

# JSU student makes American Idol’s Top 12



Goncalves

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Jackson State University’s student and member of the Sonic Boom of the South, made it to American Idol’s Top 12 Monday night during the live show.

DeShawn Goncalves, a JSU music major, a native of Ohio and a 2019 graduate of East High School, has won over the judges and America by making it to another round.

On Monday’s night show, American Idol’s host, Ryan Seacrest, told Goncalves, “the judges are loving your growth, and America likes your growth, too.”

Goncalves credits Jackson State

for making him a better singer. “When I got to Jackson State, my music professors told me, ‘Son, I need you to work on this and work on this, and it just made me better,’” Goncalves said.

Goncalves received rave reviews from the judges after his performance of Nina Simone’s Feeling Good which landed him in the next round.

“This was your best performance,” American Idol judge Luke Bryan told Goncalves. “Watching your growth is what’s so inspiring

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# ‘I just want my baby home’ says distraught mom of unarmed black man killed by police



Katie Wright said as officers pulled her son over, he called her. “I heard someone say ‘Daunte, don’t run,’” she recalled.

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Katie Wright, the mother of the 20-year-old African American man shot and killed by police a short distance from a Minneapolis courtroom where former cop Derek Chauvin stands trial for the murder of George Floyd, is searching for answers.

Wright, and a frustrated community that still has not wrapped its head around Floyd’s very avoidable murder, said there was no reason for officers to shoot Daunte Wrigh Sr.

“My son was 20-years-old,” Katie Wright reminded journalists and community members, just hours after her son’s fatal police encounter.

“He got pulled over for having air fresheners in the car that I just gave him,” she forcefully explained. “All he did was have air fresheners in the car, and they told him to get out of the car.”

Brooklyn Center police officials claimed officers pulled Wright over for a traffic violation.

The incident occurred at about 2 p.m. in the 6300 block of Orchard Avenue in

Brooklyn Center.

Police officials said Wright, the father of a one-year-old son, had an outstanding warrant.

When they attempted to arrest him, Wright retreated inside his vehicle.

“One officer discharged their firearm, striking the driver, and the vehicle traveled several blocks before striking into another vehicle,” authorities wrote in a statement, which failed to address why police shot the unarmed Wright.

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# Jackson native, child star heads to college at 14

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Jackson native, Trinitee Stokes who is a television Disney child star, is headed to college at 14 years old.

Stokes is making history as the youngest student to attend college at the young age of 14. The college she was admitted to has never had a student her age before.

Stokes graduated high school with honors and a scholarship. “Sooooooo, I found out mid school year that I had enough credits to graduate high school and with honors. I also have 29 college credits to take with me:o). As of last month, at age 14, I have been accepted in college and with a merit scholarship,” Stokes wrote on her Facebook page.

“Y’all, I am so excited and can’t wait to share with you my school choice and major. Being in quarantine wasn’t all bad. LOL,” Stokes wrote.

Stokes said that she is excited about starting her college career at an early age. “It is exciting. I will be the youngest



Stokes

person to attend and be admitted at the age of 14, so that’s really cool.”

The American child actress, singer and fashion designer plans to major in political communications with a minor in public diplomacy.

Stokes is keeping it tight lip on which college she is attending. Her parents are proud products of HBCUs. Her father, Taronta Stokes, is a graduate of thee Jackson State University. Her mother, Kia Stokes is a graduate of the historical Tou-

galoo College.

“My mom would tell me if you make bad grades, you’re not going to set today. So that helped me make all A’s and B’s,” Stokes said.

The young Hollywood actress plays Tamika on ABC’s



ney Channel sitcom Austin & Ally, TV Land sitcom Teachers and was casted as Judy Cooper on Disney Channel K.C. Undercover.

Stokes’ voice can be heard in the Disney movie The Princess and the Frog as Princess Tiana. She also guest starred on Disney Junior’s Doc McStuffins.

Stokes has released two singles, an independent gospel single entitled Win Now and an independent pop single entitled Miss Me.

Stokes is also a fashion designer. She designed a line of clothes called Designs by Trinitee which features colorful, fun and sparkly clothing for tween girls which she is often seen wearing on the red carpet.

When asked what inspiring words she has for young people, Stokes said, “I would say to find what makes you passionate and go after it. All things really are possible with God.”

Watch Stokes on ABC Mixed-ish Tuesdays at 9:30/8:30 central. Follow her on all social media at Trinitee Stokes for her college announcement.



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# Girl Scouts 2021 West Jackson Service Unit celebrate their high school seniors

By India Fuller  
Jackson State University Intern

The Girl Scouts of several troops were praised and honored during a virtual celebration of motivation, feedback and words of wisdom platform, April 12. Community troop leaders and graduating high school seniors were recognized and acknowledged for their outstanding accomplishments, contributions to the Girl Scout organization and for their future plans as young adults entering the college world.

They opened up with their Girl Promise and Girl Scout Law, a well-known tradition at the beginning of Girl Scout meetings and events.

Five young ladies from various west Jackson troops were asked to give their names, troop numbers, high schools, plans for their future endeavors and favorite experiences in the Girl Scout organization.

Scouts were from local high schools that included Callaway, Clinton, Wingfield and Richland. The girls have made commitments to colleges and have made their preferences known.

Alexis Moncure, Clinton High School senior, Troop 5576 led by Teresa Williams, plans to go to Hinds Community College for two years and finish at Jackson State University majoring in criminal justice. Her favorite memory was her community service at Stew Pot. Moncure stated she learned the value of sisterhood and friend-



ship while in the Girl Scouts. “My Girl Scout mates were like sisters to me that I never thought I would have. I will always have a relationship with them 10-20 years from now and I will always cherish that,” said Moncure.

Ja’Miraca Hicks, Wingfield High School senior, Troop 5351 led by Jackie Hampton and Mary Fisher, plans to attend Jackson State University and major in pre-med biology and nursing. Hicks’ favorite memory was their trip to Orange Beach, Alabama. She enjoyed her time on the beach while bonding with her Girl Scout sisters. “We were eating sandwiches and sand was flying everywhere, that my favorite memory.” Hicks learned about fundraising and its importance and money management skills while in Girl Scouting.

Madison Terrell, Richland High School senior, Troop 5149 led by Cassandra Stovall, plans to attend Jackson State University this fall majoring in psychology and wants a career as a therapist. Terrell loved the Girl Scouts convention trip to Mobile Alabama as well as the



Virtual meeting of Girl Scouts West Jackson Service Unit with troop leaders and scouts, April 12.

community service. She enjoyed helping out at the Susan B. Center and the Juvenile Diabetes Walk. “One thing I will miss is being able to be with my Girl Scout sisters and my troop leader. They have been really helpful along the way,” said Terrell.

Tiara Jackson, Richland High School senior, Troop 5149 led by Peggy King and Cassandra Stovall, will be attending East Central Community College this fall and is going to finish at Southern Miss. She wants to major in communications and Spanish. “I’ve learned networking with others. When I first started out in Girl Scouts I was very shy, now I am super

talkative. I learned how to communicate and present myself when I am talking to people.” One thing Jackson said she is going to miss was going to Girl Scout camp. Her favorite memory was the convention in Mobile, Ala.

M’Kaylan Woods, Calloway High School senior, Troop 5120 led by LeKeisha Bland and Hil-dred Woods, is applying to multiple colleges and so far has been accepted at Mississippi State University. Woods shared that Girl Scouts taught her leadership and friendship. “One of my favorite things was the meetings, getting to know new people, making new friendships and sometimes leading meetings.”

A take away from the overall group of girls was the love for the organization. They valued the knowledge received from their families churches, troop leaders and the fellow girls in their troops, referred to as sisters. The girls shared experiences with the Girl Scout organization with such words as leadership, friendship, networking, communication and values.

However, sisterhood was a common denominator for all the girls sharing their experiences and being the most shared as a common ground for all.

Parents and troop leaders gave each girl words of encouragement, kind expressions

and advice. These words, although specific for each girl in the troop, were beneficial to all the girls and could be applied in their walks of life.

Troop leaders provided recommendations and words of wisdom such as focus, set goals, keep prayer in your life, hold yourself up, be a good person, help others and do not be afraid to be risk takers.

Troop leader Cassandra Stovall said, “West Jackson Service Unit is proud of our high school seniors. Our Girl Scout leaders have instilled in them a courageous and confident character. They are positioning themselves to “make our world a better place” through their faith and career choices. Our Girl Scout Village is open to their service to help the next generation of Girl Scouts.”

Peggy King-James informed the girls to be on the look out for contributions in the form of checks from the West Jackson Service Unit. The seniors also received gift baskets from their individual troops containing items needed for college.

The West Jackson Service Unit is comprised of 13 Troops helping girls to be great leaders.

James also encouraged the girls to read and to be good with money. She recommended a bestselling author and book: Get Good with Money by Tiffany Aliche.

In conclusion, one parent troop leader said it best, “Be you and be beautiful.”

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## Terry High School senior learns the true meaning of volunteering



Aneesa Dixon, Terry High School senior

For the past month, I have had an opportunity to organize and volunteer with the Hinds County School District and South Hinds Rotary Club Hygiene Drive project. The purpose of the drive was to donate personal hygiene and hygiene items to senior men of Autumn Light Care Home, an assisted living facility located in Terry, Mississippi.

As a volunteer, I was charged with sharing the information with the student body along with setting up donation drop-off locations. In addition, I share the drive information on my personal social-media account, and I encouraged my family and friends to share the information with the public to increase public awareness

and donations. Alongside with that, I work with my Girl Scout Troop 5841 to gather additional hygiene items. I also purchase some hygiene items for the donation.

Giving back to the community makes me feel that I am doing the right thing and that I should help people who are less fortunate than me. The fulfilling feeling of giving back and contributing to society is a great way to know your community and its citizens. Building this type of relationship gives everyone faith in believing there are still good people in the world. Volunteering will give you the opportunity to meet people from different places. — Aneesa Dixon





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A female passenger in Wright’s vehicle reportedly suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

“People in the Twin Cities, especially young black people, are outraged by the police killing of Daunte Wright,” Mel Reeves, the *Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder* editor, declared.

