the White House,” said the statement released Monday.

“Her credibility as a trusted leader and a strong symbol of unity within the Democratic Party would certainly help Democrats defeat Republicans up and down the ballot.”

Tina Willis, a personal injury attorney at Tina Willis Law, said she cried when Obama left office. She said she didn’t agree with every decision Obama made while in office, but she never doubted that he held the best of intentions for all Americans.

“He was smart and empathetic, surrounded himself with the best advisors and team members, and always did his absolute best to both bring people together and do the right thing for everyone in the country,” Willis stated.

“I would say that Trump [being] so awful, on every level [has] increased my appreciation for Obama, but my feelings toward Trump didn’t increase my admiration of Obama. I always thought he was the best president that I’ve seen during my lifetime. I really wish Michelle Obama would become the vice president, although I definitely don’t blame her for not wanting to face all of the bad that comes with a high political office in this country.”

# The Peace Sign: A safe greeting and sign of victory over COVID

By Laura Finley  
The Humanity Project

As the Age of COVID-19 demands new rules of social interaction for the immediate future, a South Florida nonprofit organization has an important suggestion for how we can greet one another safely and pleasantly.

The handshake is a memory, along with charming habits such as endearing hugs and kisses on the cheek, so common in many cultures outside the United States especially.

The Humanity Project humbly offers a solution drawn from the hippie past. The two-finger vertical peace sign, which can also double as a V for victory over COVID. It’s a win in every way.

According to the *Daily Mirror* newspaper in the United Kingdom, Winston Churchill was far from the first to use that famous World War Two symbol for victory over the Nazis: The “V for Victory” was first used by English longbowmen in the 1415 Battle of Agincourt to mock the defeated French army.

The longbowmen relied on these

two fingers to fire their arrows to deadly effect upon the enemy, which was a key factor in the victory, even though there were more than double the number of French troops and, ironically (and somehow appropriately), the English troops had been losing many to infectious disease, decimating their ranks leading into the famous battle.

The V-sign represented a show of defiance and derision by the English soldiers, and showed the French army that all they needed were these two fingers to win the bloody battle. Even more ironically and timely to us is that the archery – unlike hand-to-hand combat the French were prepared for – didn’t require contact.

Once the martial V evolved into the 60s peace sign, it became a sweet symbol of togetherness, of a caring humanity.

The Humanity Project founder Bob Knotts recalls those days and flashes back to them frequently, especially when greeting or leaving the company of other long-haired folks of the period.

As he found himself using the peace sign more, especially lately, he reflected that it still means “hello friend” or perhaps “goodbye friend.” As such, it’s a beautiful display of bonding among people.

As an organization devoted to “equality for each, respect for all,” The Humanity Project aims to encourage people to use the peace sign to replace other warm gestures of greeting or goodbye. It is an all-purpose, post-Great Lockdown (the moniker assumed for this COVID-19 recession), socially distanced method of demonstrating our affection, friendliness or just general pleasantness.

It might even provide a way to tap into the large reservoir of loving social consciousness that was one hallmark of the hippie era and that we are seeing globally among many, as people cope with and create during the pandemic.

The world needs something joyful, something widely understood and widely shared to replace the handshake, the hug and the cheek kiss, doesn’t it? The peace sign just could be it.





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FOR  
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EAST METRO CORRIDOR 31.7 ACRES  
AT THE  
JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
(JMAA PROJECT NO. 7000-002-20)

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is requesting services from a Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) of which that is certified by one of the acceptable certifying entities. Certified DBEs eligible to bid on this solicitation are those who are certified by either the Mississippi Unified Certification Program (MUCP), Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (JMAA), Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT), The City of Jackson, Mississippi Development Authority (MDA), or by the United States Small Business Administration (SBA). ("JMAA") will receive sealed electronic bids only at the Jackson- Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport ("JAN"), Main Terminal Building, Suite 300, in the City of Jackson, Rankin County, Mississippi, until 1:00 p.m. central time on June 15, 2020 (the "Bid Deadline"), for services in connection with the Clearing and Grubbing Services on the East Metro Corridor 31.7 Acres, Project No. 7000-002-20 at JAN (the "Work").

