



Civil rights veteran John Perkins, who preached racial reconciliation, dead at 95

By Jerry Mitchell
Mississippi Today

Pioneering pastor and civil rights leader John Perkins left the world Friday, but his family and friends say his light will long remain.

“He will always be remembered as one who tried to get the races to come together,” said Constance Slaughter-Harvey, who represented the pastor after he was tortured by Mississippi law enforcement officers in 1969. “Anybody who could take that kind of beating and be so forgiving is an extraordinary man.”

Perkins, 95, died under hospice care. His funeral service is set for March 21 at the New Horizon Church in Jackson.

His family shared a picture of him with his wife, Vera Mae. The family quoted her as saying she loves him and thanking God for their 74 ½ years of marriage.

Perkins, who penned the 1976 memoir, “Let Justice Roll Down,” wrote more than a dozen books. His last was “One Life Well Lived,” a book on how to live with purpose and passion.

On March 5, Elizabeth Perkins posted about one of the last moments with her father. She said she sat beside him, took his hand and sang one of his favorite songs, “Jesus Loves the Little Children.”

“As I sang, Daddy gently squeezed my hand, a quiet ‘amen’ in the early morning light,” she wrote. “Even in this season, the love of Jesus still fills the room.”

“Daddy has lived a life fully given to God. It has not always been an easy life, but it has been a faithful one, marked by courage, reconciliation, justice, forgiveness, and hope.”

The John & Vera Mae Perkins Foundation works to raise up young leaders dedicated to reconciliation, she wrote. “We believe reconciliation is still possible, communities can still be restored, and the love of Christ still transforms lives.”

Perkins was born into poverty in New Hebron, Mississippi in 1930. His mother died of malnutrition and his father left his life years later.

His brother, Clyde, fought in World War II and enjoyed freedoms he had never experienced before in segregated Mississippi.

Like many other Black vet-



The Rev. John Perkins led a civil rights march in Simpson County in 1970 and charged in a lawsuit that Lloyd Jones kicked him and told him, “We could have killed you a long time ago.” CREDIT: COURTESY OF THE PERKINS FAMILY

erans who returned home from that war, he became a victim of violence when an officer gunned him down.

After Perkins’ family warned him he might be next, he left the state, one of about 6 million African Americans involved in the Great Migration from the South to other parts of the nation.

He landed in California, where in 1951 he married his wife and where their son, Spencer, was later born. Drafted into the Korean War, Perkins served in Okinawa, Japan, for three years before returning home.

One day in 1957, Spencer came home singing, “Jesus Loves the Little Children.” The song moved Perkins, who became a Christian. A year later, he was ordained as a Baptist minister.

In 1960, he and his family, which had grown to include four children, returned to Mississippi. A year later, he started the Mendenhall Ministries, which gave birth to a church, a daycare center, a youth program, a cooperative farm, a thrift store, a housing repair ministry, a health center and an adult education program. His wife ran a daycare center that later became part of the Head Start program.

In the past, the young people who made it out of the community never returned, but Perkins encouraged them to get their college degrees, said the Rev. Dolphus Weary, who worked

with and succeeded Perkins at Mendenhall Ministries and later became executive director of Mission Mississippi, a ministry dedicated to promoting racial reconciliation among Christians in Mississippi. “He instilled in us the idea of coming back.”

In 1965, Perkins organized a voter registration drive in Simpson County, drawing the ire of the powers that be.

Four years later, he led a Christmas boycott in Mendenhall to protest white businesses’ refusal to hire Black employees. Officers jailed protesters, and when Perkins went to bail them out, they brutalized him.

“They beat John, cut his hair with dull scissors and stuck a fork up his nose,” said Slaughter-Harvey, who became the first Black woman to graduate from the University of Mississippi School of Law in 1970.

As a result of that torture, he suffered a heart attack and part of his stomach had to be removed because of ulcers.

Despite that torture, Perkins bore no malice against those officers, Slaughter-Harvey said. “I’ve always respected his extraordinary forgiveness. He had an impact on my life and so did his wife, Vera, and their children.”

Doug Huemmer, who spent nights in jail with Perkins in 1969 and 1970, said while Perkins was involved in work some described as civil rights activi-

ties, his work should be viewed as in the tradition of the Great Protestant Reformation ministers, such as John Calvin, Martin Luther and George Fox.

Perkins sought to eliminate racism, corruption and sin in the white and Black American Protestant Church, Huemmer said. “John and I shared the belief that we have a great country, but we have succumbed to a spiritual decadence that is destroying the American character.”

Quoting a prominent university professor, he said, “In America, we could have built a Chartres Cathedral. Instead, we built Las Vegas.”

In his final conversation with Perkins, he said the pastor told him, “Complete submission to God is the beginning of wisdom.”

In 1978, Perkins became friends with Klansman-turned-minister Tommy Tarrants, who later served for a dozen years as president of the C.S. Lewis Institute. Books and the narrative, “The Preacher and the Klansman,” detailed their lives and friendship.

Perkins began to speak at churches, colleges and conventions across the nation. He served as a religious adviser to Jimmy Carter and other presidents who followed.

He later established the Christian Community Develop-

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Michael B. Jordan wins the Oscar and shouts out Denzel Washington, Halle Berry and more: ‘I stand here because of the people who came before me’



Jordan PHOTO BY RICH POLK

By Rebecca Rubin
Variety

Michael B. Jordan has won the first Oscar of his career, taking home the lead actor statue for playing twin brothers Smoke and Stack in the supernatural thriller “Sinners.” His victory makes him the sixth Black man to triumph in the lead actor category.

“I stand here because of the people that came before me,” Jordan said before naming those men, Sidney Poitier, Denzel Washington, Jamie Foxx, Forest Whitaker and Will Smith, as well as Halle Berry, the first and only Black woman to win for lead actress. “To be amongst those giants, those greats, amongst my ancestors, amongst my guides... Thank you everybody in this room and everybody at home for supporting me over my career. I feel it. I know you guys want me to do well, and I want to do that because you guys bet on me. So thank you for keeping betting on me.”

This was Jordan’s first Oscar nomination. He became the late-breaking frontrunner in the category — Jordan was up against Timothee Chalamet (“Marty Supreme”), Leonardo DiCaprio (“One Battle After Another”) Ethan

Hawke (“Blue Moon”) and Wagner Moura (“The Secret Agent”) — after scoring a key victory at the Actor Awards, formerly known as the Screen Actors Guild Awards. Prior to that ceremony, he had lost the BAFTA to Robert Aramayo of “I Swear,” the Golden Globe to Moura and the Critics’ Choice to Chalamet.

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“Man, God is good. God is good,” an emotional Jordan said on stage before shouting out his family members in the audience. “Momma, what’s up? You know how I feel about my mother. And my father is here. Pops, where you at? My dad came from Ghana to be here.”

He also praised filmmaker Ryan Coogler, who has directed Jordan in five movies including “Fruitvale Station,” “Creed,” “Black Panther” and “Black Panther: Wakanda Forever.”

“You’re an amazing, amazing person,” Jordan said. “I’m so honored to call you a collaborator and a friend. You gave me the opportunity and space for me to be seen. I love you too, bro.”

Jordan pulls off double duty in the 1930s-set “Sinners,”

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Alcorn alumnus Corey Wiggins named president of Tougaloo College

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Dr. Corey Wiggins, a Hazlehurst, Mississippi native and Alcorn State University alumnus, has been named the 15th president of Tougaloo College. He will begin July 1, succeeding Dr. Donzell Lee following a national search.

