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# Chauvin convicted on all counts

## Statement from Gov. Edwards on the Verdict in the Derek Chauvin Trial

"While today's verdict will not bring George Floyd back, nor will it erase years of damaging racism and violence, it is a positive step forward that Derek Chauvin was held fully accountable for Floyd's death."

Gov. John Bel Edwards issued the following statement about the guilty verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial.



Gov. Edwards said: "Today, I am thankful that the criminal justice system dispensed justice to George Floyd's family and to society.

While today's verdict will not bring George Floyd back, nor will it erase years of damaging racism and violence, it is a positive step forward that Derek Chauvin was held fully accountable for Floyd's death.

All people, regardless of the color of their skin, deserve to be treated fairly, equally and with dignity by members of law enforcement. Officers should never resort to excessive force when they are dealing with the public. For that reason, we should all be encouraged that so many career law enforcement officials testified to the criminality of Chauvin's actions.

I join many Americans and Louisianans in grieving alongside the Floyd family, and I pray this verdict will give them some measure of peace. I also pray that all people in our state and our nation will stand together, learn from one another, reject violence, and embrace neighborly love."



Members of the Congressional Black Caucus, including (from left) Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA), Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE), Rep. Robin Kelly (D-IL) and caucus chair Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-OH) react to the verdict in the Derek Chauvin murder trial in the Rayburn Room at the U.S. Capitol on April 20, 2021. (Photo by Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images)

## Statement by Mayor Sharon Weston Broome on the conviction of Derek Chauvin

Today's verdict does bring accountability. We must continue to work towards a community dedicated to justice through transparency and accountability. We must continue to close the gap between law enforcement and our community. We must continue to build stronger institutions while building public trust.

BATON ROUGE, La. — The conviction of Derek Chauvin will never fully repair the damage caused by his unwarranted injustice against George Floyd, but the verdict has exemplified that we can only move forward when we address the mistreatment of marginalized communities at the hands of those sworn to protect them.



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My prayer is this is a step towards healing, but most of all a message that all men must be treated equally. It is at this time I ask all of you to join me in offering my continued sympathy and prayers to the family of George Floyd, and to all who have been waiting for justice and closure for far too long.

MINNEAPOLIS — Following nearly a year of protest, introspection and raw emotion, former Minneapolis officer Derek Chauvin, who last May held a knee down on George Floyd's neck for more than 9 minutes, has been found guilty of second-degree murder and two other charges in Floyd's death.

Chauvin has been remanded to the custody of Hennepin County. He was led out of the courtroom in handcuffs.

Over about three weeks of testimony in court, Minnesota prosecutors have repeatedly told jurors to "believe your eyes" and rely on that video.

"This case is exactly what you thought when you saw it first, when you saw that video. It is exactly that. You can believe your eyes," prosecuting attorney Steve Schleicher said in closing arguments. "This wasn't policing. This was murder."

The guilty verdicts led to cries of joy among those gathered in Minneapolis at the spot where Floyd took his final breath. Floyd family attorney Ben Crump and the Floyd family released a statement praising the verdicts.

"Painfully earned justice



Former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin was led out of the courtroom in handcuffs after a jury found him guilty on all three counts related to the killing of George Floyd. Jamie Yuccas has the latest.

has arrived for George Floyd's family and the community here in Minneapolis, but today's verdict goes far beyond this city and has significant implications for the country and even the world," Crump said in a statement. "Justice

for Black America is justice for all of America. This case is a turning point in American history for accountability of law enforcement and sends a clear message we hope is heard clearly in every city and every state."

The defense called seven witnesses of its own -- but not Chauvin himself, as he invoked his Fifth Amendment right not to testify.

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## Louisiana pauses use of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine

BATON ROUGE, La. — Louisiana's health department told the state's vaccine providers Tuesday to stop administering the Johnson & Johnson coronavirus vaccine immediately, after federal officials announced they are investigating possible links between the one-shot vaccine and severe blood clots.

"Louisiana takes vaccine safety very seriously, and this pause should give the public and providers confidence the system of monitoring and safety checks are working as intended," the health department said in its advisory to hospitals, clinics and pharmacies distributing vaccine doses.



An employee with the LA Dept. of Health fills a J&J shot during a drive-through shot give-away with the help of the Louisiana National Guard at the St. Tammany Parish Fair Grounds in Covington, La., Friday, April 9, 2021.

"If you are a provider with J&J doses, while you should pause administration, please continue to store them in your refrigerator," the advisory said.