*The Spokesman-Recorder*, one of the 230 African American-owned newspapers and media companies represented by the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), has continued to cover the trial of Chauvin, who faces multiple counts of murder in the death of Floyd last May.

“Wright was unarmed, and there is no apparent or logical reason why Brooklyn Center police would have shot him during a traffic stop,” Reeves remarked.

Katie Wright said as officers pulled her son over, he called her. “I heard someone say ‘Daunte, don’t run,’” she recalled.

Wright said her son’s girlfriend answered the phone when she called back.

“He got out of the car, and his girlfriend said they shot him,” Wright uttered as her voice trailed. “He got back

in the car, and he drove away and crashed, and now he’s dead on the ground. Nobody will tell us anything. Nobody will talk to us. I asked them to please take my son off the ground, he’s been there since 1:47 this afternoon.”

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz said he would closely monitor the situation as National Guard troops arrived to quell potential conflict between police and a still-on-edge community.

“Gwen and I are praying for Daunte Wright’s family as our state mourns another life of a black man taken by law enforcement,” the governor tweeted.

As frustrated individuals from the community shouted and chanted their displeasure with police, officers donned riot gear, fired flashbangs, and sprayed chemicals on protestors who marched toward the Brooklyn Center Police Department headquarters.

“He was only 20 years old, and he didn’t deserve to be shot and killed like this,” Katie Wright demanded. “I don’t want all of this, all of this. I just want my baby home. That’s all I want is I want him to be home. I don’t want everybody out here chanting and screaming, yelling, I just want him home, that’s it.”

# Is America failing millennials and Generation Z’s?

By Stephanie Myers and Jan Perry  
[www.blackwomenforpositivechange.org](http://www.blackwomenforpositivechange.org)

During the last two weeks of March and first week of April 2021, Americans were shocked with alarming news of mass shootings and violent attacks in Atlanta, Georgia, Boulder Colorado, Washington, D.C. and York County, South Carolina. Out of the 20 mass shootings and violent attacks since March 1, one very distressing element stands out – a number of the attacks were carried out by GenZ’s (14-24 years) and Millennials (25-38 years), from diverse racial groups and regions of the United States.

For example, on April 7, 2021, in York County, South Carolina, 32 year old Millennial and former NFL Player Philip Adams committed a mass shooting of a renowned local doctor, his wife, grandchildren and two workers. Early reports say Adams, who later committed suicide, suffered from football related brain concussions. On April 2 in Washington, D.C., 25 year old Millennial Noah Green rammed his car into two Capitol Hill officers and killed one of the officers, and injured the other.

Reports from his family indicate Noah was suffering from prescription drug use, paranoia and depression. He was killed at the scene of the violence. On March 18, 21 year old GenZ Robert Aaron Long, killed eight Asian spa workers and their customers, at massage parlors in Georgia. He claimed sex addiction as a reason for his behavior. And on March 22 in Boulder, Colorado, 21 year old Ahmad Al Aliwi Alissa, killed ten people at a grocery store. His relatives and schoolmates say Aliwi was bullied in school for being Muslim and retaliated with anger.

These four young men who perpetrated violence were from diverse racial groups, and in different regions of the country. But, what they had in common was they were either Millennials or GenZ’s who were obviously suffering from serious mental health issues. What was being done to help them? Where were their parents, mentors, faith leaders, aunts, uncles, social workers, colleagues, etc.? Did they have trained support or, were they dealing with their crisis mostly alone?

Generation X and Baby Boomers in America have to stop being self-absorbed and start paying attention to depressed GenZ and Millennial individuals. According to the 2019 US Census reports, these groups now make up the largest age-based demographic groups in the United States. These young people know how and where to purchase guns, how to make guns using 3D technology – known as ghost guns and they are strongly influenced by video games, violent movies, aggressive sports and even aggressive relatives who commit domestic violence.

Research by the Anne Casey Foundation finds that GenZ’s are suffering from high levels of depression, and this must be taken seriously. Plus, they are impacted by the killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Armaud Arbery, many more black men and women.

But, how can Generation X and Baby Boomers help Millennials and GenZ’s who are suffering from anxiety, Covid-lockdowns, student debt, job loss and other societal factors? Since taking office, President Joe Biden is starting to focus on these issues. On April 8, 2021, the president and Attorney General Merrick Garland, announced a series of executive orders designed to stop violence and



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promote violence prevention. Their plan will target grants for communities, to mobilize violence prevention programs. These actions are to be applauded but, it is important that the programs be implemented effectively, with feedback from affected communities of color.

Black Women for Positive Change, a national multi-cultural, inter-generational network of women and Good Brothers, has sponsored ten (10) years of Annual Weeks of Non-Violence. During those years, we have heard a multitude of stories from participants about causes of violence, depression and anxiety. We have found that many GenZs and Millennials suffer from lack of parenting, mentorship and productive, engaging activities. We have also found stigmatization of mental health and fear of families of color to seek help for disturbed youth. In addition, our outreach informs us that Millennials and GenZs complain about lack of opportunities and dreams for their futures.

Therefore, it is important for the Biden Administration to factor in the need for “Opportunities” in violence prevention programs to assist youth with overcoming the obstacles of the Covid-19 pandemic, job loss, single headed households under pressures, and other issues. New approaches are needed to provide GenZs and Millennials with opportunities to move forward, overcome obstacles and have productive, positive lives.

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## Goncalves

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for us as judges.”

The iconic Lionel Richie was touched. “First of all, let me just tell you from all of us that sing, the hardest thing in the world is a cold start, meaning it’s all you. You handled that with such control. You handled that like a pro. You owned the piano as well,” Richie said in response to Goncalves’ performances.

“Selling you behind that piano is one step, selling you in front of the piano is another level in your career. Congratulations, my friend.”

American Idol judge Katy Perry called Goncalves’ performance “next level.”

“Never stop striving to achieve your dreams. One of mine just came true,” Goncalves wrote on Instagram after winning his golden ticket to Hollywood.

“Lionel Richie told me to just be myself and I’ll be fine and that’s what I’m doing. So I’m going to trust in him, trust in God and trust in myself to carry me through,” Goncalves said in an interview.

Mississippi native Hannah Everhart from Canton, made it to the Top 24 but was eliminated.

Catch American Idol Sundays and Mondays 8/7 central.

To support Gonsalves, vote at [AmericanIdol.com/Vote](http://AmericanIdol.com/Vote) or on the *American Idol App* or text 7 to 21523.

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# High court won't block Mississippi school disparity lawsuit

By Emily Wagster Pettus  
Associated Press

The U.S. Supreme Court said Thursday it will not get involved, for now, in a lawsuit that says Mississippi allows grave disparities in funding between predominantly black and predominantly white schools.

Southern Poverty Law Center sued the state in 2017 on behalf of low-income black women who said their children and other black children attended schools that were in worse condition and had lower academic performance than some wealthier, predominantly white schools.

U.S. District Judge William H. Barbour dismissed the suit in 2019. A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals revived it in April 2020.

Mississippi officials, including Gov. Tate Reeves and state Superintendent of Education Carey Wright, asked the full appeals court to reconsider the ruling by the three-judge panel. The appeals court voted 9-8 in December to reject that request. The state then asked the Supreme Court to get involved.

Barbour, who died early this year, had said in 2019 that state officials were immune from being sued. The appeals court panel said sovereign immunity “is not

limitless” and people may sue a state as long as the suit seeks changes going forward and not compensation for past practices.

The Supreme Court's order Thursday said there are other grounds for dismissal of the lawsuit that have not been resolved at the district court level. The case has been reassigned to U.S. District Judge Henry T. Wingate.

One of the attorneys representing the families, Will Bardwell, said of Thursday's decision: “It's a very strong indication that the Supreme Court is going to allow the case to move forward.”

The lawsuit said Mississippi has been violating a federal law that allowed the state to rejoin the union after the Civil War. The 1870 law said Mississippi could not change its 1868 state constitution in a way to deprive any citizen of “school rights and privileges.” The state now has a constitution that was adopted in 1890 and has been amended several times.

“From 1890 until the present day, Mississippi repeatedly has amended its education clause and has used those amendments to systematically and deliberately deprive African Americans of the education rights guaranteed to all Mississippi schoolchildren by the 1868 Constitution,” the

lawsuit said.

The Mississippi attorney general's office argued in court papers in 2018 that the plaintiffs were seeking to “refashion” the 1870 federal law “into a contorted federal mandate that would place the State of Mississippi in a straitjacket so far as the educational provisions of the state's Constitution are concerned.”

The plaintiffs' children in 2017 were attending elementary schools that were 95% black and where 95% of students were receiving free or reduced price lunches – an indicator of poverty.

The suit said that fewer than 11% of students at their children's schools were proficient in reading and math, and the schools had a D rating from the state. They contrasted that to three higher-income, mostly white schools in Madison County, DeSoto County and Gulfport, where more than 65% of students were proficient in reading and math and the schools had an A rating.

The lawsuit also said that schools attended by the plaintiffs' children had wet ceilings, chipping paint and inexperienced teachers, compared to the other schools with extensive resources and extracurricular activities and experienced teachers.

# 198,000 Mississippians are eligible for zero-dollar plans through HealthCare.gov

Mississippi Link Newswire

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra announced recently that 198,000 Mississippians are eligible for zero-dollar plans through HealthCare.gov due to the American Rescue Plan signed by President Biden on March 11. About 97,000 current enrollees and 101,000 uninsured adults can sign up for quality health coverage with no monthly premiums. Additionally, 102,000 current enrollees and 119,000 uninsured adults are eligible for low-premium plans.

“We're delivering lower health care costs to more Mississippians because everyone deserves access to quality, affordable health care. Today, help is here – and people who are eligible for tax credits can start saving money on their health insurance premiums thanks to the American Rescue Plan,” said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. “We have already seen more than half a million Americans nationwide gain quality affordable health care coverage through President Biden's Special Enrollment Period. We are encouraging uninsured Mississippians and current Marketplace enrollees to visit HealthCare.

gov to see if they qualify for enhanced financial assistance to purchase quality, affordable health coverage.”