Wiggins serves as federal co-chairman of the Delta Regional Authority, an indepen-

dent federal agency supporting economic development across 255 counties and parishes in eight states. President Joseph Biden nominated him to the post in December 2021, and the U.S. Senate confirmed him unanimously in March 2022.

His career spans the public, nonprofit and academic sectors. He previously served as executive director of the

Mississippi State Conference NAACP, senior vice president of policy at Hope Enterprise Corporation and Hope Credit Union, and director of the Hope Policy Institute. He also held a faculty appointment as visiting assistant professor of health policy and management at Jackson State University.

Wiggins earned a bachelor’s degree from Alcorn State Uni-

versity and a master’s degree in public health and a doctorate from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He also holds a certificate in nonprofit leadership from Boston College and has completed fellowships with the Kaiser Family Foundation, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).



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Books for Women’s History Month



NMHS Unlimited Film Productions launches new partnership, bringing Digital Magic to the next generation of creators

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NMHS Unlimited Film Productions announces that Digital Magic will be presented at the Southwest Mississippi Center for Culture & Learning and Alcorn State University.

“This fall, the Southwest Mississippi Center for Culture & Learning will launch a new chapter in academic research and digital media training,” said Dr. Garry Lewis, executive director of the Southwest Center for Culture & Learning. “Digital Magic will bring Alcorn State University into a new era of creativity, innovation, and student empowerment.”

The Digital Magic program was created and will be led by award-winning filmmaker Dr. Wilma E. Mosley Clopton, founder and president of Jackson, Miss.-based NMHS Unlimited Film Productions.

“Digital Magic is an interactive, hands-on project that introduces students to the art of documentary filmmaking, allowing each participant to bring their own voice and story to life,” Clopton explained. “With a focus on education, participants use familiar technology, such as smartphones and tab-



Dr. Wilma E. Mosley Clopton, filmmaker

lets, while learning valuable film techniques, industry terminology, and essential research methods as they plan, film, and



edit their own short videos. As a result, not only are students able to share the issues that are concerning or important to them, but they are also building confidence and even shaping long-term goals.”

On March 23, invited guests will be introduced to the Digital Magic program in a two-hour, fast paced workshop to be held at the library.

“Our goal is to create meaningful internship pathways and hands-on research opportunities that prepare Alcorn students to become the next generation of filmmakers, documentarians, and cultural storytellers,” Lewis said. “It will give our students the tools to turn ideas into digital experiences, preparing them for careers that demand imagination, technical skill, and cultural insight.”

Lewis continued, “Dr. Clopton’s partnership with the Southwest Mississippi Center for Culture & Learning strengthens our mission to elevate student creativity, scholarship, and cultural understanding. Her expertise in digital filmmaking, documentary production, and academic research brings a powerful blend of technical skill and intellectual depth to our students. With her leadership, Alcorn students will learn to tell their stories with clarity, purpose, and artistic excellence – while producing research and media that preserve, honor, and advance the history of Southwest Mississippi.”

United by a shared commitment to advancing education, this partnership will create new opportunities for learning, collaboration, and community en-

gagement for students, faculty, and the broader Southwest Mississippi region.

“For the Southwest Center for Culture & Learning, Digital Magic is more than a program – it is a commitment to expanding opportunity, elevating academic research, and ensuring that our students on campus, and the surrounding community, are leading in producing documentaries, podcasts, and digital content in the future,” Lewis added. “We are committed to developing the next star in digital filmmaking – right here at Alcorn – and positioning our university on the global stage as a producer of visionary talent.”

NMHS Unlimited Film Productions is a 501(c)3 Mississippi-based production company specializing in documentaries about African American people in Mississippi and the way their actions changed the future for everyone. Visit www.blackhistoryplus.com for more information. Or contact Dr. Wilma Mosley Clopton at blackhistoryplus@yahoo.com or 601-259-7598.

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playing identical twins Smoke and Stack who return home to the South after World War I and open a juke joint... only for vampires to descend on the small town. In addition to awards glory (the film was

nominated for a record 16 Oscars and won four on the big night), "Sinners" became a box office juggernaut with \$370 million globally.

"Everybody at home who supported 'Sinners' and went to see the movie once, twice, three, four times... thank you," Jordan concluded. "You made this movie what it is."

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Constance Slaughter-Harvey on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at her law office in the building that once housed her parents' store, the Six Cees, the first Black-owned business of its kind in Scott County. Slaughter-Harvey purchased the building in 1977 and converted it into her law office in Forest. CREDIT: VICKIE D. KING/MISSISSIPPI TODAY

ment Association, which focused on bringing the love of Christ to America's most impoverished communities. "Other people became dedicated to what he had taught because they saw that it works," Weary said.

Perkins' teaching also helped lead to the 1992 creation of Mission Mississippi, which encouraged Christians to cross racial lines to develop friendships.

Weary led the organization for more than a dozen years. "We're gonna be together in heaven," he said. "Why can't we be together on this earth?"

After Spencer's unexpected death at 44 in 1998, the Perkins foundation created the Spencer Perkins Center to serve under-resourced children and families in west Jackson. The center also provided affordable housing to low- to moderate-income families.

John Perkins' daughters, Elizabeth and Priscilla, serve as co-presidents for the Perkins foundation.

His memoir inspired the band Switchfoot to write "The Sound (John Perkins Blues)." The pastor's "life of service and compassion is a tangible demonstration of what it means to live a life of love," said band co-founder Jon Foreman. "Love is the loudest song we could sing. Louder than racism. Louder than fear. Louder than hatred. John Perkins said it right, 'Love is the final fight.'"

Jackson Mayor John Horhn orders Dr. John M. Perkins to lie in state at City Hall

StatePoint

Mayor John Horhn has ordered that the late Dr. John M. Perkins, renowned pastor, author, and civil rights leader, will lie in state at Jackson City Hall Friday, March 20, 2026, in honor of his life, legacy, and decades of service to the City of Jackson and communities around the world.



ministry, Perkins received numerous honorary doctorates from colleges and universities recognizing his scholarship, moral leadership, and advocacy for marginalized communities.

Together with his wife, Dr. Vera Mae Perkins, Perkins invested in the people and neighborhoods of Jackson through ministry, outreach, and the John & Vera Mae Perkins Foundation, which continues to serve as a model for community development.

"Dr. John Perkins was one of the moral giants of our time, and our city is grieving his loss. He poured his life into the

work of justice, reconciliation, and community, and Jackson is better because he chose to make this city his home," said Horhn. "What I will remember most about Dr. Perkins is that he never gave up on people, and he never gave up on this city. On behalf of the City of Jackson, I extend my deepest condolences to his wife, Dr. Vera Mae Perkins, to the Perkins family, to the Foundation, and to all who were shaped by his teaching and his example. As we mourn his passing, we also commit ourselves to carrying his work forward."