JMAA will accept electronic sealed bids only. Bids will be accepted until 1:00 p.m. central time on June 15, 2020, Electronic bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

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

JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids at 1:15 p.m. central time on June 15, 2020 (the "Bid Opening"), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN.

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

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

The Information for Bidders, including plans and specifications, is on file and open for public inspection at JAN at the following address:

Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport  
Suite 300, Main Terminal Building  
100 International Drive  
Jackson, Mississippi 39208  
Telephone: (601) 939-5631 ext. 662  
Facsimile: (601) 939-3713  
Attention: Deuntagus Herndon, Procurement Specialist

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

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at 1:00 p.m. central time on June 8, 2020 in the Community Room, Main Terminal Building at JAN. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting bids as a Prime Contractor for the Work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub-Contractors, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Bid Conference; review of the plans and specifications; and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Bid conference.

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

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

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DATE: MAY 28, 2020

/s/ Paul A. Brown

Paul A. Brown, Chief Executive Officer

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SERVICES AND RELATED WORK  
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HAWKINS FIELD PERIMETER LAND CLEARING  
AT  
HAWKINS FIELD AIRPORT  
(JMAA PROJECT NO. 12500-001-20)

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") is requesting to receive electronic bids only from qualified respondents. JMAA will receive electronic bids via www.centralbidding.com or email at dherndon@jmaa.com until 4:00 p.m. central time on Monday, June 15, 2020 (the "Bid Deadline"), for construction and related services in connection with the Hawkins Field Perimeter Land Clearing Project at Hawkins Field Airport (the "Work"). For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

Once registered, Respondents can download bid specifications and upload bid submissions.

JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids at 4:10 p.m. central time on Monday, June 15, 2020 (the "Bid Opening"), in the Conference Room, West Terminal, Hawkins Field Airport.

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

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Advertisement for Reverse Auction Bids

Bid 3134 Smart Boards

Bid 3135 Promethean Boards

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. and 11:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) June 11, 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.

Specification responses must be submitted for this bid event. Specifications are due no later than (5:00 p.m., June 05, 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 www.centralbidding.com on June 11, 2020 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 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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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4086

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Bertha Chapel M. B. Church has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for an accessory parking area and an accessory church related fellowship hall in a R-4 (Limited Multi-family) Residential District on property located at 2606 Williamson Ave. (Parcel: 100-84, 100-84-5, 100-84-3, 100-84-1 & 100-83), Parcel 100-84-2 and Parcel #100-71 in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Parcels: 100-84, 100-84-5, 100-84-3, 100-84-1, 100-83 & 100-84-2  
Lot 1, Block F Suburba subdivision; according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the chancery clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 1, at page 90, reference to which is hereby made in aid and as a part of this description.

Lot Two (2), of Block "M" of Homestead Heights, Part 2, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 5 at Page 20, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and a part of this description. (Also known as 2607 Prosperity Street, Jackson, MS)

Lot 3, Block "F" SUBURBA, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 1 at Page 90, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as part of this description.

Lot 4 and 5, Block "F", Suburba Subdivision, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof on file and of Hinds County, Mississippi in Plat Book 1 at page 90 thereof, reference to which is made in aid of thereof, reference to which is made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Lot 6, Block F, Surburba Subdivision, according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 1 at Page 90; the herein described property is also known by City of Jackson municipal address as 2634 Williamson, Jackson, Mississippi.

Parcels: 100-71  
Lot 6 & 8, Block E, Surburba Subdivision.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR  
JAN FIRE ALARM SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS  
BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY  
PROJECT NO. 12100-004-20  
May 28, 2020

JMAA is seeking electronic Proposals only for services for the JAN Fire Alarm System Improvements.