The American Rescue Plan increased tax credits available to millions of consumers, reducing premiums and giving consumers access to affordable, quality health care coverage. An average of 3 out of 5 eligible uninsured Americans can access zero-dollar plans after advance payments of premium tax credits and an average of 4 out of 5 current HealthCare.gov consumers will be able to find a plan for \$10 or less per month after advance payments of premium tax credits.

President Biden opened access to an SEP on HealthCare.gov through August 15 due to the continuing COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, allowing consumers to sign up for a health insurance plan outside of the yearly Open Enrollment Period. More than 500,000 Americans have already signed up for health coverage on HealthCare.gov under the SEP.

Nearly 15 million Americans who currently lack health insurance and many current enrollees are eligible to receive additional financial support in obtaining Marketplace coverage as part of the American

Rescue Plan. Recent reports show gains in enrollment among historically uninsured communities, including black consumers and individuals near the poverty level. Of applicants who identified a race, 17% identified as black – compared to about 11% in both 2020 and 2019 during the same time period. Among consumers requesting financial assistance, 41% report being at or slightly above the federal poverty level, compared to 38% in 2020 and 33% in 2019.

Consumers who want to enroll in coverage and see if they qualify for more affordable premiums can visit HealthCare.gov or CuidadoDeSalud.gov to view 2021 plans and prices and, if eligible, enroll in a plan that best meets their needs.

Consumers can call the Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596, which provides assistance in over 150 languages. TTY users can call 1-855-889-4325. Consumers can also find a local assister or agent/broker in their area by visiting: <https://localhelp.healthcare.gov>.

Eligible consumers can apply through HealthCare.gov through August 15, 2021, to gain access to the Special Enrollment Period to change or update their plan choices.

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# Black males and police encounters

By Dr. John E. Warren  
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While many of us are re-living the murder of George Floyd through the trial of Derek Chauvin for his murder, we are getting constant reminders that police abuse and murder of black men and women continues with no lessons learned. Sunday’s “murder” of Daunte Wright in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, should never have happened over a traffic stop or any nonviolent police encounter. Add to that the graphic video of the black/Latino Army officer being abused and pepper sprayed because he questioned why he was being stopped and taken out of his car at gunpoint and hollered at, all of it over a license plate. It appears that since Rodney King’s beating with “nightsticks,” the replacement order of the day is shoot to kill if it’s a black man or woman. It also appears that in spite of all the marches, demonstrations, media coverage of such shootings as well as wrongful death lawsuits, law enforcement still feel justified in its treatment and murder of black people. Clearly there is no national sense of change in attitudes, but rather an increase in police hostility. Since the police don’t intend to change their attitude toward us, we must change our attitude during such police encounters.

Black men and women must live through police encounters to fight another day. Clearly, from what we have heard and seen from video of such encounters, survival of such police contact depends on our ability to not ask questions and do as we are told, no matter how wrong and inhumane or offensive the instructions from such officers. We must remember that the idea is to cause escalation of the encounter so that the initial cause of the contact gets replaced with a more serious charge of disobeying a police officer leading up to resisting arrest if one questions the reason for the stop or contact.

We must remember that the police are intentionally rude and disrespectful, with the aim at provoking resistance to police directives such as “get on the ground,” which is offensive and unnecessary. We have also seen cases such as Philando Castile, in Minnesota, who told the police he had a gun and carry permit, but was still shot while sitting in his car with his fiancée and baby. We must remember that all resistance, questioning of reasons for stops, or any comments other than “Yes” and, or “No” can lead to death. Any sudden movements, reaching for or holding a cell phone, which already caused one black man his life while standing in his own garage, can cause death.

Let’s live to fight back, no matter what the insult. Then, we can begin to win.

# The politics of exclusion are taking over our count

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Must everything we do have a political slant to it? Must every word we say have a political vent to it? Must we always take sides?

I rise each morning wondering when this nightmare of exclusionary confusion will be over. When will common sense and not political sense be the call of the day?

Here are just a few examples of how politics have risen to unprecedented highs.

The pandemic has been with us for over a year now. Even after COVID-19 was called a pandemic, there were those who minimized it and skirted around the problem. They were playing politics with it.

Debra Hunter last week was ordered to serve 30 days in jail, pay a \$500 fine, and have a mental health examination and anger management. She coughed in the face of a cancer survivor. This incident happened last year. The victim, Heather Sprague, was wearing a mask.

At last, we were able to get a vaccine. However, it was slow to be distributed. Some states received it faster than other states. Why? They were playing the political game.

In November, we had one of the most contentious elections in modern day history. Our system was tested but it prevailed. Election boards and the courts said that it was a fair election. Not everyone thought that was the case. As a result, the term “big lie” came to be.

The “big lie” was that the election was stolen and that fraud took place. This lie has been spread throughout the country. It is a part of the American landscape. There is unfortunately a segment of the population that carries this “big lie” around with them every day.

The January 6 insurrection on our nation’s Capitol was a result of the “big lie.” Lives were lost and our country was rocked to its core. This event did not have to happen. It happened because evil people with evil minds played political games with our beloved country.

Just weeks ago, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp signed into law legislation that will weaken the voting rights of people of color. The law is shrouded in ill-gotten gains. It won’t last long.

Now, we have folks walking around with no masks and too close together. This is after hearing masks work and social distancing does too. These are the people who do not think the pandemic is real and have no need for the vaccine. They are immersed in their own way of wayward thinking.

Families across America have now received the stimulus checks. Obviously, these checks are to help us and the economy get back on its feet. Are some families misusing the stimulus checks because of the categories they fall into and the amount of money they get? Yes, there are families that are misusing the stimulus system.

For example, if you have a job, do not quit your job for the temporary relief that you receive from this check. These checks are called stimulus checks, not permanent checks. If you do, you are doing just what some people said you were going to do. Do not sit at home when you can be working.

The political climate in this country is unhealthy. The blame game is ever-present. We blame each other for what goes wrong. Yet we do not have gratitude when things go well.

Do not engage in sideways thinking. Be a part of the solution. Be on the right side of history. It will take all of us working together to make America an America for all Americans.

Do not play the political game.

# Hate is Hate Regardless of the Color

*H Ralph Samuels Jr.*

So you say you have a problem with the color of my skin...  
But have you ever given thought....of the skin that “you’re” in?

There’s got to be much more than you hating on “one’s” color  
Must be deeper for some reason why you despise your other brother.

Do you realize you are akin to the ones you treat like mud?  
And even though our pigments vary, inside we all are just one blood.

We were all made in God’s image, who created heaven and earth.  
And though we may have different hues,  
To Him we all have the “same” worth.

So when I hear about a crime affecting any community;  
It’s not the color but the hate, that we really need to see.

Whether the crime is black on black, or the perpetrator’s white....  
Whether an Asian or an Indian,  
Hate is hate and it ain’t right.

So we need to check ourselves before we get all out of whack...  
Hating someone because of color is very childish, that’s a fact.

It’s like having a box a crayons, and you need the color blue...  
But instead your sky is orange, cause the black child used blue too.

.....or you need the color green, cause the grass needs to be right.  
But instead it winds up purple, cause green was touched by someone white.

Maybe my analogy is kinda crazy, and my view a little extreme...  
But this is exactly how we act, because our hearts are very mean.

Is our color really the issue, or an excuse we like to make?  
The problem is “sin” deep in our hearts, it is real and it’s not fake.

What is fake is how we “act”...like, “we really are not racists,”  
Sports, government, the business world, even the church of all places.

Until we have a change of heart, and see people the way God does....  
We will always succumb to hate, and never express or experience His love.

Too many blacks are being killed, too many deaths among Caucasians,  
Too many lives are being lost, now we’re counting up the Asians...

We may not all talk alike, our politics may not be the same;  
We may live in different neighborhoods,  
and not enjoy the same kind of games

We may vary in economics, some are rich, and some are poor;  
Our education levels may be different, and there is “oh” so much more...

What we really need to do, is consider our common fate....  
What will we say to God when we stand at heaven’s gate?

“Lord don’t put me on the westside....too many blacks are over there”  
“Lord I can’t live on the east side....those folks skin is too white and fair”  
“Lord I can’t go on the Northside....there’s way too many Asians”  
“And Lord, the south side just won’t do...the Latinos cook for every occasion.

Another crazy analogy?  
Think real hard before you speak  
Cause if you think you’re getting in heaven  
You won’t even get a peek.....

The Bible makes it plain, this is where we all must start.  
Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ cause only the pure in heart shall see God.

We must learn to live together, and show God’s love to one another  
So remember Hate is Hate....it doesn’t matter what the color.

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‘The Name Inspires The Pen’



# US recommends ‘pause’ for J&J shots in blow to vaccine drive

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The U.S. Tuesday recommended a “pause” in using the single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine to investigate reports of rare but potentially dangerous blood clots, setting off a chain reaction worldwide and dealing a setback to the global vaccine campaign.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration announced that they were investigating unusual clots that occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination. The acting FDA commissioner said she expected the pause to last a matter of days.

The decision triggered swift action in Europe and elsewhere as the drugmaker and regulators moved to halt the use of the J&J vaccine, at least for now. Hundreds of thousands of doses of the vaccine were due to arrive in European countries this week. The European Union has been plagued by supply shortages, logistical problems and concerns over unusual blood clots in a small number of people who received the AstraZeneca vaccine.

Any slowdown in the dissemination of the shots could have broad implications for the global vaccination effort. The J&J vaccine held immense promise because its single-dose regimen and relatively simple storage requirements would make it easier to use, especially in less affluent countries.

The clots occurred in veins that drain blood from the brain and occurred together with low platelets, the fragments in blood that normally form clots. All six cases were in women between the ages of 18 and 48. One person died, and all of the cases remain under investigation.

More than 6.8 million doses of the J&J vaccine have been given in the U.S., the vast ma-



jority with no or mild side effects.