Perkins Homegoing Week-

end Schedule
Friday, March 20, 2026 | 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Lie in State
Jackson City Hall
Police motorcade from Jackson City Hall to New Horizon Church International
Friday, March 20, 2026 | 5:00 p.m.
The Wake
New Horizon Church International
Saturday, March 21, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.
Homegoing Celebration
New Horizon Church International
1750 Ellis Avenue

Jackson, MS 39204
(Mayor Horhn will give a tribute)
Repast and continued tributes will follow immediately after the service.
Sunday, March 22, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.
Interment
Oak Ridge M.B. Church Cemetery
New Hebron, Mississippi
Police motorcade from Jackson to New Hebron
The Homegoing Celebration will be live-streamed at: https://youtube.com/@newhorizonchurchinternational6875?si=P_VpGTxhPRuaYIXA



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Sunday school lesson on fulfilling obligations to our neighbors lead to action

By Gail Gettis
Guest Writer

An idea born out of a Sunday school book, Pathway Bible Studies for Adults (Tribble, S.R) titled "Fulfilling Our Obligations to Neighbors" led the Adult Coed Class 17 at College Hill M.B. Church in Jackson to stop talking about the call-to-serve lessons, but to put them into action, as a group. Before the third lesson in the unit, the class met at the church Saturday, March 14 where each person came with donated items or funds for assembling sack lunches, snack items, and four bags of personal items. The group boxed up more than 300 bags and headed to Poindexter Park in Jackson near downtown to distribute to less fortunate people. After Poindexter Park, the group set up near the Jackson Union Station and a tent city further south on Gallatin Street.

Mature adults make up the class that Pastor Chauncey Jordan, Sr. and his wife, Lashunda, sat in on during the inception of the initiative. On Saturday morning they rejoined the group with their two sons, Chauncey "CJ" Jr, and Josh (ages 18 and 21 respectively) along with friends to assist in the mission. Deacon Calvin Ousby welcomed the park attendees and let them know that help is being offered through the church and invited them to service. Pastor Jordan offered prayer and blessings.

An effervescent pastor, Jordan



Sunday School Class #17 prepared to serve those in need

took an opportunity to speak individually with anyone who was receptive. While assisting with distribution, a proud moment for the pastor had to be when someone asked if there were any men's shoes on the table. With none left, his younger son offered the man the shoes off his feet.

"It was an humbling experience and I am thankful to God for positioning us to serve and love on our neighbors. My heart is still full and overjoyed to see this idea birthed out of a Sunday school class discussion," said Jordan. The pastor goes on to say that this kind of collaboration in mission and ministry will help fulfill the church's goal of "Moving the masses toward the mission of the Master."

The class shares a special bond and are of like minds when it comes to service. Some members of this class have been together for more than 30 years, so they are a close family within a larger church family. With more than 20 different areas of service, this is not new to the church itself. However, it is a first for this one of many classes of brothers and sisters in Christ who meet each Sunday morning and eagerly share in the learning and understanding of God's word.

The class plans to commit to this type of service each quarter. With this first success, the commitment is to work toward bigger and better ways to meet the needs of the underserved community.



Rev. Chauncey Jordan, pastor of College Hill joining Class # 17 at Poindexter Park



Sunday School Class #17 preparing items to distribute to those in need

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Joniya Lewis, Tristan Vance, and Cameron Simpson served as pages at the State Capitol



Joniya Lewis (center) is pictured with Senator Sollie Norwood (lt.) and Lt. Governor C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr. (rt) who sponsored her visit.



Tristan Vance (center) is pictured with Senator Walter Michel (lt.) and Lt. Governor C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr. (rt) who sponsored his visit.



Cameron Simpson (center) is pictured with Senator Walter Michel (lt.) and Lt. Governor C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr. (rt) who sponsored his visit.

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Joniya Lewis, Tristan Vance, and Cameron Simpson of Jackson served as pages at the State Capitol for the Mississippi Senate. Pages generally run errands for officials and Senate staff. Their visit to the senate was

sponsored by Lieutenant Governor C. Delbert Hosemann, Jr. Joniya is the daughter of Harriell and Aretha Bolton Lewis and attends Northwest IB Middle School. When asked about the week, Joniya said, "This week was a great experience.

From observing the senators to making new friends to just soaking in the feeling of the establishment. I can say that I really enjoyed my time being a junior page. The notes that I took about my time there will contribute to my future pro-

fession in law. So, I sincerely would like to thank the people in charge for letting me be a part of something so great."

Vance is the son of Jennifer Lewis and Lee Vance and attends Murrah High School. When asked about the week,

Tristan said, "I enjoyed running errands for the senators and the people in need. I also enjoyed the tour we got on Monday. And lastly, I enjoyed the field trip we took on Wednesday."

Simpson is the son of Jasmine Lewis and attends Murrah High

School. When asked about the week, Cameron said, "I enjoyed helping out the senators and getting to know other people. I also enjoyed the debates the senators had in the chamber. This is my third year and all my experiences have been good here."

Which one is better to claim, Standard Deduction or Itemized Deductions?

By Tim C. Lee
CEO & Founder of TCL Financial & Tax Services



When it pertains to filing an individual income tax return, one question that is often asked by taxpayers is, which one is better to claim, standard deduction or itemized deductions?

The answer is quite simple. The one that is the highest dollar amount. Let me explain!

When preparing a federal and state individual income tax return, one of the first task is to report all of your taxable income.

That income can be from wages, interest, dividends, retirement, social security benefits, alimony, business, rental property, farming, unemployment, gambling, and the list goes on and on.

Once all of the taxable income is reported and calculated on the tax return, your goal then shifts to bring that number down as low as possible. The ultimate goal is to lower your taxable income to zero. Be mindful, this number can not be negative.

There are only two things used to help lower your taxable income. They are referred to as adjustments and deductions. These two terms are interchangeable.

If applicable, and if you qualify, there are many adjustments and deductions that can be placed on a tax return to help lower your taxable income. Such items include, educator expenses, moving expenses, alimony paid, student loan interest, jury duty pay, no tax on tips, no tax on overtime, no tax on car loan interest, and a lot more. For the most part, all of these adjustments and deductions can only be claimed if you actually paid for them out-of-pocket.

One deduction that is automatically given to taxpayers and does not have to be paid for out-of-pocket is the standard deduction.

The standard deduction is a fixed dollar amount based on the filing status used on a taxpayer's tax return.

There are five filing statuses, and a standard deduction amount is given for each one when it pertains to a federal individual income tax return. They are:

- 1) Single: \$15,750
- 2) Married Filing Separately: \$15,750
- 3) Married Filing Jointly: \$31,500
- 4) Qualifying Surviving Spouse: \$31,500
- 5) Head of Household: \$23,625

Keep in mind, these standard deduction

amounts are only for tax year 2025. Due to inflation, these numbers typically increase annually.

In addition to federal, each state, unless exempt, also gives a fixed standard deduction amount based on a taxpayer's filing status.

Currently, there are nine states that are exempt. Meaning, these states do not impose an income tax on their residents. So if you live in Alaska, Florida, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, or Wyoming, you do not have to file a state individual income tax return.

Whether it is federal or state, once you know what the standard deduction amount is for your actual filing status, you want to determine if your itemized deductions will exceed that particular number.

There are a plethora of things that can be itemized.

Health related items, such as medical, dental, prescription, and vision bills, copays, deductibles, equipment, insurance premiums, supplies, and miles driven.

Other itemized deductions include, charitable contributions, charitable miles driven, home mortgage interest, property taxes, real estate taxes, state income taxes, and plenty more.

Remember, your overall goal is to bring your taxable income down to zero. So if your standard deduction amount does not zero you out, and your itemized deductions exceed your standard deduction amount, you definitely want to itemize.

Unless you have massive experience on the subject of taxes, you are probably thinking, this is one complex topic. Trust me, I totally understand your position.