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") requests electronic Proposals ("Proposal") for JAN Fire Alarm System Improvements for Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport.

Proposals will be accepted until 9:00 a.m. central time on June 15, 2020, Electronic bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

JMAA will not consider any Proposals received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Proposals ("RFP") is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFP, 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 Mr. Deuntagus Herndon, JMAA's Procurement Specialist, as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority  
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208)  
Post Office Box 98109  
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109  
Attention: Deuntagus Herndon, Procurement Specialist  
Telephone No.: (601) 360-8622  
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713  
E-Mail: dherndon@jmaa.com

or from JMAA's website at https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/

Based on the Proposals received, JMAA will select a maximum of three (3) Respondents with whom to enter into negotiations to provide the Services. 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 and 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 will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at 9:00 a.m. Central Standard Time on June 8, 2020, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Submission Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting Proposals as a Prime Consultant for the Services and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Consultant. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Submission Conference; and a detailed review of the scope of work. No additional conferences or meetings will be scheduled.

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

There is no DBE participation goal for this RFP.

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

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received electronically via MAGIC or physically delivered to the office of the Bureau of Building, Grounds and Real Property Management, 501 North West Street, Suite 1401 B, Jackson, Mississippi, 39201, until 2:00:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 06/30/2020, for:

RE: GS# 373-002 Tenant Improvements (MDOR & Audit)  
State Service Center (Office of Capitol Facilities)  
(Department of Finance and Administration)  
RFx #: 3160003649

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

Professional: Albert & Robinson Architects, PLLC  
Address: Post Office Box 1567  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39403  
Phone: 601-544-1970  
Email: chrissr@ar-architects.com

A deposit of \$250.00 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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to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO COVID-19 AND THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS AND THE APPLICANTS HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING WITH REGARDS TO THE WEARING OF MASKS AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS OR VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ATTEND VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO BY EMAILING EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER PRIOR TO JUNE 10, 2020.

WITNESS my signature this 28th day of May 2020.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth  
Zoning Administrator  
City of Jackson, Mississippi

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

City of Jackson

Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, June 23, 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:

75078-062320	Twenty-Four Month Supply of Clay Gravel and Wash Gravel
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BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT HYPERLINK "http://WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV" WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV AND HYPERLINK "http://WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM" WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM .

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4087

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Jamika Dixon has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C-1 (Restricted) Commercial District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District allow for a commercial childcare center at 241 Briarwood Dr., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Commence at a point which is 50 feet Southwest corner of Lot 19, of Block B of Fernwood Subdivision, according to the map thereof which is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 4 at Page 76, as the Point of Beginning of the parcel hereby conveyed, to-wit:

Thence run Eastward 100 feet along the South line of Briarwood Drive to a point; thence run South for a distance of 200 feet; thence run West a distance of 100 feet to a point; thence run North a distance of 200 feet to the point of Beginning. Said parcel lying and being in Section 12, Township 6 North Range 1 East, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 28th day of May 2020.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth  
Zoning Administrator  
City of Jackson, Mississippi

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RFP 2020-08	Pool of Service Providers for Online with Blended Learning and Virtual Instruction
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RFP 2020-09	Lead Partner to Provide Support around Classroom Culture and Management
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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, until10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) June 19, 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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JH FEWELL WATER TREATMENT PLANT INFLUENT PUMP STATION  
PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

SRF LOAN# DWI-L250008-02

CONTRACT #2

Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, July 7, 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 JH FEWELL WATER TREATMENT PLANT INFLUENT PUMP STATION PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, SRF LOAN NO. DWI-L250008-02, CITY PROJECT NO. 19B0103-0904. Please address envelope to City Clerk, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, MS 39205.

The entire project must be completed within (180) calendar days. The contract will be subject to liquidated damages in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) 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.