The FDA said the cases under investigation appear similar to the clots that European authorities say are possibly linked to the AstraZeneca vaccine, which is not yet cleared in the U.S. European regulators have stressed that the AstraZeneca risk appears to be lower than the possibility of developing clots from birth control pills.

Federally run mass vaccination sites will pause the use of the J&J shot, and states and other providers are expected to follow. But authorities stressed they have found no signals of clot problems with the most widely used COVID-19 vaccines in the U.S. – from Moderna and Pfizer.

“I’d like to stress these events appear to be extremely rare. However COVID-19 vaccine safety is a top priority,” acting FDA Commissioner Ja-

net Woodcock said at a news conference.

Speaking at a White House news conference, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation’s top expert on infectious disease, said the pause would allow the FDA and the CDC to investigate the clotting cases “to try and understand some of the mechanisms” and “to make physicians more aware of this.”

A CDC committee will meet Wednesday to discuss the cases, and the FDA has also launched an investigation into the cause of the clots and low platelet counts.

FDA officials emphasized that Tuesday’s action was not a mandate. Doctors and patients could still use J&J’s vaccine if they decide its benefits outweigh its risks for individual cases, said Dr. Peter Marks.

The agencies recommend that people who were given the J&J vaccine should contact their doctor if they experience

severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks.

J&J said in a statement that it was aware of the reports of blood clots, but that no link to its vaccine had been established. The company also said it would delay the rollout of its vaccine in Europe as a precaution.

U.S. health authorities cautioned doctors against using a typical clot treatment, the blood-thinner heparin. “In this setting, administration of heparin may be dangerous and alternative treatments need to be given,” the FDA and CDC said.

European authorities investigating the AstraZeneca cases have concluded clots appear to be similar to a very rare abnormal immune response that sometimes strikes people treated with heparin, leading to a temporary clotting disorder.

While it’s not clear yet if the reports among J&J recipients

are related, doctors would treat these kinds of unusual clots like they treat people who have the heparin reaction – with different kinds of blood thinners and sometimes an antibody infusion, said Dr. Geoffrey Barnes, a clot expert at the University of Michigan.

Even without J&J’s vaccine, White House officials said they remain on track to have enough supplies to vaccinate most American adults by the summer.

“We believe there’s enough vaccine in the system – Moderna and Pfizer – for all Americans who want to get vaccinated by May 31 to do so,” said Jeff Zients, the White House’s COVID-19 response coordinator.

Asked if the government was overreacting to six cases out of more than 6 million vaccinations, the CDC’s Dr. Anne Schuchat said recommendations will come quickly.

Because these unusual clots require special treatment, “it was of the utmost importance to us to get the word out,” she said. “That said, the pandemic is quite severe and cases are increasing in lots of places and vaccination’s critical.”

States and cities swiftly moved to implement the pause. New York state Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker said people with Tuesday appointments for J&J vaccines at state-run mass vaccination clinics will instead get the Pfizer vaccine.

The city of Dallas had planned to begin an in-home vaccination program using the J&J vaccine for homebound or elderly people. The city said it will pause the program until more guidance is released.

The J&J vaccine received emergency use authorization from the FDA in late February with great fanfare. Yet the shot only makes up a small fraction of the doses administered in the U.S. J&J has been plagued by production delays and manufacturing errors at the Baltimore plant of a contractor.

Last week, the drugmaker took over the facility to scale up production in hopes of meeting its commitment to the U.S. government of providing about 100 million doses by the end of May.

Only about 9 million of the company’s doses have been delivered to states and are awaiting administration, according to CDC data.

The European Medicines Agency stressed that the benefits of receiving the vaccine outweigh the risks for most people. But several countries have imposed limits on who can receive the vaccine. Britain recommended that people under 30 be offered alternatives.

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48.	28702	18-192716	1992 OLD CUTLASS CIERA	1G3AL54N5N6351554	107.	40032	20-054921	1997 CHEV IMP	2G1WF52E4A93977982	172.	40420	20-093684	2003 FORD WSD	1FBSS31SX3HA47115
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50.	28728	18-195736	1995 NISS MAXIMA	JN1CA21D6ST662094	109.	40034	20-052338	2012 HOND CIVIC	2HGFB2F5XCH532909	174.	40436	20-115578	2005 CHEV IMP	2G1WF52E259391849
51.	28730	18-196609	2010 CHEV EQUINOX	2CNALPEW2A6380982	110.	40039	20-052557	1999 CHEV AST	1GNDM19W8XB116927	175.	40443	20-115630	1996 TOYT COA	1NXBB02E2Z496195
52.	28736		2000 DODG DAK	1B7GL22N0YS786649	111.	40040	20-056129	1989 FORD F150	1FTDF15Y5KKA22961	176.	40460	20-098820	2006 CHEV MONTE	2G1WJ15K269168477
53.	28751	19-002190	2003 CHEV BZR	1B7GL22N0YS786649	112.	40042	20-056694	1999 CHEV CTA	1GNEC13R0XJ567057	177.	40465	20-118321	2000 FORD MUSTANG	1FAFP4443YF182057
54.	28753	19-002603	2008 PONT G6	1G2ZHH17NX84114555	113.	40043	20-056681	2004 PONT GRAN	2G2WPS42541269799	178.	40474	20-120553	2006 GMC NEW SIERRA	1GTEC14X76Z104614
55.	28760		2002 ACUR 3.5RL	JH4KA96582C007291	114.	40047	20-056919	2006 HOND CR-V	SHSRD78546U438978	179.	40478	20-120550	2007 DODG CLB	1B3HB28B07D182950
56.	28771	19-005978	2004 MERC GMG	2MEFM74W54X687567	115.	40061	20-057713	1994 MAZD MPV	JM3LV5229R0629738	180.	40483	20-121790	2007 FORD F15	1FTPW12V57KB02257
57.	28794	19-009592	2011 DODG CHALLENGER	2B3CJ5DT7BH535032	116.	40074	20-058159	2005 MERZ E	WDBUF70J45A768064	181.	40498	20-122957	2009 MERZ C	WDDGF54X99R040822
58.	28869	19-026112	2006 KIA NEW SPECTRA	KNAFE121965358374	117.	40083	20-060383	2006 FORD CVC	2FAFP71W56X138277	182.	28311	18-132374	GO CART (BLUE/WHITE)	GO CART CT200U
59.	28896	19-030703	2006 HOND UCL	1HGFA16506L101029	118.	40088	20-062115	2001 DODG Q15	1B7HC13Y21J518592	183.	27987	18-080057	MINI BIKE (RED)	MINI BIKE (RED)
					119.	40102	20-063976	2012 FORD F15	1FTFW1CF6CFA65905	184.			MINI BIKE (RED)	MINI BIKE VIPPER
					120.	40109	20-065129	2000 HOND ACCO	1HGGC5640YA053600	185.			MINI BIKE (RED)	MINI BIKE VIPPER
					121.									



## 2020 - 21 2ND QTR 10% BUDGET PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE			
SECURE & FORF PROP-FED (0009)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Supplies & Materials	-	170,000	170,000
Other Services & Charges	1,000	120,000	120,700
Debt Services	-	-	-
Grants, Contributions	-	-	-
Transfers and Other Functions	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	56,806	-	56,806
Total	\$ 57,806	\$ 290,000	\$ 347,906
Applied Fund Balance was increase for this funds to purchase communications supplies for JPD vehicles.			
FIRE PROTECTION (0010)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Personal Services			
Supplies & Materials	238,101	(19,500)	218,601
Other Service & Charges	171,040	775,000	946,040
Debt Services	780,008	27,740	817,748
Capital Outlay	841,708	4,020,000	4,861,708
Total	\$ 1,840,617	\$ 4,803,140	\$ 6,644,057
Fire Protection budget was increased by \$710,000 to pay the City of Jackson portion for the Fire Station			
WATER/SEWER CONTINGENT (0033)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Personal Services			
Grants, Contribution		13,216,028	13,216,028
Operations Transfer		1,500,000	1,500,000
Capital Outlay			
Total	\$ -	\$ 14,716,028	\$ 14,716,028
The budget for Water/Sewer wasn't brought forward			
HOUSING COMM DEV (CDBG) (0085)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Personal Services	\$ 655,567		\$ 655,567
Supplies & Materials	\$ 31,480	\$ 1,239	\$ 32,719
Other Services & Charges	\$ 2,620,139	\$ 1,804,510	\$ 4,424,649
Debt Services			
Grants, Contributions	\$ 1,396,735	\$ (100,000)	\$ 1,296,735
Transfers and Other Functions			
Capital Outlay	\$ 5,199		\$ 5,199
Total	\$ 4,889,120	\$ 1,805,749	\$ 6,694,769
\$1,503,498 of CDBG Funds was used for Fire Station Rehabilitation.			
HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT (0100)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Supplies & Materials	\$ -	\$ (2)	
Other Services & Charges			
Capital Outlay	\$ 15	\$ (15)	
Debt Service			
Total	\$ 17	\$ (17)	\$ -
The Homeland Security Grant Closed			
TITLE III AGING PROGRAM (0125)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Personal Services	\$ 170,708		\$ 170,708
Supplies & Materials	\$ 461,851	\$ 89,000	\$ 570,851
Other Services & Charges	\$ 325,205		\$ 325,205
Capital Outlay	\$ 2,000		\$ 2,000
Total	\$ 979,764	\$ 89,000	\$ 1,068,764
Home Delivered Meal Title III Program Funding was increased by \$89,000			
POLICE TRAFFIC SERVICE (0140)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Personal Services	\$ -	\$ 293,439	\$ 293,439
Supplies & Materials			
Other Services & Charges		6,562	6,562
Capital Outlay			
Total	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
This is a new grant that Jackson Police Department received from the Department of Public Safety to assist with operation during this health crises.			
1% INFRASTRUCTURE TAX (0173)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Other Services & Charges	\$ 30,105,992	\$ 9,497,424	\$ 39,603,406
Operations Transfer	4,160,782		4,160,782
Capital Outlay	8	100,000	100,008
Total	\$ 34,266,772	\$ 9,597,424	\$ 43,864,190
1% Tax has an encumbrance amount of \$8,850,421 to brought forward from the previous year.			
RESURFACING-REPAIR (0213)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Supplies & Materials			
Other Services & Charges	\$ 8,530,263	\$ 578,607	\$ 9,108,870
Grants, Contributions			
Operating Transfer	\$ 2,129		2,129
Capital Outlay	381,673	574,085	865,738
Total	\$ 8,924,065	\$ 1,152,672	\$ 10,076,737
Encumbrance brought forward for contract construction in the amount of \$418,031, an encumbrance for \$207,958 was brought forward Building Improvement along with \$366,106 increase for Pavecon Side Walk Project			
TIF ESCROW-EASTOVER (0264)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Grants, Contributions		486	486
Total	\$ -	\$ 486	\$ 486
The TIF Escrow-Eastover Fund generated interest which required an expense line to be increased.			
TIF ESCROW-WESTIN (0266)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Grants, Contributions		100	100
Total	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100
The TIF Escrow-Westin Fund generated interest which required an expense line to be increased.			