Even Albert Einstein once said, "The hardest thing to understand in the world is the income tax."

That is why I highly recommend that you choose a company that is honest, knowledgeable, professional, and reliable for your tax preparation needs.

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The New Food Pyramid: Healthy or Harmful?

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, together with the USDA, announced a new food pyramid January 7th as part of the 2025–2030 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

The new food pyramid differs from previous federal nutrition guidance by inverting the traditional hierarchy of foods. Instead of emphasizing grains as the foundation, the new model prioritizes protein, full-fat dairy, healthy fats, fruits, and vegetables, while placing whole grains at the bottom. It discourages refined carbohydrates, added sugars, and highly processed foods. It also almost doubles recommended protein intake.

Speakers in this briefing analyzed the new guidelines and discussed ultra-processed foods and the environmental impacts of consuming more red meat and factory farming. Sunita Sohrabji served as moderator and began with Dr. Christopher Gardner, Professor of Medicine at Stanford University School of Medicine.

“We had a pyramid when all this started back in 1990. Nobody really liked the pyramid to be perfectly honest...in 2011 Michelle Obama helped switch that



Dr. Christopher Gardner. PHOTO: WWW.NEWS.STANFORD.EDU.

iconic figure to a plate, which is a lot easier to understand...there is a lot of politics involved on the dietary guidelines advisory committee, but it was science based. Now, under Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. who pretty much very vocally, on social media, dismissed our reports saying it was too complicated. When the new guidelines were released January 8, 2026, we were back to a pyramid, but it was upside down. Most of them are consistent with old recommendations. So, there's really a lot of sound advice in the new dietary guidelines. But to be honest, the pyramid itself is a little hard to interpret – it has more legumes, which are beans, peas, and lentils and less red and processed meat. Immediately after the release, the Secretary came out on social me-

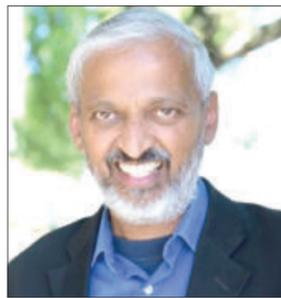


Dr. Marion Nestle. PHOTO: WWW.NYU.EDU.

dia and said beef is back, butter is back, meat is back...this contradicted the scientific conclusions...”

In responding to an opening question, Dr. Marion Nestle is Professor of Nutrition, Food Studies, and Public Health Emerita at New York University, indicated, “Recently the Secretary stated that we are not going to be a nanny state, and so the goal of the guidelines from his perspective is to educate the public so they can exercise their personal responsibility...the personal responsibility message is one that gets the government out of doing anything related to labeling, restrictions on marketing, about restrictions on the content of foods, it can just say - it's up to you.”

She gave an example: We think



Dr. Sailesh Rao. PHOTO: WWW.BLOG.HUA.EDU.

you should eat less sugar and it's up to you to make that happen and we hope that the food companies will go along with it. “I don't think that's going to work. You have expressed concern that people on SNAP benefits and with some women not having access to whole foods because of cost. But isn't it cheaper to eat a plant focused diet rather than one that emphasizes meat and dairy? If you have pots, pans, knives, and a refrigerator and know how to cook, you can make delicious plant-based menus for your family, but not everyone wants to make that choice, and so they grab cheap products like processed foods. Food products are designed to be profitable...the food industry is not a social science agency and it's not a public

health agency, the food industry is a business, its job is to make money for shareholders. Ultra processed foods are extraordinarily profitable.”

Dr. Sailesh Rao is the founder of Climate Healers. He was very popular with the audience of 75 global media outlets. His comments were mostly confined to the environmental impact of food production. “Americans are critically deficient in fiber, an essential macro nutrient. The USDA has admitted that we as Americans don't get enough fiber. If you think that the guidelines would address this glaring deficiency, you would be wrong. The guidelines exemplify a system or planet – our current operating system – driving what I call the poly-crisis, which is our existential threats, including planetary overheating, chronic disease, epidemics, and freshwater depletion. These are not separate problems. They are interconnected and the dietary guidelines make it worse.”

Dr. Rao continued, “The most important factor determining whether our children inherit a habitable planet is deliberately excluded from consideration. If 330 million Americans follow these guidelines, the environmental consequences will be

huge. Producing one gallon of milk requires 1,000 gallons of water. Water is the tip of the iceberg. Dairy production uses vast land growing alfalfa and clover, leading to deforestation. The gas emissions created by beef cattle are enormous. Animal agriculture is responsible for 87% of annual greenhouse gas emissions, a figure that takes into account land use and carbon opportunity costs. What the dietary guidelines won't tell you is that we don't need any animal products for health – planned vegan diets are healthy for all life stages, including pregnancy, infancy, childhood, and athletic performance. The guidelines push animal products by excluding environmental science. Follow the money. There are alternative science-based guidelines available, like the one proposed by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine - <https://www.pcrm.org>.”

For readers interested in healthy diets, learning more about plant-based diets, and the impacts of our current food production system in the United States, please click on this link to view this entire briefing - <https://americancommunitymedia.org/media-briefings/the-new-food-pyramid-healthy-or-harmful>.

Civil Rights Leaders and Congressional Black Caucus unite to challenge Trump Administration policies

NY Carib News

During a recent gathering on Capitol Hill, lawmakers and advocacy leaders sharply criticized a series of policy decisions implemented since Trump's return to the White House, as well as the president's rhetoric and governing approach. While participants outlined broad areas of concern, they provided limited specifics regarding immediate tactical responses.

Representative Yvette Clarke of New York, chair of the CBC, accused the administration of pursuing policies that undermine civil rights protections, restrict voting access, weaken social safety programs, and concentrate economic and political power among elite interests at the expense of marginalized communities.

Throughout a series of strategy sessions, activists and legislators coordinated outreach plans and policy priorities spanning education, historical curriculum standards, healthcare access, immigration enforcement, and anti-discrimination protections. Participants described the discussions as both sobering and motivating, emphasizing the urgency of collective action ahead of upcoming elections.

Several meetings focused on safeguarding voter access during the midterm elections, amid growing concerns among activists following a federal law enforcement raid at an elections facility in the Atlanta metropolitan area. Lawmakers also examined potential legislative and legal responses to an anticipated Supreme Court ruling that could weaken a key provision of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries signaled that a wide range of responses remains under consideration, including public demonstrations, organized boycotts, and expanded legal challenges. “It's an all-hands-on-deck moment, and every tool available to the leadership collectively has got to be deployed to get this thing turned around,” Jeffries said following a press conference.

The renewed mobilization comes as the administration



Civil rights organizations and members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) used the observance of Black History Month to relaunch a coordinated national initiative aimed at mobilizing opposition to policies they argue threaten longstanding legal protections for minority communities under President Donald Trump's administration.

continues efforts to curtail diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives across federal agencies, higher education institutions, and segments of the private sector. Early in his second term, Trump signed executive orders prohibiting what his administration described as “illegal DEI” programs within government entities and organizations receiving federal support, alongside threats to withhold funding from institutions that fail to comply.

Administration officials have also advanced initiatives aimed at reshaping how American history and national culture are presented in schools, museums, and public institutions. Concurrently, federal agencies have increased scrutiny of civil rights complaints alleging discrimination against white individuals.

In response, civil rights groups and Democratic lawmakers have launched numerous lawsuits challenging anti-DEI measures. Recent legal developments included the administration's decision to abandon an appeal of a federal court ruling that blocked attempts to deny funding to educational institutions over DEI-related policies.