Ochsner Health quickly shifted a Tuesday vaccination event in New Orleans that planned to use Johnson & Johnson shots to instead use the Pfizer vaccine. Louisiana's largest health system said it was contacting all patients with scheduled appointments for the one-dose J&J vaccine to notify them that they'll receive one of the available two-dose vaccines.

"We have adequate supply of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines and will not need to cancel or re-

schedule upcoming appointments or vaccine events," Ochsner Health said in its statement.

The Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System — which operates Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge, among its nine hospitals — also announced it was shifting entirely to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines for its immunization events.

Several community vaccination events that planned to use Johnson & Johnson vaccines were being rescheduled or switching to other vaccines.

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### WEATHER

	<b>MON. 04/26</b> Mostly Sunny High 65°.
	<b>TUE. 04/27</b> Partly Cloudy High 85°.
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# STATE & LOCAL

## Sen. Karen Carter Peterson Statement on Jury Verdict in Derek Chauvin Trial

New Orleans, LA – Following the jury's verdict finding Derek Chauvin guilty, Sen. Karen Carter Peterson released the following statement:

"I'm grateful for today's verdict, but we should be clear – there is nothing that can give true justice to the family of George Floyd. It shouldn't take nationwide protests to hold one police officer accountable in court. And it shouldn't take an international movement to bring awareness to the police brutality that communities of color have faced off-camera for years.

"The current criminal justice and policing systems in place

can't protect Black lives because they weren't created to. That's why we have to transform them from the ground up. Today's verdict is a start for the healing George Floyd's family deserves, but real justice means reimagining criminal justice and policing in our country so no family has to endure this type of heartbreak ever again."



Sen. Karen Carter Peterson

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Defense attorney Eric Nelson argued that Chauvin's use of force was unattractive but appropriate and said he was distracted by a crowd of hostile bystanders on the scene. He also argued that Floyd died due to fentanyl and methamphetamine use, his resistance of officers and his underlying heart problems, rather than due to Chauvin's actions.

The Minnesota Department of Corrections says Chauvin was booked into Minnesota Correctional Facility-Oak Park Heights just before 5 p.m., as part of an agreement with the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office.

According to a pool report, George Floyd's brother, Philonise Floyd, was praying in the courtroom before the verdict was read.

"I was just praying they would find him guilty," he said after the conviction. "As an African American, we usually never get justice."

Family members of George Floyd, along with attorney Ben Crump and Rev. Al Sharpton, held a press conference about an hour after the verdict was read. Sharpton first led a prayer with the family.

"Let's lean into this moment and let's make sure that this moment will be documented for our children as they continue on the journey to justice knowing that the blood of George Floyd will give them a trail to find a way to a better America," Crump said.

The verdict was read in Hennepin County court just after 4 p.m. Tuesday. In addition to the second-degree murder conviction, the jury found Chauvin guilty of third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

"George Floyd mattered. He was loved by his family and his friends," Attorney General Keith Ellison said at a press conference Tuesday afternoon. "But that isn't why he mattered. He mattered because he was a human being. And there is no way that we can turn away from that reality."

President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris spoke Tuesday evening on Chauvin's conviction.

Darnella Frazier, who recorded the video of Floyd's death that spread quickly online on May 25, 2020, wrote on Facebook that "justice has been served."

In a statement released Tuesday evening, Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo — who fired Chauvin one day

after Floyd's death, and testified against him in his trial — thanked the jurors for "their immense responsibility and honorable civic duty." He also called for peace and calm.

"Now is the time to use our humanity to lift each other up and not tear our City down," Arradondo said.

It took the jury roughly 10 hours of deliberation to reach their verdict — about four hours Monday afternoon and evening, and another six hours Tuesday starting at 8 a.m.

Chauvin was convicted on the following charges:

- Second-degree unintentional murder means causing death without intent by committing a felony.

- Second-degree manslaughter is causing death by unreasonable risk.

- Third-degree murder means causing death by an "eminently dangerous" act, showing a "depraved mind."

Earlier Tuesday, Hennepin County court employees were notified to stop working at all downtown courthouse locations and to "exit downtown immediately."

Public safety officials said there would be no statewide curfew Tuesday night. Following Chauvin's conviction, crowds gathered at the Hennepin County Government Center, George Floyd Square at 38th and Chicago and in Brooklyn Center, where 20-year-old Daunte Wright was shot and killed by police in the middle of Chauvin's trial.