MS DEV SPEC OB INFR (0272)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Other Services & Charges			
Grants, Contributions	-	100	100
Total	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100
The MS DEV SPEC Fund generated interest which required an expense line to be increased.			
WIRELESS RADIO COMMUNICATION (0302)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Supplies & Material	66,740	215,914	281,663
Other Services & Charges	91,637	113,541	205,378
Capital Outlay	199,689	(45,656)	154,033
Total	\$ 360,275	\$ 280,799	\$ 641,074
Laptops and additional communication supplies was ordered JPD Vehicles			
CAPITAL CITY REVENUE (0305)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Supplies & Materials	\$ 18,316		\$ 18,316
Other Services & Charges	\$ 38,556	\$ 420,632	\$ 469,208
Capital Outlay	49,176	167,000	216,176
Total	\$ 105,948	\$ 587,632	\$ 703,600
\$150,000 carry forward encumbrance for Neel-Schaffler and \$260,000 increase from because funding went to fund balance and had to be rebudget. \$167,000 was moved from the Planetarium Liability Fund to an expense account for Planetarium use.			
MHC BLIGHT ELIMINATION PROG (0360)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Other Services & Charges	322,500	825,500	1,148,000
Debt Service	1,060		1,060
Total	\$ 323,560	\$ 825,500	\$ 1,149,060
CDBG received federal funding for blight program. \$300,000 went to : Design Build Solution, Voice of Calvary and Midtown Partnership. There was a reduction of \$74,500 from Habitat for Humanity.			
2017 ED BRYNE MEMORIAL GRANT (0361)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Capital Outlay		3,843	3,843
Total	0	3,843	3,843
2017 Jag Grant had to be reconcile which \$3,843 was available to spend from this grant			
SIEMENS SETTLEMENT (0376)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Grants, Contributions	\$ 9,458,598	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ 8,458,598
Total	\$ 9,458,598	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ 8,458,598
Budget carried over too much			
DOJ CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY (0377)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Personal Services		548,906	548,906
Supplies & Material	\$ -	\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000
Total	\$ -	\$ 758,906	\$ 758,906
DOJ Coronavirus Emergency Grant awarded to the City of Jackson Police Department. The purpose of this grant to provide funding to agency for cost incurred during this event.			
2019 ED BRYNE MEMORIAL GRANT (0378)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Other Services & Charges		7,692	7,692
Grants, Contributions		11,305	11,305
Capital Outlay	0	225,074	225,074
Total	\$ -	\$ 244,071	\$ 225,074
DOJ awarded the City of Jackson Police Department a grant. The purpose of the grant is to help control and prevent crime			
ESG COVID CARES ACT (0379)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Personal Services		57,522	57,522
Grants, Contributions		1,235,610	1,235,610
Total		\$ 1,293,132	\$ 1,293,132
COVID CARES ACT Fund received by the City of Jackson CDBG Department for sub-recipients: Salvation Army, Christian in Action, Strepot, and DSA Joyce Hope House			
HOPWA COVID CARES (0380)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Grants, Contributions		208,690	208,690
Total		\$ 208,690	\$ 208,690
COVID CARES ACT Fund received by the City of Jackson CDBG Department for sub-recipients: Grace House & MUTEH			
CDBG COVID CARES (0382)			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Personal Services		98,000	98,000
Supplies & Material		99,000	99,000
Other Services & Charges		11,245	11,245
Capital Outlay	0	15,000	15,000
Total	\$ -	\$ 223,245	\$ 223,245
The CDBG Division of Planning & Development received COVID CARES Funding			
CARES ACT 583047			
	Adopted Budget for 2020-2021	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2020-2021
EXPENDITURES			
Other Services & Charges		4,064,043	4,064,043
Total		\$ 4,064,043	\$ 4,064,043
The Care Act 583047 was reimbursement money received from expenditures on COVID			





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LEGAL NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that Proposals will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi until 3:30p.m., Tuesday, April 27, 2021. The City of Jackson, Mississippi requests proposals from art groups and other community development groups providing services to the citizens in the City of Jackson. Financial assistance is available to support arts and community development activities designed to increase awareness, understanding and appreciation of the arts and improve the quality of life among the citizens of Jackson. This solicitation seeks proposals with an emphasis on community exposure, history and education.

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

For the Request for Proposals packet, please contact Beverley Johnson-Durham at 601 960 0383. All proposal must be sealed and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: Proposal for general funds Arts and Community Based Grants. Proposal packets must be received by the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 219 South President Street by 3:30pm on April 27, 2021. The city reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

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

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

4-8-2021, 4-15-2021, 4-22-2021

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD  
DRINKING WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Jackson, Mississippi will host a public hearing to be held in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room of the Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 at 10:00 AM on Friday, April 30, 2021. The Public Hearing will provide information on its Facilities Plan for the proposed Water Distribution System Improvement Projects at O.B. Curtis Water Treatment Plant and J.H. Fewell Water Treatment Plant. The City will be seeking low interest Drinking Water System Improvement Revolving Loan Fund (DWSIRLF) assistance for Fiscal Year 2021. The impact of the project will be improving customer satisfaction and safe, reliable service delivery of drinking water. Adverse impacts on historical, archaeological, or cultural areas are not expected, which is certified in the response letter from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. The letter from Fish and Wildlife Service specified that the proposed project does not contain suitable habitat for species protected under the ESA. The project is necessary to ensure the City of Jackson consistently and reliably provide drinking water to its customers. The total cost of the loan is currently estimated at approximately \$ 27,953,300, which is being sought through the DWSIRLF low-interest loan program. The water distribution system improvement project is eligible for participating under the State of Mississippi low-interest DWSIRLF loan program.

The Public Hearing will present a description of the recommended project, estimated costs, as well as the estimated cost per household impact for customers for the eligible loan. The typical residential customer bill for drinking water is expected to increase by no more than 1%, assuming that low-interest loans can be obtained through the DWSIRLF loan program. The purpose of the hearing is not only to inform but also to seek and gather input from people that will be affected. Comments and viewpoints from the public are encouraged.

The City of Jackson will begin a public comment period on April 8, 2021. The comment period will allow citizens to review the proposed Water Distribution Improvement Projects Facilities Plan and offer additional comments.

A copy of the Water Distribution System Improvements Facilities Plan is available by email request to Mauricka Mckenzie, PE at [admin@cornerstoneengllc.com](mailto:admin@cornerstoneengllc.com). Written comments, suggestions, and questions may be submitted to Mauricka Mckenzie, PE at [admin@cornerstoneengllc.com](mailto:admin@cornerstoneengllc.com) until May 8, 2021.

Charles Williams Jr., PE, PhD  
Director of Public Works/City Engineer

4-8-2021, 4-15-2021, 4-22-2021, 4-29-2021

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL, 219 S. PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39201. IT IS HEREBY SCHEDULED TO DISCUSS RENAMING OF AMITE STREET FROM GALLATIN STREET TO ROBINSON ROAD TO DR. JOHN M. PERKINS DRIVE. IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI HONORARY RENAMING OF AMITE STREET FROM GALLATIN STREET TO ROBINSON ROAD TO DR. JOHN M. PERKINS DRIVE.

4-8-2021, 4-15-2021

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Advertisement for Bids  
Bid 3177 Child Nutrition Warehouse Food Products  
Bid 3178 Child Nutrition Warehouse Paper & Stock Supplies

Sealed bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 (Local Prevailing Time) April 23, 2021, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened

Proposal forms and detailed specifications may be obtained free of charge by emailing Bettie Jones at [bjones@jackson.k12.ms.us](mailto:bjones@jackson.k12.ms.us), or documents may be picked up at the above address or downloaded from JPS website at [HYPER-LINK "http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us"](http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us) [www.jackson.k12.ms.us](http://www.jackson.k12.ms.us)

Until further notice, all hand delivery proposals delivered between 9:00 a.m. until 9:59 a.m. (local prevailing time) the date the bid is scheduled to open, must be delivered to JPSD Board Room, 621 South State Street, Jackson, MS 39201.

4-8-2021, 4-15-2021

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ORDINANCE AMENDING DECENNIAL REDISTRICTING ORDINANCE  
APPROVED BY THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER  
4, 2012, BY CHANGING THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT #89  
LOCATED WITHIN HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT #3.