With Democrats currently lacking majority control in either chamber of Congress, oversight options remain limited, prompting advocacy groups to focus on litigation, state-level action, and grassroots organizing ahead of the midterm elections. Many leaders acknowledged that the rapid pace of policy changes over the past year has forced civil rights organizations into a period of strategic recalibration.

Maya Wiley, president and

CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, argued that the administration's agenda repurposes legal frameworks originally designed to advance equality. “This is about how this administration is using the tools we built as a Black community to ensure that all of our people are protected,” she said.

Parallel efforts are emerging at the state level, where a coalition of civil rights organizations and Democratic attorneys general from fourteen states and the District of Columbia has launched a legal initiative to defend DEI and accessibility policies. Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul said the campaign aims to ensure that fundamental civil rights protections remain enforceable through coordinated legal action.

The effort unfolds amid an evolving judicial landscape. Federal courts remain divided over race-conscious policies in hiring and workplace protections, while the Supreme Court's conservative majority has already curtailed the use of race in college admissions and signaled skepticism toward race-based considerations in public policy.

Despite acknowledging the scale of the challenge, civil rights leaders framed the moment as a defining political and legal struggle. Marc Morial, president of the National Urban League, underscored the movement's resolve, declaring: “We commit today to fight and fight until hell freezes over, and then, I can assure you, we will fight on the ice.”

“When I Feel It In My Bones”

Who knows what Trump feels, but Americans know what he has made them feel in their bones

By Christopher Young
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Last week as U.S. servicemembers died in the Middle East, Trump went on Fox News Radio's The Brian Kilmeade Show and was asked when the war against Iran will end. His response was, “when I feel it in my bones.” How do you interpret a comment like that? He operates on gut instinct, always influenced by his deep-seated need to be viewed as big, powerful, smart, the best, greatest to ever walk the earth. He sends Americans to war, but he's never worn the cloth of the nation himself; he was exempted from the Vietnam Draft in 1968 by a medical diagnosis of bone spurs in his heels.

As his war continues, the world waits for his bone-deep feeling to arrive signaling the end of the war against Iran, millions of Americans are already feeling the pain of his second, non-consecutive, term in office. Here are just a few examples. Since the passage of One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which extended Trump's 2017 tax cuts for the wealthy, while cutting \$1 trillion from the poor, CNBC and The Kaiser Family Foundation estimate that 1.3 to 1.5 million Americans have dropped off the Affordable Care Plan (ACA) marketplaces due to the expiration of the subsidies that previously made that insurance affordable. They estimate that at least 5 million more Americans will drop off soon, and that 22 million now face premiums an average of 144% higher for the same level of coverage.

The Center of Budget and Policy Priorities says roughly 42 million Americans receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, about 12% of the U.S. population. Four in ten are children, set to lose all or some of their benefits. Increasing restrictions on eligibility for programs like SNAP and Medicaid will impact 45% of all children nationwide, per some estimates. The cuts began November 1, 2025. There is no doubt these Americans are already feeling it deep in their bones.

The Economic Research Ser-



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vice indicates grocery prices rose 2.4%, and dining out rose 3.9% in 2025. Gasoline had dropped 5.6% over the past twelve months, but since Operation Epic Fury (the war against Iran) started on February 28, 2026, gas prices in Mississippi have risen past 70 cents so far – other areas are even higher. The same source indicates that electricity prices have increased 4.8%, and Natural Gas has risen 10.9% over the past year. In comparison, real wages are up just 1.9%, per the Washington Examiner.

Those Americans suffering in poverty surely feel it deep in their bones, and to that a high subset of those are children is sadder than sad. Nearly all Americans are feeling the impact of rising grocery, energy, and gasoline prices, and are doing so while watching the President bathe himself in grandeur and gold - and create distraction after distraction.

He has also taken direct aim at our nation's 47 million African Americans in his second term. As if these brothers and sisters - whose ancestors built this country - haven't endured enough pain and discrimination. Now it is unmistakably dispatched from the highest office in the land. He has ended Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) programs to the fullest extent possible, deeply hampering the already unlevel playing field. Through his DOGE efforts he has targeted federal jobs which disproportionately impact African Americans. His list of affronts to African Americans is lengthy and includes policies covering housing, civil rights, education, history, criminal justice, and policing. His former personal attorney, Michael Cohen, has stated that Trump once said that Black peo-

ple were too stupid to vote for him. All Americans must continue to grapple with an electorate where 49.8% of voters pulled the lever for a man like this.

He has a strangle-hold on Republicans in Congress, demanding the passing of the SAVE (Safeguard American Voter Eligibility) Act – which he wants to be called the SAVE America Act – despite his winning the last election. The stringent requirements in this legislation will sharply reduce, not increase, voter rolls. This Act may well be voted on by the Senate next week. It is not a Voter ID Act at all - it is a framework to disenfranchise millions of voters in their hope of maintaining a legislative majority. Per the State Department, nearly half of Americans don't hold a valid passport, and millions do not have a paper birth certificate. With the Republican Congress paralyzed by fear of Trump, America as we know it is at the mercy.

Another issue is the American president's disdain for free speech. He has recently regurgitated the words “unpatriotic” and “enemy of the people,” when referring to certain journalists and news outlets. Think that through - an American president saying you are unpatriotic if you don't agree with him or deliver news in a manner that is critical of him! Trying to control dissenting information was a key element for Stalin, Hitler, Mao Zedong, al-Assad, and Maduro – all dictators.

Forbes Magazine tends to lean conservative, just like Time tends to lean liberally. That distinction makes Forbes' most recent World Billionaires List even more worrying. They report that in the last year, as millions of Americans feel pain in their bones from his policies, he has increased his wealth substantially, “up \$1.4 billion to \$6.5 billion,” since retaking office. That is what he feels in his bones. Not the welfare of the least of these, not fairness and equity for all Americans, not the rule of law, not when or if ever the war against Iran will end – it's always about him – deep in his bones.

The National Basketball Association dribbled in to stop the Atlanta Hawks event

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The National Basketball Association is a billion-dollar organization. “Oh, how it grows and grows and where it’s gonna stop I’m sure, nobody knows.” Remember The Temptations song, entitled, It’s Growing?
The NBA in my opinion is an iconic brand. It has changed with the times and is creating new platforms of success each year. They have successfully managed new innovations and creations to gain their continued popularity.
There are thirty NBA teams.