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The City of Jackson hereby notifies all bidders that in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d 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.

Minority and women's business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities and equipment, material and/or supply needs. This contract is funded in whole or in part by funds from the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 214 (H.R. 3547); therefore, this project must comply with the American Iron and Steel Requirements of the Act. Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in whole or in part by anticipated funds from the Drinking Water Systems Improvements Revolving Loan Fund (DWSIRLF) loan program from the State of Mississippi. Neither the State of Mississippi, the Local Governments and Rural Water Systems Improvements Board, the MS Department of Health, the MS Commission on Environmental Quality, nor any of their employees, is or will be a party to this invitation for bids or any resulting or related contracts. This procurement will be subject to all applicable sections of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annoted, as they apply to local governments, in accordance with Appendix D of the DWSIRLF Program Regulations.

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

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

The BID SCHEDULE may be examined at the following locations:

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

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

A NON-MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference will be held on June 17, 2020, at 11:00 A.M. local time, onsite at JH Fewell Water Treatment Plant, 2302 Laurel Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39205. All potential contractors, subcontractors, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend. The Gate will be open for access, please check in with the guard.

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

Bid 3136 Child Nutrition Frozen Food, Meat Products, Crackers & Chips
Bid 3137 Produce
Bid 3138 Bakery Products (Bread)
Bid 3139 Dairy

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION

ZONING CASE NO. 4085

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Laura A. Robbins has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Special Exception to allow for the operation of a residential child care center. within a R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 5663 Beechwood Dr. in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

LOT 18, BLOCK "C" OF NORWOOD SUBDIVISION, PART 4, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 21 at Page 29, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, June17, 2020, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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WITNESS my signature this 28th day of May 2020.

/s/Ester L. Ainsworth  
Zoning Administrator  
City of Jackson, Mississippi

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Request for Quotes (RFQ)#2020-02

LANDSCAPING AND GROUND MAINTENANCE AT VARIOUS PROPERTIES- JTRAN

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

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

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

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The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all Quotes and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.

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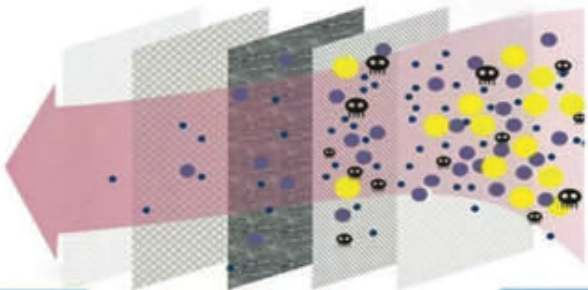
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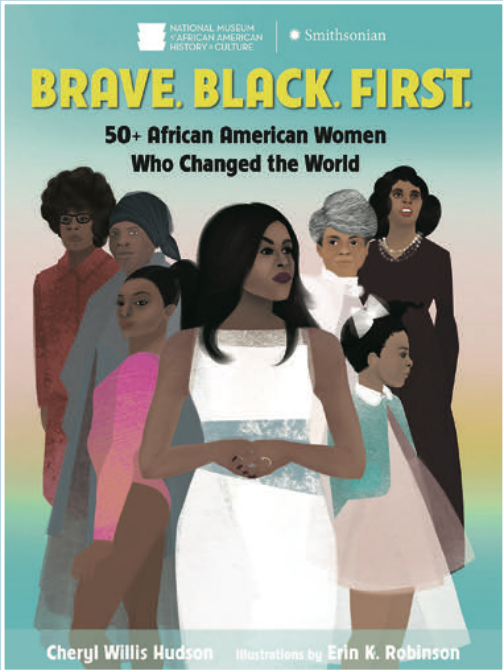
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BOOK REVIEW:

BRAVE. BLACK. FIRST.