WHEREAS, the Jackson, Mississippi City Council approved a redistricting ordinance on September 4, 2012 pursuant to the provisions of Section 21-8-7(4) (c) of the Mississippi Code (1972), as amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 23-15-557 of the Mississippi Code (1972), as amended, authorizes the governing authorities of a municipality within the state of Mississippi in their discretion to divide the municipality into a sufficient number of voting precincts of such size and location as is necessary with the same number of polling places necessary to accommodate the electorate; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2018, the City Council voted to relocate Precinct #89 from the "Metrocenter Sears Lower-Level South Entrance" at 1000 Metrocenter Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39209) to Parks and Recreation Department, Suite 104 of the Metrocenter at 1000 Metrocenter Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39209 (Ward 5) for a special election on a bond issue referendum for the Jackson Public School District held on August 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, at the recommendation of the Hinds County Election Commission, relocated its polling place to Greater Mt. Bethel Church of Christ Holiness, 4125 Robinson Road, Jackson, Mississippi, 39209; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities for the City of Jackson believe that approval of this ordinance is necessary to ensure uniformity of precincts and polling places in Hinds County, Mississippi and for ease of voting by the electorate. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Jackson:

SECTION 1. The polling place for Precinct #89 formerly located at Metrocenter Sears Lower-Level South Entrance at 1000 Metrocenter Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39209 (Ward 5) is hereby relocated to Greater Mt. Bethel Church of Christ Holiness, 4125 Robinson Road, Jackson, Mississippi, 39209 (Ward 5).

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately. Council Member Tillman moved adoption; Council Member Lindsay seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lee, Lindsay, Stamps and Tillman.  
Nays – None.  
Absent – Stokes.

ATTEST:  
  
Angela Harris  
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting on February 2, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book "6S, Pgs. 492-493".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 7th day of April, 2021.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

4-15-2021

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ORDINANCE AMENDING DECENNIAL REDISTRICTING ORDINANCE  
APPROVED BY THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER  
4, 2012, BY CHANGING THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT #24  
LOCATED WITHIN HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT #3.

WHEREAS, the Jackson, Mississippi City Council approved a redistricting ordinance on September 4, 2012 pursuant to the provisions of Section 21-8-7(4) (c) of the Mississippi Code (1972), as amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 23-15-557 of the Mississippi Code (1972), as amended, authorizes the governing authorities of a municipality within the state of Mississippi in their discretion to divide the municipality into a sufficient number of voting precincts of such size and location as is necessary with the same number of polling places necessary to accommodate the electorate; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Public School Board voted to close French Elementary on March 6, 2018 during the 2018-2019 School Year; and

WHEREAS, the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, at the recommendation of the Hinds County Election Commissioners, relocated its polling place to George Kurts Gymnasium, 125 Gymnasium Drive, Jackson, Mississippi, 39209; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities for the City of Jackson believe that approval of this ordinance is necessary to ensure uniformity of precincts and polling places in Hinds County, Mississippi and for ease of voting by the electorate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Jackson:

SECTION 1. The polling place for Precinct #24 formerly located at French Elementary, 311 Joel Ave., Jackson, Mississippi 39209 (Ward 4) is hereby relocated to George Kurts Gymnasium, 125 Gymnasium Dr., Jackson, Mississippi 39209 (Ward 4).

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Council Member Tillman moved adoption; Council Member Lindsay seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lee, Lindsay, Stamps and Tillman.  
Nays – None.  
Absent – Stokes.

ATTEST:  
  
Angela Harris  
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting on February 2, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book "6S, Pg. 489".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 7th day of April, 2021. SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

4-15-2021

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Information Regarding the Upcoming 2021 Municipal Elections

Run-off Election  
• The City of Jackson will be holding a Democratic Primary Run-off Election on April 27, 2021 for Ward 4 and Ward 5 City Council candidates

Absentee Voting  
• The last day to vote by absentee ballot is Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 12:00 (noon). To accommodate the absentee voting process, The Department of Municipal Clerk will be open on Saturday, April 17, 2021 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 (noon), and on Saturday, April 24, 2017 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 (noon).

4-15-2021, 4-22-2021

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ORDINANCE AMENDING DECENNIAL REDISTRICTING ORDINANCE  
APPROVED BY THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER  
4, 2012, BY CHANGING THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT #90  
LOCATED WITHIN HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT #3.

WHEREAS, the Jackson, Mississippi City Council approved a redistricting ordinance on September 4, 2012 pursuant to the provisions of Section 21-8-7(4) (c) of the Mississippi Code (1972), as amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 23-15-557 of the Mississippi Code (1972), as amended, authorizes the governing authorities of a municipality within the state of Mississippi in their discretion to divide the municipality into a sufficient number of voting precincts of such size and location as is necessary with the same number of polling places necessary to accommodate the electorate; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Public School Board voted to close Woodville Heights on March 6, 2018 during the 2018-2019 School Year; and

WHEREAS, the Hinds County Board of Supervisors, at the recommendation of the Hinds County Election Commissioners, relocated its polling place to Greater Mt. Bethel Church of Christ Holiness, 4125 Robinson Road, Jackson, Mississippi, 39209; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson would like to relocate its polling place to Christ Tabernacle Church, 1201 Cooper Rd., Jackson, MS, 39212. The Municipal Election Commissioners believe this move would be in the best interest of the electors of said polling place; and  
WHEREAS, the governing authorities for the City of Jackson believe that approval of this ordinance is necessary to ensure the ease of voting by the electorate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Jackson:

SECTION 1. The polling place for Precinct #90 formerly located at Woodville Heights Elementary, 2930 McDowell Rd. Ext., Jackson, Mississippi 39209 (Ward 4) is hereby relocated to Christ Tabernacle Church, 1201 Cooper Rd., Jackson, Mississippi 39212 (Ward 4).

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Council Member Tillman moved adoption; Council Member Lindsay seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lee, Lindsay, Stamps and Tillman.  
Nays – None.  
Absent – Stokes.

ATTEST:  
  
Angela Harris  
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting on February 2, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book "6S, Pg. 490".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 7th day of April, 2021.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

4-15-2021

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ORDINANCE AMENDING DECENNIAL REDISTRICTING ORDINANCE  
APPROVED BY THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 4,  
2012, BY CHANGING THE POLLING PLACE FOR PRECINCT #94A AND  
#94B LOCATED WITHIN HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT #4.

WHEREAS, the Jackson, Mississippi City Council approved a redistricting ordinance on September 4, 2012, pursuant to the provisions of Section 21-8-7(4) (c) of the Mississippi Code (1972), as amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 23-15-557 of the Mississippi Code (1972), as amended, authorizes the governing authorities of a municipality within the state of Mississippi in their discretion to divide the municipality into a sufficient number of voting precincts of such size and location as is necessary with the same number of polling places necessary to accommodate the electorate; and

WHEREAS, Higher Ground Family Worship opted out of serving as a voting precinct; and  
WHEREAS, based upon said request to opt out of serving as a voting precinct, the Hinds County Election Commission recommended to the Hinds County Board of Supervisors to relocate the Hinds County, Mississippi's ("County") polling place for Precinct #94 in Hinds County District 4 ("Precinct #94A and #94B") from Higher Ground Family Worship, 3520 Forest Hill Road, Jackson, Mississippi 39212 to Willowood Community Center, 4243 Will O Wood Blvd., Jackson, Mississippi 39212; and

WHEREAS, the best interest of the citizenry of the City, specifically those accustomed to voting in both City and County elections, would be served by mirroring the County's action; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities for the City of Jackson believe that approval of this ordinance is necessary to ensure uniformity of precincts and polling places in Hinds County, Mississippi and for ease of voting by the electorate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Jackson:

SECTION 1. The polling place for Precinct #94A and #94B formerly located at Higher Ground Family Worship, 2504 Raymond Road, Jackson, Mississippi 39212 is hereby relocated to Willowood Community Center, 4243 Will O Wood Blvd., Jackson, Mississippi 39212 in order to mirror the County's polling places to accommodate the City's electorate and better facilitate the holding of elections.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately.

Council Member Tillman moved adoption; Council Member Lindsay seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lee, Lindsay, Stamps and Tillman.  
Nays – None.  
Absent – Stokes.

ATTEST:  
  
Angela Harris  
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting on February 2, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book "6S, Pgs. 491-492".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 7th day of April, 2021. SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

4-15-2021



## LEGAL

### Advertisement for Bid Bid 3179 Bow Hunting Lease on Sixteenth Section Lands

Sealed bid proposals for the above bid will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. The deadline for submitting proposals is 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) May 04, 2021. Bid proposals will be opened at 5:30 P.M. (Local Prevailing Time), May 04, 2021 before the Board of Trustees at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

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4-15-2021, 4-22-2021

## LEGAL

### ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2018 EDITION OF THE NFPA 1 AND NFPA 101 LIFE SAFETY CODES AS SUPPLEMENTAL CODES, ESTABLISHING A PENALTY CLAUSE, A PUBLICATION CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2020, the Jackson City Council adopted the 2018 edition of the International Fire Code with appendix Chapters A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J Section 101.2.1 with certain additions and deletions; and

WHEREAS, the action taken by the Jackson City Council concerning the adoption of the aforementioned fire codes is recorded in Minute Book 6R at pages 362-366; and

WHEREAS, the International Fire Code is published by the International Code Council and contains minimum regulations for fire prevention and fire protection systems using prescriptive and performance systems; and

WHEREAS, the International Fire Code is not the only code which addresses fire safety and prevention; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association also has fire codes known as the NFPA 1 Fire Code and the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Fire Department has determined that the International Fire Code may not address certain fire prevention, protection, and safety measures; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Fire Department has referred to the NFPA 1 Fire Code and the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code to address those measures not addressed by the International Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, referring to the NFPA 1 Fire Code and the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code has resulted in enforcement challenges because the governing authorities have not adopted any provision of the NFPA 1 Fire Code and the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Fire Department is recommending that the governing authorities adopt the 2018 editions of the NFPA 1 Fire Code and the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code to serve as supplemental to the adopted edition of the International Fire Code and not as a replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson Fire Department recommends that the adopted edition of the International Fire Code have precedential authority where there is a conflict between its provisions and the NFPA 1 Fire Code and the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code; and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities have made full review and consideration of the importance of preserving the life of those visiting and occupying commercial structures and also property;

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

#### ARTICLE 1

The 2018 edition of the NFPA 1 Fire Code and the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code shall be adopted as supplemental codes to the 2018 edition of the International Fire Code, the appendices, and the additions and deletions adopted on August 4, 2020.