Fans come to see the established stars, the new stars and the future stars. Quite honestly, even if you are sitting on the bench, you are a millionaire.
The marketing genius of the NBA is stellar. Every team has its share of special days and nights with T-shirts, caps and cups being given away. If you can catch a T-shirt or leave with a towel draped over your seat, you will count the game as a success, especially if your team wins.
Each franchise can sponsor special events and promotions that will oftentimes highlight community organizations. They have always turned out to be grand occasions.
If you have attended an NBA game, you know the thrills

and excitement that the games bring. If you haven’t, put it on your bucket list.
Recently, the Atlanta Hawks were going to sponsor a Magic City Night. It is a club in the ATL that has been in business for many years. Succinctly put, it is a hot spot for adult entertainment. I had not heard of Magic City, but what do I know? I am in the 4th quarter of my life so there are some things that just slip by me.
My friend, Gary and I were talking recently about all things NBA. He asked me had I heard about what the Atlanta Hawks were trying to do with Magic City? I looked clueless.
Gary is an African American businessman, so he began to give me the update. His

response was not business-centered but was Black women-centered. It was boundary-driven and he believed the Hawks had overstepped.
He said, “Black women must not and should not be disrespected. It is never ok for them to be played in the public.” I agreed with his heartfelt comments and he wasn’t finished.
He added, “We are living in times where we must uphold and uplift our sisters. Black women have come too far and accomplished too much. Having the Atlanta Hawks sponsor this night would be wrong and inappropriate. This event must simply not happen.”
Well, I think my friend, Gary’s comments must have reached NBA Commissioner

Adam Silver and players, too.
Commissioner Silver said in a prepared statement, “While we appreciate the team’s perspective and their desire to move forward, we have heard significant concerns from a broad array of league stakeholders, including fans, partners and employees.”
Some of these stakeholders that he mentions are women who have daughters, nieces and sisters. Some of these stakeholders are men who have wives and daughters.
Luke Kornet, a player with the San Antonio Spurs said, “Allowing the event would make the NBA complicit in the potential objectification and mistreatment of women.”
However, there are those

who feel different. Jami Gertz, part owner of the Atlanta Hawks said in a press release, “This collaboration and theme night is very meaningful to me after all the work we did to put together Magic City: An American Fantasy. The iconic Atlanta institution has made an incredible impact on our city and its unique culture.”
I don’t think people are discounting the work that went into the planning of it. The concern the NBA has is how it portrays women.
The NBA will go on, and the Atlanta Hawks will too, just without the Magic City Night.
This column is dedicated to Black women who paved the way and to Black women who are leading the way.

The Black Press, Our History, Our Crisis

By Dr. John Warren
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This month, the Black Press celebrates 199 years of existence. It has been a time of advocacy for a people otherwise erased from the growth and history of this country. We have been the ones to “Lift Every Voice” as the trusted messengers and storytellers of our struggle. We have shed tears for and with each other; we have been the ones to carry hope in the midst of a struggle that so often seemed hopeless. We have survived not “not because of,” but “in spite of” every effort to dehumanize and deny us the equality of life, liberty and the pursuit

of happiness the founding fathers swore to as a right to all people.
James Weldon Johnson really stated our history in his song, Lift Every Voice & Sing, when he wrote: “We have come, over a way that with tears have been watered.” The stories we have reported, often at great personal cost, have made a difference in the quality of life so many take for granted today. But today, we, as a people, are in much greater danger than the physical slavery that held us for too many years. Many of the very brothers and sisters, we have sacrificed and struggled to save, have forgotten our past. Too many have allowed social media and the illusion of progress, through personal achievements, to take us away from the national sense of pride and unity we

once held so dear
Today, we, the Black Press, are once again confronted with survival. The reality is that neither President Trump, nor his social policies seeking to eliminate us, is the real problem. “We” are the problem ourselves. We, the Black Press, in our efforts to survive, have lost much of the ability to engage our communities in a changing environment, so that they remember who we are and how important we remain as a part of our collective survival.
Likewise, our communities of churches, social organizations, and the very businesses we do business with, must be engaged again in support of the Black Press. Now is the time to re-tell our own story, lest we be forgotten. The future of the Black Press belongs to all of us.

I no longer have two closets

By LaShunda Calvert, Ph.D.
Tips for a Good Marriage



During the past holidays and on New Year’s Day I had a big awakening idea! My idea was inspired by several messages that my husband had preached.
I can’t believe it after indulging on New Year’s Day with goodies like fried catfish, cabbage greens, peach cobbler, and even some chitterlings (yes, every now and then your gal eats chitterlings) I found myself drawn back to my husband’s messages and wanted to fulfill my big awakening idea. I knew if I waited any longer to act – it would not get done any time soon.
Several months ago, our church had a clothing giveaway, so I donated some of my clothing items which gave me additional space in both of my walk-in closets but especially my fall/winter closet. I was excited about this new space as it could accommodate more, “stuff.” Yet, I have recently decided I will purchase what I need versus what I want.
Several months before our clothing give away – my husband began organizing and cleaning out his walk-in closet. He threw stuff away, designated bags to give away like shoes, clothes, hats, etc. Further, he organized his sweaters in crates and created a space for his neckties that he isn’t too thrilled about wearing anymore (my daughter and I probably wear his ties more than he does now – before you knock it – try it, it’s cute). I was proud of how organized my husband’s closet was – it looked like a fancy men’s department store. However, as time progressed, he did something different with his closet that shocked me.
Although, I was very full-on New Year’s Day, I was determined to fulfill my big awakening idea even if that meant offering to pay our son to help me, which I did. My idea was to clean and organize both of my closets.
When I walked in my husband’s closet – I discovered sofa pillows, a floor mat, piano bench, bibles on the floor, spiritual books, but out of everything that touched me the most was what I saw on his wall.
My motivation to complete my big awakening idea was met with tiredness, anxiousness, and excitement – little but slowly, my son and I were making progress. Before I realized it my second walk-in closet was empty. Yes, ladies, I emptied out my fall/winter closet.
I was awestruck by what I saw on my husband’s wall – he had written

prayers and scriptures on random pieces of paper taped on his wall like the War Room Movie. He created a Prayer Space as he had advised in several of his messages.
My husband motivated me to create a prayer/war room too for us, a simple and comforting space dedicated for praying and spending time with God. Therefore, we ordered a big rocker, bible, rug, virgin olive oil, a throw, couple of crosses, large index cards to compose prayers on, highlighters, thumbtacks, added other bibles and spiritual books to this special space – this is one of the best decisions I ever made.
Matthew 6:6 states: “But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” I am not encouraging you to do what we did but I am encouraging you to understand that fighting for your marriage begins with prayer (God honors what you pray for in private – can be in your bedroom, car, etc.) and seeking God’s Word for strategies and guidance.
To conclude, we informed our church about what we did, and our eight-year-old niece visited our home a week or so later. She came in our bedroom and began looking in our closets and I asked why she was in there and she said, “I’m looking for your Prayer Closet.” Of course, I laughed and escorted her to the closet, and I believe she had every intention of praying but our daughter unknowingly distracted her from praying. It blew my mind that my niece understood what our War Room was about and she wanted to be a part of it – this made the rest of my year. Spouses, it is imperative that you watch the War Room even if you have already – do it again. Lastly, I no longer have two closets, but I have something even better – a designated War/Prayer Room where we fight for each other, our marriage, family, etc. TO WIN!
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The Slave Bible: Good Book or Wicked Book?