The maximum penalty on second-degree murder charges is up to 40 years in prison, and the third-degree murder charges carries a sentence of up to 25 years in prison. The maximum penalty on second-degree manslaughter is up to 10 years in prison.

Judge Peter Cahill said sentencing will take place in about eight weeks.

The jurors heard closing arguments in the trial of Derek Chauvin Monday. The two sides split most significantly on the cause of death. The prosecution argued that all the law requires is that the prosecution prove beyond a reasonable doubt is that Chauvin's knee restraint was a "substantial cause" of Floyd's death.

The defense stressed that Chauvin did what any reason-

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## 8 semifinalists for Louisiana State University's top job

BATON ROUGE, La. — Eight candidates seeking to be Louisiana State University's next president were chosen Wednesday by a search committee for interviews, including the leader of another college system in the state and Gov. John Bel Edwards' top budget adviser.

LSU is seeking a new president in the middle of a sexual misconduct scandal, which was seen as dampening interest in the job, which has been open since an interim president took over the position in January 2020.

The Advocate reports that 23 candidates submitted applications to oversee a system that includes colleges, medical schools, a law school and research institutions across the state. The president also works as chancellor of Louisiana's flagship university in Baton Rouge.

The eight semifinalists will be interviewed Monday and Tuesday, with the search committee expected to pick finalists on April 30 to submit to the LSU Board of Supervisors.

Contenders to be interviewed include Commissioner of Administration Jay Dardenne, the governor's chief budget adviser who runs the day-to-day operations of state government, and University of Louisiana System President Jim Henderson, who heads the state's largest public university system with nine colleges and 90,000 students.

Also to be interviewed are:

- Laurence Alexander, professor and chancellor at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.
- Maj. Gen. Ron Clark, Army chief of staff for the United States Indo-Pacific Command.
- Kelvin Droegemeier, former



director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy under former President Donald Trump's administration.

- Rustin Moore, professor and dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at Ohio State University.

- Mary Ann Rankin, professor and former senior vice president and provost at the University of Maryland, College Park.
- Retired Army Lt. Gen. Jeff

Talley, president & CEO of consulting firm The P3i Group, LLC.

The university system is searching for a new leader in the midst of a scandal after a scathing independent report released earlier this year detailed years of LSU's widespread mishandling of claims of sexual harassment, domestic

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The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration recommended the country "pause" use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine after six cases of rare blood clots were found among the 6.8 million people vaccinated with the doses.

"While I understand that this news may be concerning, I remain committed to working alongside public health experts to make sure people can get the answers they need to make an informed decision," Edwards, a Democrat, said in a statement.

Louisiana's health department said the blood clots being investigated "appear to be extremely rare." But the agency said anyone who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and develops severe headaches, abdominal pain, leg pain or shortness of breath within three weeks of immunization should contact a health care provider.

The governor urged people to

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able officer would have done and said it was wrong to look only at nine minutes and 29 seconds when Floyd was on the ground.

In a departure from how he has looked throughout the trial, Chauvin was maskless and looked directly at his attorney throughout the three-hour defense closing statement. For the rest of the testimony and the prosecution closing he was head down, masked and taking extensive notes.

While Nelson's summation was lengthy, it was also complex. And that may be why Blackwell came back with this statement in his rebuttal argument. He said this case is not that complicated and that, in the state's view, Chauvin caused Floyd's death.

The line he left the jury with was this: "You were told, for example, that Mr. Floyd died because his heart was too big. You heard that testimony. And now having seen all the evidence, having heard all the evidence, you know the truth. And the truth of the matter is that the reason George Floyd is dead is because Mr. Chauvin's heart was too small."

Since the trial began last month, the prosecution called 38 people. The defense called seven people to testify in court. Chauvin was not one of them; he invoked his constitutional right not to testify. It was a decision that came without the jury present.

Now that Chauvin has been convicted, next comes the determination about whether any aggravating factors existed.

The first possible aggravating factor is whether the victim was "treated with particular cruelty." The second is if a child was present. Witnesses at the scene and who testified included two teens who were 17 at the time, as well as a 9-year-old.

"If they find aggravating factors the judge could go all the way up to the statutory maximum, which for count one is up to 40 years, count two up to 25 years, and count three up to 10 years," attorney Joe Tamburino told reporters.

The other three officers involved are charged with aiding and abetting, and are expected to be tried jointly in August.

Earl Gray, the attorney representing ex-officer Thomas Lane, told reporters he had no comment on Chauvin's conviction.