#### ARTICLE 2

The adoption of the 2018 NFPA 1 Fire Code and the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code shall not replace the codes adopted on August 4, 2020. If provisions of the 2018 NFPA 1 Fire Code and the NFPA 101 Life Safety conflict with the provisions of the fire codes adopted on August 4, 2020, then the codes adopted on August 4, 2020 shall govern and control.

#### ARTICLE 3

Any violation of the ordinances by any person, firm, or corporation shall constitute a misdemeanor offense and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for a period of not less than thirty (30) days nor more than ninety (90) days or both. For purposes of this ordinance, each day a violation continues shall be deemed a separate punishable offense.

#### ARTICLE 4

These ordinances shall become effective in accordance with Section 21-13-11 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended.

Council Member Tillman moved adoption; Council Member Lindsay seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Lee, Lindsay, Stamps and Tillman.  
Nays – None.  
Absent – Stokes.

#### ATTEST:

Angela Harris  
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Council Meeting on February 2, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book "6S, Pgs. 493-494".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 7th day of April, 2021.

SEAL Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

4-15-2021

## LEGAL

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS City of Jackson Jackson, Mississippi

Sealed, signed bids are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson, the bid must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, May 04, 2021 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:

48562-050421 – Twenty-Four Months of Pest Control Services for the City of Jackson Police Department

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT [WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV](http://WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV) and [WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM](http://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 precondition 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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## LEGAL

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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, April 27, 2021 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:

20453-042721 – Micro Computer Desktops & Laptops

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT [WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV](http://WWW.JACKSONMS.GOV), [WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM](http://WWW.CENTRALBIDDING.COM)

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# Legislative tour touts HBCU roots of Hinds CC Utica Campus

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Eleven members of the Legislative Black Caucus toured Hinds Community College's Utica Campus in March to get a better sense of the strengths and challenges of Hinds' HBCU campus.

"We came down for the February Black History program, and we were so impressed with the history that we wanted to bring more legislative members to learn about the history of the campus," said Rep. Charles Young of Meridian, a member of the Legislative Black Caucus and the House Universities and Colleges Committee.

"We wanted to come meet the president, and we also wanted to come talk about the needs for Hinds and Utica," said Young, who attended Meridian Community College.

Among those who toured the campus on March 24 were Sen. Albert Butler of Port Gibson and Reps. Oscar Denton of Vicksburg, John Faulkner of Holly Springs, Stephanie Foster of Jackson, Kabir Karriem of Columbus, Carl Mickens of Brooksville, De'Keither Stamps of Jackson, Zakiya Summers of Jackson, Cheikh Taylor of Starkville and Rickey Thompson of Shannon. Also on the tour were Utica Mayor Kenneth Broome and college President Dr. Stephen Vacik.

The Utica Campus was founded as the Utica Normal and Industrial Institute by Dr. William Holtzclaw in 1903, which makes it the oldest of the six college



A number of local legislators were among members of the Legislative Black Caucus who toured Hinds Community College's Utica Campus. Some of them are pictured with members of the Bulldogs men's basketball team, which played in the Region 23 playoffs April 8. Local legislators on the tour included Sen. Albert Butler (District 36) and Reps. Oscar Denton (District 55), Stephanie Foster (District 63), De'Keither Stamps (District 66) and Zakiya Summers (District 68). Other Black Caucus members on the tour included Reps. John Faulkner, Kabir Karriem, Carl Mickens, Cheikh Taylor, Rickey Thompson and Charles Young.

campuses.

"Dr. Holtzclaw's vision was really to create a place, an opportunity for people of color to have a way to find a better life," Vacik said. "We want to offer an experience that is unique, to allow someone who is maybe from an underrepresented minority to come and have a place where they can come in and feel 'I get to be a leader here. I don't have to fight for that opportunity. I have an opportunity to be a leader here.'"

The Utica Campus offers students a small, personalized education experience with residence halls, food service and a number of organizations, including the

Student Government Association and Phi Theta Kappa, that give students an opportunity to rise to leadership positions. It also offers an emphasis on STEM-related courses and programs.

At an HBCU, minority students embrace the culture of attending an institution that was founded to provide them a quality educational experience focused on them. Many of the scholarship programs and additional services for students at the Utica Campus are grant funded, Vice President Sherry Franklin said.

Franklin told legislators that the Utica Campus has "a sense

of belonging in the atmosphere. It's a small, personal environment for those who are not ready to go to a university but they still want that experience of an HBCU," she said. "On the Utica Campus, we give you a little taste of HBCU at a community college."

As part of the opening program before the tour, the caucus heard from Jhada Carmel, who was selected to receive the Foundation for Education & Economic Development Scholarship, which is sponsored by the Foundation for Education & Economic Development, Inc., with support of some members of the Mississippi Legislature's

Black Caucus.

Carmel, of Madison, is a second semester freshman who is active in a number of organizations and is maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She graduated from Madison Central High School, where she said she was in a "big school just being a little nobody. ... I felt out of place. I was a minority."

"As I was doing research for colleges, I was looking for a quality education but also affordable fees because college debt would not do any good in my family right now," said Carmel, who also said she felt she would benefit from the HBCU experience.

Highlights of the tour included the recently renovated Student Union Building and gymnasium. Legislators also saw the residence halls, which have small rooms, low ceilings and shared bathrooms. "They were built in a style that's no longer popular. That's not something that sells very well in today's environment," Vacik told them. "You can see for yourself this is an area that needs work."

Along with some other student-focused spaces, renovations or replacement of the residence halls will be one of our top priorities in which the college needs financial support to achieve, he said.

Although the Utica Campus enrollment is down due to the pandemic, the campus typically serves about 1,200 students. During the summer, it hosts several programs for area high school students.

With six locations in central Mississippi, Hinds Community College is a comprehensive institution offering quality, affordable educational opportunities with academic programs of study leading to seamless university transfer and career and technical programs teaching job-ready skills.

This summer all Hinds campuses are offering 12 hours of free courses. *For information, see [hindscc.edu/summer](https://hindscc.edu/summer).*

*For more information about the Utica Campus, see [hindscc.edu/campuses/utica](https://hindscc.edu/campuses/utica)*

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## Jacari Washington secures internship with USDA, looks forward to a rewarding career with the agency

By Renita Lacy  
Staff Writer, Alcorn State University

Great opportunities don't happen every day, so it's important to recognize and seize them every chance we get.

This is the case in point for Jacari Washington, a sophomore agriculture science major from Ferriday, Louisiana.

Each year, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers different "Pathway Opportunities" for students and recent graduates to work in agriculture, science, technology, mathematics, environment and business, among other areas of profession. Internships are also offered to help students and recent graduates excel in their anticipated fields.

This past year, Washington secured an internship with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as a soil conservationist trainee. Some of his responsibilities included working hand-in-hand with landowners to develop, implement, maintain and revise complex conservation plans, as well as evaluating the implementation of those plans and their alternatives.

"My time spent with NRCS was amazing, and I am truly grateful for it all," said Washington, in response to being asked about his experience.

"My most memorable moment



Washington

was being able to engage in chats and conferences with different speakers from other branches of the USDA," he continued. "This

allowed me to build on the information that I already knew, while learning something new at the same time."

Washington credits Michael Trusclair, USDA program liaison, for informing him about the Pathways opportunity, as well as for serving as a constant guide and mentor.

"It is important for students to gain valuable knowledge and experience while learning how to network, communicate and excel in their careers," expressed Trusclair.

"It is my goal to communicate to them the importance of building relationships, as well as to help them acquire the necessary skills to reach their next level of professionalism."

On campus, Washington is a member of Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANNRS), the Animal Science Club and Future Farmers of America (FFA). Throughout his academic tenure, he hopes to maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher, join new campus-based organizations, engage in more community service, and build on his current leadership and professional skills.

After graduation, he hopes to begin his career with the NRCS as a soil conservationist.

*For more information, contact Trusclair at 202 596-0478 or [michael.trusclair@usda.gov](mailto:michael.trusclair@usda.gov).*

*To learn more about Pathways opportunities with the USDA/NRCS, visit [www.usajobs.gov](https://www.usajobs.gov).*

## Application period opens for Alcorn's AgDiscovery Summer Camp



By Renita Lacy  
Staff Writer, Alcorn State University

The Alcorn State University School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences has opened the application period for its 2021 AgDiscovery Summer Camp. Middle and high school students who are interested in learning more about plants, animals and careers in the areas of animal science or veterinary medicine are strongly encouraged to apply.

During the 2-week camp experience, students will have the opportunity to interact with peers from across the country while exploring the principles and techniques of agriculture. Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, however, this year's program will be of-

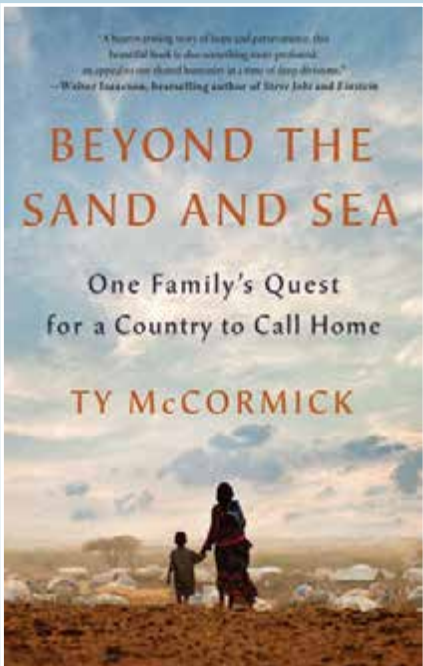
fered through an all-virtual format.

Twenty-one institutions are registered to participate in AgDiscovery this year, with camps focused on various topics, including wildlife management, agribusiness, animal welfare, forestry and MUCH more.

The camp is free and is scheduled to take place June 14-25, 2021. The application deadline is Thursday, March 25, 2021.