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Law and Gilbert Publishing House in London published the original Slave Bible in 1807. To educate enslaved Africans and preserve the system of slavery, it was published on behalf of the Society for the Conversion of Negro slaves. No contents of The Slave Bible address liberation. Rather, selections of the Holy Bible to defend slavery during most of the abolition movement are featured. A majority of the Old Testament (90 percent), and approximately half of the New Testament are omitted.
According to Anthony Schmidt, Associate Curator of Bible and Religion in America at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, D.C., The Slave Bible was intended to be used among enslaved Africans in the West Indies: modern day Caribbeans – Jamaica, Barbados, and Antigua. The most famous pro-slavery verse that most famous pro-slavers would have cited was placed in the book: “Servants be obedient to your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ.” (Ephesians 6:5). Other verses that reinforced the institution of slavery were included. On the other hand, any passages that would have

prompted rebellion were excluded. An example is: “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:28).
Only three copies of the Slave Bible exist. Fisk University owns one copy, and the remaining two artifacts are in the United Kingdom. Several years ago, Fisk University joined forces with the Museum of the Bible and the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture and featured a special exhibition titled, The Slave Bible: Let the Story Be Told, at the Museum of the Bible in Washington D.C. The Slave Bible was recently returned to Fisk University.
Clergy women, particularly within Black church traditions in Miss. and the broader South, reference the Slave Bible as a symbol of oppression, intended for intentional distortion of the Gospel, excluding stories like Exodus (Moses demanding “let my people go”) and verses highlighting equality in Christ. Designed by white missionaries, it mirrors the pro-slavery theology common in old antebellum Mississippi. A womanist or liberative “hermeneutic of suspicion” argues that the enslaved recognized the Slave Bible was a manipulative narrative, but they found a theology of liberation in the full, unedited text.
Mississippi Encyclopedia asserts that the physical 90 percent redacted

British “Slave Bible” was not widely used in the US, the practice of preaching a similar, heavily edited version of the Bible to enforce submission was common in the south. Mississippi ministers like Benjamin M. Palmer of New Orleans cited the curse of Ham to promote the idea that African Americans were destined for perpetual servitude. Segregated seating within religious Mississippi churches was the norm, and slaves could only take communion after all whites were served. Ministers and religious leaders adopted specially written catechisms to orally instruct slaves, forbidden from learning to read the Bible, in the tenets of their faith. Two sermons each Sunday were often provided – one for Blacks, one for whites. Earthly obedience to whites and Paul’s admonitions to slaves were highly emphasized.
While many opine about the Slave Bible, what is the crux of the matter? Distorting God’s word has dire consequences. Abusing human beings for intended, selfish gains “ignores the true liberating message of the gospel,” warned Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Taking verses out of context to compel slaves to obey masters, mistresses, and others who exercised their authority is wickedness: a deep-seated commitment to wrong doing. Hence, these societal norms must be rejected.

AUCTION FOR CITY OF JACKSON ABANDONED, STOLEN, SEIZED VEHICLES, EVIDENCE, AND RECOVERED PROPERTY

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
NORTHERN DIVISION**

LOREE ANN WILLIAMS-MCCLURE PLAINTIFF
VS. CIVIL ACTION NO.: 3:25-cv-00891-DPJ-ASH
ROSES d/b/a VARIETY WHOLESALERS, INC. DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PLAINTIFF'S DISCOVERY RESPONSES

Notice is hereby given that Plaintiff, Loree Ann Williams-McClure, has this date served the following:

1. Plaintiff's Responses to First Set of Interrogatories.
2. Plaintiff's Responses to First Set of Request for Production of Documents.

The undersigned retains the original (s) of the above paper (s) as custodian thereof.
 Respectfully submitted this the 27th day of February, 2026.

LOREE ANN WILLIAMS-MCCLURE
PLAINTIFF

BY: /s/ Frank C. Jones, III

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned counsel does hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been forwarded to opposing counsel via hand-delivery, electronic means, U.S. Mail and/or facsimile to their usual place of business, to-wit:

Clint D. Vanderver, Esq.
 Wells Marble & Hurst, PLLC
 300 Concourse Boulevard, Suite 200
 Ridgeland, MS 39157
 (601) 605-6900
 (601) 605-6901

This the 27th day of February, 2026.

BY: /s/ Frank C. Jones, III

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4323

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Erin Jackson Earls has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-4 (Limited Multi-family) Residential District to PUD - Planned Unit Development District to allow for the construction and revitalization of residential units on the properties located at 1110 Prose Ave. (Parcel 164-23), 1222 W Silas Brown St (Parcel 164-22-14) and 1218 -1220 W Silas Brown St (Parcel 164-25-5) in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

The land referred to herein below is situated in the County of Hinds, State of Mississippi, and described as follows:

Lots One Hundred Twelve (112), One Hundred Thirteen (113), One Hundred Fourteen (114), One Hundred Fifteen (115), and One Hundred Sixteen (116), Handy Place, a subdivision in and to the First Judicial District of Hinds County, State of Mississippi, according to a map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi in Plat Book 3 at Page 74 thereof, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time of hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO THE CONCERN FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, THE PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS, APPLICANTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAVE THE OPTION TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO. PLEASE EMAIL EAINSWORTH@CITY.JACKSON.MS.US TO REGISTER FOR THE TELECONFERENCE/VIDEO INFORMATION PRIOR TO MARCH 18, 2026.

WITNESS my signature this 27TH day of February 2026.

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

3/5/2026, 3/19/2026

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RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF OTELIAN WOODSON-BASS, DECEASED CAUSE NO. P2024-289 M/4

PETITIONER: WALTERINE UNDERWOOD

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF OTELIAN WOODSON-BASS WILLIAMS, DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Walterine Underwood Petitioner, seeking the adjudication of heirs of Otelian Woodson-Bass Williams, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. o'clock a.m., on the 18th day of May 2026, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hinds County before Honorable Crystal Wise Martin, Chancellor. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the ____ day of February, 2026.

EDDIE JEAN CARR,
 CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY,
 MISSISSIPPI

3/5/2026, 3/12/2026, 3/19/2026

LEGAL

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4324

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Angela Stamps has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for an accessory structure for living quarters within a R-1A (Single-Family) Residential District on property located at 808 Colonial Cir. (Parcel 552-196), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 14, Block "G", Club Park Subdivision, Part 2, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof which is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 6 at Page 17, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as part of this description.

AND ALSO a part of Lot 15, Block "G", Club Park Subdivision, Part 2, as recorded in Plat Book 6 at Page 17 of Chancery Records of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron bar marking the Northeast corner of aforesaid Lot 15, 33.0 feet to an iron bar; turn thence through an interior angle of 128 degrees 31 minutes 30 seconds and run Southwesterly, 345,71 feet to an iron bar on Northern right of way line of Colonial Circle; run thence Southeasterly, clockwise, along the arc of a curve in the Northern right of way line of Colonial Circle, 19.02 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 15; said curve having radius of 302.62 feet and a central angle of 03 degrees 36 minutes; run thence Northeasterly along the Eastern boundary of Lot 15, 366.51 feet to the point of beginning

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time of hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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 Zoning Administrator
 City of Jackson, Mississippi

3/5/2026, 3/19/2026

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4321

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Michael Andrews has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for the operation of a wrecker recovery business within a C-3 (General) Commercial District on property located at 3228 Medgar Evers Blvd. (Parcel 409-24-1, 409-24 & 409-72), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lots 7,8,9, Block B, Shady Oaks, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi, recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 102, reference to which is hereby made, less 10 feet off the Southwest side thereof.

AND ALSO

Lots 52 & 53, Block B, Shady Oaks, a subdivision according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, in Plat Book 4 at Page 102 thereof.

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time of hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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 City of Jackson, Mississippi

3/5/2026, 3/19/2026

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE

JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, April 1, 2026 at 11:00aM IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

I. NEW BUSINESS
 CASE NO. HPNC-26-9
 LOCATION: 137 W COHEA ST (PARCEL 73-22)
 HISTORIC DISTRICT: FARISH STREET APPLICANT:HOUSING MISSISSIPPI, INC
 AMENDED REQUEST: DEMOLISH REMAINDER OF A DELAPIDATED STRUCTURE AND LANDSCAPE THE LOT AS AN ADDITION TO THE LENOARD COURT PROJECT.