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continue getting vaccinated with Pfizer and Moderna doses.

Nearly 1.4 million people in Louisiana — 30% of the state's total population — have received at least one dose of the vaccine, according to state health department data. More than 966,000 people have been fully immunized, about 21%. That's far below the threshold that scientists say is needed to stop the uncontrolled spread of the COVID-19 disease caused by the coronavirus.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**U.S. House Prepares Historic Session on Reparations Legislation**



"The markup of H.R. 40 by the Judiciary Committee is a major step toward the creation of a long-overdue national commission to study and develop reparations proposals. (Photo: iStockphoto / NNPA)"

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

The House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday, April 14, plans to hold the first-ever markup of H.R. 40, the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act.

The 10 a.m. session on Capitol Hill will help advance legislation first introduced about three decades ago that establishes a commission to examine slavery and discrimination in the United States from 1619 to the present and recommend appropriate remedies.

"Why is this significant now to have a markup in this historic moment in our history? The bill was introduced a year after the Civil Liberties

Act that provided reparations for our Japanese-Americans, and we as African Americans supported it," Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-Texas) said during a news conference with African American media members.

"The bill would allow the country to finally confront the stark social disparities occurring in the African American community today and provide solutions," Jackson-Lee, the bill's lead sponsor, stated.

The historic markup of H.R. 40 is intended to continue a national conversation about how to confront the brutal mistreatment of African Americans during chattel slavery, Jim Crow segregation, and the enduring structural racism that remains endemic to American society today added House Judiciary

Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY).

"Long after slavery was abolished, segregation and subjugation of African Americans was a defining part of this nation's policies that shaped its values and its institutions," Nadler remarked.

"Today, we still live with racial disparities in access to education, health care, housing, insurance, employment, and other social goods that are directly attributable to the damaging legacy of slavery and government-sponsored racial discrimination," Nadler remarked.

"The creation of a commission under H.R. 40 to study these issues is not intended to divide, but to continue the efforts commenced by states, localities and private institutions to reckon with

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services to youth in our community. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.crawfishkingcookoff.com](http://www.crawfishkingcookoff.com) until sold out. Tickets should be purchased in advance to secure a spot, but tickets will be sold until the event is over or sold out. First come, first served.

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## Forgiving and Forgetting

*“They will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the Lord, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”*

— Jeremiah 31:34

did happen. He then relates to us on the basis of forgiveness rather than our sinfulness.

How often have we told ourselves that we could forgive someone who wronged us, but we could never forget the offense? We may even have tried to forget what happened, but our efforts failed. The fact that the deed comes to our minds is not necessarily a problem.

First, if we remember these events in pain, perhaps forgiveness has not yet occurred. The problem is not that we remember but that



Dr. Tony Evans

the memory makes us bitter and angry. That’s a warning to us that forgiveness must take place so that we can be released from the bondage of these feelings.

Second, God could be using these memories for a purpose. For example, the apostle Paul remembered when he was a blasphemer and a persecutor of the church (see 1 Timothy 1:12-14). He knew God wanted to use those memories in his ministry to others.

If God has allowed you to go through some painful experiences, and if you have forgiven the person but still have the memories, God wants to use that event for your growth and His glory.

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## The Reach of God’s Love

BY CHARLES STANLEY

*Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, 2 and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light — ACTS 9:1-31*

Do you know someone with a hostile attitude toward God? It can be hard to imagine such a person accepting the Lord’s salvation, but no one is beyond the reach of our loving heavenly Father. Saul of Tar-



Charles Stanley

sus is a perfect example. This self-righteous Pharisee was so confident of his obedience to God’s Law that he couldn’t see his need for a Savior. His goal was to get rid of Christians, but God had other plans for his life. Jesus appeared to him in a blinding light and confronted him about his persecution of the church. Saul repented, placed his trust in the Savior, and spent the rest of his life spreading the good news that salvation comes through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Conviction of sin is an uncomfortable but important step for a life of faith. Before we can understand our need for a Savior, we must recognize the hopelessness of our sinful condition. Then we can repent and receive the forgiveness of sins through faith in Jesus Christ.

Like Paul, we are saved only because God reached down to rescue us. And He will never leave or forsake us (Heb. 13:5) but is always present to mold us into Christlikeness.