BY CHERYL WILLIS HUDSON  
ILLUSTRATED BY ERIN K. ROBINSON  
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
*Columnist*

Step right up.  
When you want to be first in line, that’s what you have to do: get in place at the head, let everybody else queue behind you, and lead them forward. You might have to show them how it’s done. You might have to show some responsibility. Or, as in the new book “Brave. Black. First.” by Cheryl Willis Hudson, illustrated by Erin K. Robinson, you might have to take some big risks.

Is it always good to be first?



You might think so: you often get the best seat, the newest things, the nicest choice in a bunch of choices. But think about this: sometimes, being first is really hard. Sometimes, it’s downright scary.  
Take, for instance, Ruby Bridges. When she was just six years old, she became the first Black child to attend what had once been an all-white school. She put on a brave face and marched into the school building but afterward, Ruby’s dad lost his job and her grandparents lost their farm because she just

wanted to go to school. Still, Ruby continued going day after day after day.  
Being first might be a big honor, as it was for Barbara Jordan, “the first African American elected to the Texas state senate after Reconstruction, and the first African-American woman elected to the House of Representatives.” And then there’s Shirley Chisolm, who was the first black woman elected to Congress and the first black woman to try to be a Democratic candidate for the office of president.  
The first American athlete to

compete in the Olympics while wearing a hijab was Ibtihaj Muhammad. Ella Fitzgerald was the first African American to win Grammy Awards. Phillis Wheatley was America’s first black published poet. Ava DuVernay was the first black woman to direct a film with \$100 million budget. Basketballer Sheryl Swoopes was the first black female player to land a major shoe sponsorship. And though she’s not the last in this book of firsts, Michelle Obama was America’s first black First Lady.  
Sometimes, the easiest-to-

learn lessons come in the smallest of doses. That’s certainly the case inside “Brave. Black. First.”  
Indeed, this book leaps into its subject matter with no introduction, just biography, which is something young readers might appreciate since it won’t overwhelm them with too much information. No, author Cheryl Willis Hudson gives them just enough to teach but also enough to keep them curious with a nice balance of biographies.  
Women from all walks of life, from many periods of history,

all age groups, and with accomplishments in a variety of fields are represented, and Hudson includes tales of adversity as well as those of triumph. That, and draws-them-in artwork by Erin K. Robinson, makes this book accessible and meaningful for kids ages 8-to-12, and for boy readers as well as for girls.  
“Brave. Black. First.” is perfect if your child enjoys quick reads that are easily browsed and flipped-through. It’s likewise great for the kid who loves inspirational biographies, so step right up.



**ZACK WALLACE**  
Hinds County Circuit Clerk

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Circuit Clerk's Office  
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# Zelma Yvonne Watson Taylor

April 12, 1938 – May 24, 2020

Zelma Yvonne Watson Taylor, went peacefully to be with her heavenly father Sunday morning May 24, 2020, at Sentara Hospital in Hampton, Virginia.

Zelma, lovingly known as “ZeeZee,” was brought into this world in Learned, Mississippi to the late Clarence Clay Watson and Golena Galloway Watson by a country midwife on April 12, 1938, but her birth was not recorded until April 15, 1938. So, Zelma had the luxury of celebrating her birthday twice in one month.

A few years later Zelma’s parents moved to Jackson, Mississippi where she went to Sallie Reynolds Elementary School, Jim Hill High School and then on to Jackson State University where she received a Bachelor of Science in music education in 1962.

As a young child, Zelma, along with her large family attended Morning Star Baptist Church in Learned. At 2 years of age, the family moved to Jackson, where they began attending College Hill Missionary Baptist Church. It was during her growing years at College Hill, she eventually served as the director of the junior choir for many years.

Zelma taught five years at Rosa Scott Elementary School in Morton, Mississippi; then moved to Chicago to accept a teaching position as a secondary school music teacher. She became the director of music at a secondary school and participated in the Chicago Great Parks Symphony. Zelma lived at the YWCA/YMCA where she met Cornelius Taylor whom she lovingly called “Corky.”