*For more information or to learn more, visit [https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/agdiscovery/ct\\_agdiscovery\\_program](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/agdiscovery/ct_agdiscovery_program). To apply, please visit <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/civilrights/agdiscovery/application>.*





BOOK REVIEW:

BEYOND THE SAND AND SEA:  
ONE FAMILY'S QUEST FOR A COUNTRY TO CALL HOME

BY TY MCCORMICK

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
*Columnist*

The brochures have been sitting on your counter for months. Once, everything was planned: flight times, luggage restrictions, hotel reservations, tickets to the places you wanted to see. The pandemic put a halt to all that but you know you'll take the trip eventually. Maybe this year, maybe in five years. As in the new book "Beyond the Sand and Sea" by Ty McCormick, the journey is worth the wait.

Born in Dadaab, a refugee

camp in northeast Kenya, to parents who'd fled the Somali civil war before his birth, Asad Hussein grew up in a makeshift shack that flooded every rainy season. With no ID, no birth certificate, and no way to legally get either from Kenya or Somalia, he was a person in-between.

McCormick met Asad "a day or two after Trump announced his travel ban." He was an editor for an American magazine then, assigned to cover Africa when he read an article in New York Times Magazine that was

written "by a young man who had grown up in Dadaab." It never occurred to McCormick that the writer was "still... stranded in the camp."

Stranded physically, but not in his mind.

Ever since he was small, Asad had dreamed of getting a good education. As a child, he'd eagerly taken advantage of whatever formal schooling was offered at Dadaab. He devoured all printed material he could find and he seized every opportunity he could get to learn, becoming largely self-taught.

Still, though Asad experienced a discouraging avalanche of educational setbacks in his lifetime, his tenacity attracted supporters and McCormick soon became one of them. It hadn't been easy, but it had finally appeared that a near-miracle was in sight and Asad's dream might be possible in America. With no personal paperwork and no country as anchor, would the travel ban – "an executive order... that changed everything" – put a stop to the journey?

Open the newspaper, click on the news, and you'll prob-



ably hear about immigration in pretty short order these days. You have opinions. Now read "Beyond the Sand and Sea."

Step in, and that sand isn't pleasant: author Ty McCormick writes of its relentlessness, the heat, the squalor of camp and danger of war, a destructive rainy season. Or might sand be a metaphor for grit? Surely, that could be true for the laser-focused Asad, and more so with Asad's tougher-than-steel sister, Maryan, a woman who threw aside cultural laws to save her family. She's a big presence in

this story, and you'll wish it was bigger.

Alas, the sea is choppy and so is the last half of this book. Not to be a spoiler, but it's a whirlwind of Asad's more recent past and his future and despite that it's inspirational, it's also uneven. Pay attention to the time-frame on chapter headings; that helps.

The inspiration, though: don't miss it. Don't pass up a chance to be thrilled. If you need a book that'll make you stand up and cheer, "Beyond the Sand and Sea" is just the ticket.



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# It's worse than we ever thought

By Hazel Trice Edney  
TriceEdneyWire.com

Among the first evidence presented by prosecutors in the trial of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin in his killing of George Floyd is that it was not just 8 minutes and 46 seconds as originally thought, but rather, it was 9 minutes and 29 seconds that Chauvin knelt on Floyd's neck.

People in the courtroom and those keeping up with the trial by media would later learn that it was even worse than the 9 minutes and 29 seconds. Moreover, they learned that Chauvin's knee not only remained on George Floyd's neck for as long as there was breath in his body; but – according to a pulmonary expert, Chauvin's knee continued to press into Floyd's neck for three minutes after Floyd was already dead.

These travesties of justice remain unspeakable to those who cringe or cry every time they hear the suffering of Floyd as he pled for his life. And as bad as that was, the blows of injustice to the black community, its parents and children continue to get worse.

In yet another tragic death, Minneapolis has been on nightly curfew as protestors continue to



Daunte Wright and son

cry out for justice. On Sunday, April 11, only 10 miles away from the location of the Derek Chauvin trial, yet another Minneapolis police officer took out her revolver and shot an unarmed 20-year-old black man. The death of Daunte Wright was characterized by the then police

chief as an accident.

Despite the resignation of the now former Officer Kim Potter, who said she meant to shoot her taser at Wright and the resignations of the police chief and city manager, there is no consolation to Americans – black or white – who have experienced these



U. S. Army Lt. Caron Nazario with hands up as now fired Virginia police officer Joe Gutierrez prepares to pepper spray him.

non-stop back-to-back travesties against black people.

So far, indications are that there is seemingly no end in sight for the assaults on the black community. Even the senseless Windsor, Va. traffic stop of U. S. Army Lt. Caron Nazario a black and Hispanic man stopped and pepper sprayed by a rogue cop shouting misguided orders has baffled the nation. There is no solace that the cop, Joe Gutierrez, who then lied in his report about the details of the incident, was fired. It is no solace because these travesties of justice happen every day out of the sight of cameras where some of the stories are never even revealed much less believed.

On March 3, 1991, when Rodney King was viciously beaten by Los Angeles police officers, much of America was awakened by the video repeatedly shown on daily news. But across America, black-owned newspapers have long recorded the trauma of violence against black people, continuing from the unspeakable cruelties of American slavery.

Beginning with *Freedom's Journal* in 1827 to journalist Ida B. Wells' 1895 Red Record documentation of American lynching to Black American newspapers' Double V campaign during World War II to JET magazine's 1955 photo of the tortured Emmett Till, regardless of how bad it got, the continued documen-

tation of these evils well into the 21st Century now proves that it is yet worse than we ever thought.

But there must be an end to this centuries-long nightmare. The blood of those who have recently become household names are crying out, underscoring the indescribable horrors heaped upon them and therefore upon Black people: Trayvon Martin, Stephon Clark, Freddie Gray, Eric Garner, Amadou Diallo, Philando Castile, Michael Brown, Breonna Taylor, Tamir Rice, Sandra Bland, George Floyd – and thousands of others.

And yet, we the people march and protest because we still believe. We still believe that our America, a nation built upon our backs and by the suffering of our ancestors, will someday respect us. We still believe that America, with a Declaration of Independence that promises equality of "life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness," will someday do right by us. And, even as we acknowledge that it is indeed worse than we ever thought, we still believe that the collective voices and unified courage of black, white and others together will give rise to answered prayers that will finally end this modern-day civil war.

## IN MEMORIAM

# Hip Hop Superstar DMX has died at 50

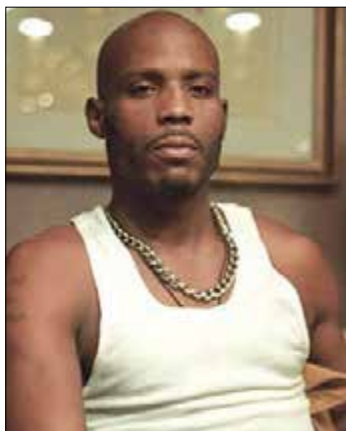
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DMX, the sensationally talented and gruff-voiced rap artist and actor who rose from the hardscrabble streets of Yonkers, New York, to become one of hip-hop's most prolific stars, has died at the age of 50.

Most famous for the "Ruff Ryders Anthem," DMX, whose real name is Earl Simmons, suffered a heart attack last week.

He was rushed to White Plains Hospital where doctors worked for several days to try and revive him.

"We are deeply saddened to announce today that our loved one, DMX, birth name of Earl Simmons, passed away at 50 years old at White Plains Hospital with his family by his side after being placed on life support for the past few days," the



DMX

family wrote in a statement.

"Earl was a warrior who fought till the very end. He loved his family with all of his heart, and we cherish the times we spent with him. Earl's music inspired countless fans across the world and his iconic legacy will live on forever. We appreciate all of the love and

support during this incredibly difficult time. Please respect our privacy as we grieve the loss of our brother, father, uncle and the man the world knew as DMX. We will share information about his memorial service once details are finalized."

Raised by his aunt, DMX took hip-hop by storm in the 1990s.

He won *Source* magazine's Unsigned Hype Award in January 1991 and released the promo single 'Born Loser' for Columbia Records.

After a nearly three-year hiatus, DMX returned to the limelight with an appearance on LL Cool J's "4, 3, 2, 1."

He worked with the Diddy protégé Ma\$e on '24 Hours To Live,' the LOX's "Money, Power & Respect," and the remix of Ice Cube's smash hit, "We Be

Clubbin'."

After signing a contract with Ruff Ryders/ Def Jam Records, DMX recorded his iconic hit, "Get At Me Dog," which quickly rose up the rap and pop music charts.

His seminal CD, "It's Dark and Hell is Hot," cemented his legacy as a rap music genius.

The website AllMusic.com noted that, following the deaths of Tupac Shakur and the Notorious B.I.G., DMX took over as the undisputed reigning king of hardcore rap.

"He was that rare commodity: a commercial powerhouse with artistic and street credibility to spare," editors at AllMusic.com wrote.

"His rapid ascent to stardom was actually almost a decade in the making, which gave him a chance to develop the theatrical

image that made him one of rap's most distinctive personalities during his heyday."

Hype Williams' motion picture "Belly" was among the first to cast DMX in leading roles.

The 1998 film also included Nas, Taral Hicks, Method Man, R&B singer T-Boz, and National Newspaper Publishers Association President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.

Before the end of 1998, DMX completed his second album, and a pending buyout of Def Jam pushed the record into stores that December. Featuring a controversial cover photo of the rapper covered in blood, *Flesh of My Flesh*, *Blood of My Blood* entered the charts at number one and eventually went triple platinum.

The following year, DMX hit the road with Jay-Z and the

Method Man/Redman team on the blockbuster *Hard Knock Life* tour.

"The Ruff Ryders posse – of which DMX was a core, founding member – released a showcase compilation, *Ryde or Die*, Vol. 1," AllMusic.com editors wrote.

"With contributions from DMX, as well as Eve, the LOX, and multiple guests, *Ryde or Die*, Vol. 1 debuted at number one in the spring of 1999, further cementing DMX's Midas touch."

DMX went on to star in a myriad of motion pictures and television shows, including "Any Given Sunday," "Gone in 60 Seconds," and "Cradle 2 the Grave."

DMX reportedly is survived by a fiancée, his mother and 15 children.

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