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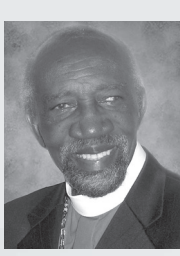


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Sunday Morning Worship .....	10:45 AM
Lord's Supper .....	3rd Sundays
Sunday School .....	9:30 AM
Prayer Service .....	Wed. @ 6:00 PM
Bible Study .....	Wed- @ 7:00 PM

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# BUSINESS

## Ethel's Snack Shack's Ribbon Cutting With the Baker Chamber of Commerce



Left to Right: Mechelle Marchand-Brumfield, Bishop Michael Smith, Michel Woods, Councilman Robert Young, Belinda Williams, Dedrick Lewis, Amelia Georgetown, Carl Fontenot, Clinton DeQuir, Donald Boureaux, Amber Matthews, Councilwoman Glenda Bryant, Evelyn Parker, Jonathon Dearborne, Councilwoman Chauna Banks, Pat McCallister, Johnay Hall. Photo Credit: Wil Norwood



Jacqueline Jones and Michel Woods. Photo Credit: Wil Norwood

Ethel's Snack Shack: the mere mention of the name should bring the images of home cooked meals to mind. Smothered pork chops, fried catfish, shrimp étouffée; just to name a few items off the menu.

On Wednesday, April 14,

2021, Ethel's Snack Shack was officially inaugurated into the Baker Chamber of Commerce with a beautiful ribbon cutting ceremony.

Carl Fontenot, the owner, noted that he has been in ownership of the establishment for

three years after he took over the business from his godmother Gloria Ned, who was donated the shack from the original Ms. Ethel.

The ribbon cutting was a lively event filled with food and fellowship! Credit goes to Jacqueline Jones, a former em-

ployee, seen with Michel Woods our President of the Baker Chamber of Commerce, who advocated for Ethel's Snack Shack to join the Chamber.

Ethel's Snack Shack is open from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday-Friday.



Carl and Carlos Fontenot. Photo Credit: Wil Norwood

## Apple plans to expand ads business - FT

(Reuters) - Apple Inc is planning to expand its advertising business by adding a second advertising slot in its App Store search page's "suggested" section, the Financial Times reported on Thursday.

The new advertising slot, which will be rolled out by the end of the month, will allow advertisers to promote their apps across the whole network, rather than in response to specific searches, according to the report. (<https://on.ft.com/3sG7lkn>)

The report comes as Apple plans to send prompts to iPhone users to allow apps to use their data for personalized advertising, a move that has drawn backlash from tech rival Facebook Inc, which argues the changes will hurt the social media company's ad business.



The Apple logo hangs inside the glass entrance to the Apple Store on 5th Avenue in New York City.

### TOP JOB from page 2

violence and rape.

The job became open when F. King Alexander announced in December 2019 that he was leaving for a similar post leading Oregon State University. Alexander recently resigned from his Oregon State job because of his role in the

mishandling of sexual misconduct cases at LSU.

Tom Galligan, then-dean of the LSU law school, was asked to serve as interim president, a job he's been handling since January 2020. Galligan had expressed interest in the permanent position, but announced Tuesday that he was withdrawing from the competition. Some members of the LSU

search committee had debated whether to postpone the search in hopes of attracting academic administrators unwilling wade into the issues surrounding the university at present, according to The Advocate. But the panel decided to continue the process, in anticipation of having a new president taking office sometime over the summer.

### REPARATION from page 3

our past and bring us closer to racial understanding and advancement."

While a specific monetary value on reparations isn't outlined in the bill, it does focus on investigating and presenting the facts and truth about the unprecedented centuries of brutal enslavement of African people, racial healing, and transformation.

The bill would fund a commission to study and develop proposals for providing reparations to African Americans.

The commission's mission in-

cludes identifying the role of federal and state governments in supporting the institution of slavery, forms of discrimination in public and private sectors against freed slaves and their descendants, and lingering adverse effects of slavery on living African Americans and on society.

"Since its introduction in 1989 by the late Chairman John Conyers, and now through its continued introduction, H.R. 40 has galvanized governmental acknowledgment of the crime of slavery and its continuing societal impact," Jackson Lee maintained.

"The markup of H.R. 40 by the Judiciary Committee is a major step

toward the creation of a long-overdue national commission to study and develop reparation proposals.

"Through this legislation, we will finally be able to confront the stark societal disparities occurring in the African American community today and provide solutions.

"By passing H.R. 40, Congress can also start a movement toward the national reckoning we need to bridge racial divides. Reparations are ultimately about respect and reconciliation — and the hope that one day, all Americans can walk together toward a more just future."

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