They married on April 24, 1966, before Cornelius graduated from college. Because Cornelius had been in the Navy Reserves, after graduation Cornelius was obligated to go into the Navy so he and Zelma were stationed in Scotland where they had their first child, named Shoonah La.

When they returned to the states, they lived in Queens Terrace in Hampton for a short period of time and then purchased their first home on 125 Poplar Avenue in Hampton, Virginia. They also found a church home at St. Cyprian’s Episcopal Church. In 1979, Cornelius received



a job offer in Riceville, Tennessee. While in Tennessee, Zelma was involved in the Athens Music Club, performed at the local cabaret, sang at weddings, funerals, graduations and private parties. Zelma was also the director for Athens Convalescence Center Christmas Showcase. In 1997, they moved back to Hampton, Virginia and purchased the current home at 113 Tanglewood Drive.

On August 11, 1991, Zelma was initiated into the Pi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. She is a charter member of Tau Eta Omega in Cleveland, Tennessee. Zelma became a Silver Star and Life Member in the Gamma Upsilon Omega Chapter in Hampton, Virginia where she enjoyed being a member of the fashion show and hospital-ity committees.

With a contagious laugh, a superb singing voice, and many skills to include cooking and quilting, Zelma was extremely gifted. She also loved Bible study, watching crime and judge shows, and attending every ball and dance.

Zelma was the youngest and only living sibling of Ella W. Robinson, life resident of Jackson and retired teacher of the Jackson Public School System. In addition, she was the adored and beloved aunt of Paula R. Bass.

In 2018, Robinson and Paula hosted an 80th birthday par-

ty for Zelma in Jackson, MS where a host of her high school classmates, college classmates, neighborhood and church friends were in attendance.

Zelma’s life can be described as one who exemplified grace, beauty, class, laughter and talent!

She is preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Golena Watson; four brothers Leroy, VP, Argusta and Albert; three sisters, Ozella, Ada Vertil, Laura QT; and three infant siblings.

Zelma leaves to cherish her memory: husband Cornelius A. Taylor III of 54 years, Hampton, VA; sister, Ella Louise Watson Robinson, Jackson, MS; three daughters Shoonah La Feona (John Harris) of Birmingham, AL, Joanna Taylor-Wilson and Cornelia Taylor, Hampton, VA; one son, Cornelius A. Taylor IV of Chattanooga, TN; grandchildren Alexis, Patrick and JP, of Birmingham, AL; Abigail and Imanuel of Hampton, VA; and a very large family of nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends who loved her dearly and will greatly miss her. So now, Zelma...lift your voice to sing to The King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is pleased with the sound of your praise.

Zelma Yvonne Watson Taylor’s life will be celebrated on Saturday, June 6, 2020, 11 a.m., at the Smith Brother’s Funeral Home located at 545 E. Mercury Blvd, Hampton, VA 23663.

# George Floyd

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George Floyd, a resident of St. Louis Park, Minnesota, died Monday, May 25, 2020 at the age of 46 while in the custody of Minneapolis police officers, which sparked nationwide protests against police brutality. He was born in Fayetteville, North Carolina, and grew up in Houston, Texas. At the time of his death, he worked as a security guard at Conga Latin Bistro.

Arrangements for funeral services in Houston are being made by Fort Bend Memorial Planning Center, which has announced a public visitation will be held Monday, June 8, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Fountain of Praise, 13950 Hillcroft Ave. A private funeral will follow on June 9.

The Minneapolis Spokesman-Recorder reports that a public Minneapolis memorial service will be held Thursday, June 4, from 1 to 3 p.m. at North Central University, 1400 Elliot Avenue. In addition, the *Fayetteville Observer* reports that a public North Carolina memorial service will be held Saturday, June 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Cape Fear Conference B Headquarters, 10225 Fayetteville Road, Raeford.

Floyd’s uncle Selwyn Jones told the *Rapid City Journal* that Floyd is survived by three children, and that the six-foot-seven “gentle giant” had been a star football and basketball player in high school.

“He was everyone’s favorite everything,” his cousin Tera Brown told TMX.news.

Floyd was a longtime friend of NBA champion basketball



player and ESPN analyst Stephen Jackson.

“Floyd was my brother, we called each other twin,” Jackson said in an Instagram post on May 26. In another, Jackson said: “If he needed me, I was there for him... I think he was closer to me than some of my own family.”

Floyd’s partner Courteney Ross told KARE-11 News in Minneapolis: “He was not only the man I loved, but the man I admired. He taught me how to be a better person.”

His childhood friend Christopher Harris told NPR: “If he had a stamp and it had his

signature on it, it would be his smile. It literally lit up a room.”

“I want people to know that George Floyd was a caring person,” his Yates High School football and basketball teammate Jonathan Veal told KWTX News 10 in Texas. “His personality and his heart for others was equal or greater to his physical stature, and he always had a heart to give back.”

“Everybody loved Floyd,” his employer Jovanni Thunstrom of Conga Latin Bistro told KARE-11. “We all have good memories of him.”

# New Stage’s Statement of Solidarity

Mississippi Link Newswire

We are horrified by the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and mourn the loss of so many more black lives. The pain of the last week reminds us how far our country has to go to give every person the freedom to live with dignity and peace.

We are mindful of Mississippi’s dark history of racial violence and that for too many in our Black community, equity and justice remain elusive.

We believe in the importance of words and the healing capacity of shared stories. Our work can inform, enlighten and inspire. And sometimes, it should be unsettling.

audiences to confront its own prejudices and recognize the common humanity that we all share.

- We will stand in solidarity with our black artists, black staff members, and the black community and stand committed to empowering their voices.
- As we uphold our mission to produce works selected for their power to illuminate the human condition, we will continue to produce the works of black playwrights and pledge to produce works that explore racism and foster discussion about continuing inequities.

When New Stage Theatre first opened in 1966, the full houses for the opening season were significant: they repre-

sented the city’s first racially integrated theatre audience. Ever since, we have been committed to presenting plays that explore our country’s history of racial injustice and fostering community discussion about how we can build a better society. We will recommit ourselves to these ideals of inclusion, justice and shared humanity.

It is hard to see now, but the day will come for healing. We look forward to returning to the stage and seeing your faces in our audience when it is safe to return to the theatre. Theatre can bring us closer together.

Our hope is New Stage will help foster a more united beloved community.



### Face Masks Distribution Locations and Times

(Distribution will be held in the parking lot)

- **Sykes Community Center**  
Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 4:00 pm (while supplies last)  
520 Sykes Road, Jackson, MS 39212
- **Westside Community Center**  
Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 10:00 am (while supplies last)  
1444 Wiggins Road, Jackson, MS 39209
- **Old Fred’s Parking Lot**  
Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 4:00 pm (while supplies last)  
6200 Old Canton Road, Jackson, MS 39211
- **Champions Gym**  
Friday, June 5, 2020 at 10:00 am (while supplies last)  
1355 Hattiesburg Street, Jackson, MS 39204
- **Vergy P. Middleton Community Center**  
Friday, June 5, 2020 at 4:00 pm (while supplies last)  
3971 Flag Chapel Road, Jackson, MS 39213
- **Pete Brown Golf Course**  
Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 10:00 am (while supplies last)  
3200 Woodrow Wilson Drive, Jackson, MS 39213
- **Metrocenter Parking Lot**  
Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 2:00 pm (while supplies last)  
1000 Metrocenter, Jackson, MS 39209

For more information, contact Constituent Services at 601.960.1084



# BlackLivesMatter – George Floyd Protest

*Outside Jackson Police Department • Jackson, MS • June 1, 2020*

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