CASE NO. HPNC-26-10
 LOCATION: 139 W COHEA ST (PARCEL 73-23)
 HISTORIC DISTRICT: FARISH STREET APPLICANT:HOUSING MISSISSIPPI, INC
 AMENDED REQUEST: DEMOLISH REMAINDER OF A DELAPIDATED STRUCTURE AND LANDSCAPE THE LOT AS AN ADDITION TO THE LENOARD COURT PROJECT.

CASE NO. HPNC-26-11
 LOCATION: 948 BLAIR ST (PARCEL 74-25-1)
 HISTORIC DISTRICT: FARISH STREET APPLICANT: WE WILL GO MINISTRIES
 REQUEST: REPLACE IDENTIFIED WINDOWS, REPLACE SIDING, & CONSTRUCT AN ADDITION TO THE NORTH ELEVATION OF THE HOME.

II. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
 OTHER

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3/19/2026, 3/26/2026

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**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF GLADYS M. WELLS**

LINDA ANN JONES, EXECUTRIX CAUSE NO. 25-473 M/4

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary having been granted on the 21st day of January, 2026, by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi, to Linda Ann Jones, the Executrix of the Estate of Gladys M. Wells, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice, or they will be forever barred.

This 25th day of February, 2026.

Betty A. Mallett
BETTY A. MALLETT (MSB No. 8867), Attorney
 for Linda Ann Jones and the Estate of Gladys M. Wells

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RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

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3/5/2026, 3/12/2026 3/19/2026

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ZONING CASE NO. 4322

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75 FT OFF S/S LOT 24 NORTH VIEW ADDN PART 3

Said application will be heard at the City Planning Board Hearing in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room, First Floor, Warren A. Hood Building, 200 S. President Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at which time all parties interested in or affected thereby will be heard both pro and con on said question, after which a record will be established upon which the City Planning Board can make its recommendation to the City Council of Jackson. Any objection thereto may be made by any person owning property within the area, and if made in writing must be filed with the City Zoning Administrator before said time of hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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The Battlefield of Unanswered prayers

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



"I tithe, pray for others and am active in church but why does it seem like no matter how hard I try, I still don't seem to be making progress?" This was part of a conversation I had with a friend a number of years ago. She continued that she felt like she was stuck and spinning her wheels. I listened intently as my good friend shared her growing frustration with feeling like she was stuck.

"Girl, I felt the same way yesterday" was all I could muster when she finished talking. In fact, the previous night, I'd spent time in prayer sharing similar thoughts, concerns to God. I didn't have an answer that night about what to do and I didn't have an answer for my friend. After listening to her

for about 15 minutes share some of her more challenging moments, I felt like I was listening to a recording of the prayer I had prayed to God the night before.

"How could our lives be so different and yet our prayer concerns be the exact same thing? I thought. In the past, I'd shared with her how I thought that maybe God was punishing me for something I'd done and hadn't repented for. There had been many times that I apologized to God for things that I'd knowingly done that had hurt myself or others. I thought by doing so, whatever the "thing" that was keeping God from answering my prayers would be removed from my life.

But like my friend, after many days, nights, weeks, and years of praying the same prayer, I felt like nothing I was doing was working. Sometimes it just felt like God was not listening and if he was lis-

tening, he'd somehow chosen to not answer "that" prayer. There were other prayers that he'd answered but I was still waiting on "that" prayer to be answered.

Waiting on prayers to be answered sometimes seems like a spiritual battle. Many of us are taught that spiritual warfare happens when accidents, health crises and financial problems come into our lives. It's not just limited to those things.... I also think that spiritual warfare comes in things like waiting for a prayer to be answered.

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms," says the familiar passage of Ephesians 6:12. We should recognize and

know that the battle will come and know who the bat-

tle is against. It's not against people...but against the attitudes, spiritual behaviors and strongholds that control their behavior. Yes, God is in control of everything but sometimes the behavior of others can impact our prayers being answered.

Ephesians 6:11 reminds us that we should be strong in the Lord and that we should put on his whole armor. It also reminds us to "stand" when we are in the battle. We can "stand" and put on God's armor because it will protect us in our battles...even if that "battle" is waiting for a prayer to be answered

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From the streets to Seminary, Morning Star Baptist Church Pastor traded happiness for joy

By Kimberly Marsh
Oklahoma Eagle

"You come to church to worship. You leave church to serve," said Rodney Goss, pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church in north Tulsa. "My job is to inform you so that you can make educated decisions and know what direction to walk in on your own."

"That was the greatest disappointment of my life, and that was the beginning of my journey for happiness," he said.

That journey has taken him to the streets, jail, seminary, and, for the past 10 years, the pulpit.

The 59-year-old serves as pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church in north Tulsa. Even though he's older now, he says he's still in the pursuit of happiness.

"I got seashells and pockets of gratification, but that happiness is so fleeting," Goss told The Eagle. "It wasn't until I found the joy of God that I realized that I don't have to be happy every day."

It took time for him to get there. Growing up in his neighborhood, Goss remembers being different.

He said the other boys on his block idolized flashy drug dealers and new cars, but he was more interested in books and school.

In the fourth grade, he and his mom moved to the suburbs, where life was completely different. Goss walked along picket fences in Lawrence Township, where he met white people for the first time and enjoyed Little League baseball.

"I knew what dreaming looked like," he said. "I knew what getting good grades looked like. I

knew what talking about college was like and having friends that didn't look like me."

But it was short-lived as he eventually returned to his old stomping grounds. He got mixed up with drugs and crime, but, knowing more about life's possibilities, he turned himself in on Thanksgiving 1988.

Goss said the judge told him "because of the sincerity of your heart" he would only sentence him to six months in jail. "Everybody else was getting 25 years," he said. "I did 47 days."

During that short period, he found God on the inside and began using his words on the outside to help others dream bigger.

That moment affects his ministry even to this day. Part of his time as a pastor is focused on helping kids expand their horizons beyond their day-to-day circumstances.

Now he's on a mission to connect faith with real life and equip his congregation with the spiritual resources they need to serve the community.

"You come to church to worship. You leave church to serve," he said. "My job is to inform you so that you can make educated decisions and know what direction to walk in on your own."

Through it all, he says, the most important lesson he's learned is the difference between happiness and joy.

"Happiness is a personal journey. Happiness always comes with a condition. But joy is my contentment with the world as it is," Goss said. "I'm joyful when I love God for who he is and just loving him for who he is in spite of what he does. That's the joy that the world didn't give and the world can't take away."

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Home Alone: A practical First Aid Guide for most household accidents

By Vince Faust MA
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Accidents don't wait for company. Accidents happen when you're cooking dinner, climbing stairs, doing yard work or simply moving too fast on a busy day. And when you're home alone, even a minor injury can feel overwhelming. But with calm thinking and a few essential first aid steps, you can protect yourself, prevent complications and know when it's time to call for help.

The American Red Cross emphasizes that first aid is about providing immediate care until professional help arrives and that knowing the right steps can prevent an injury from becoming lifethreatening. This article offers a clear, stepbystep guide for handling injuries when you're home alone, from cuts and burns to falls, sprains and more serious emergencies.

Start With the Basics: The First Three Steps of First Aid

The Red Cross teaches a simple, universal framework for any emergency: Check, Call, Care.

1. **CHECK** the scene and your condition

Before you move, pause and assess:

- Are you bleeding
- Are you dizzy
- Are you in a safe place

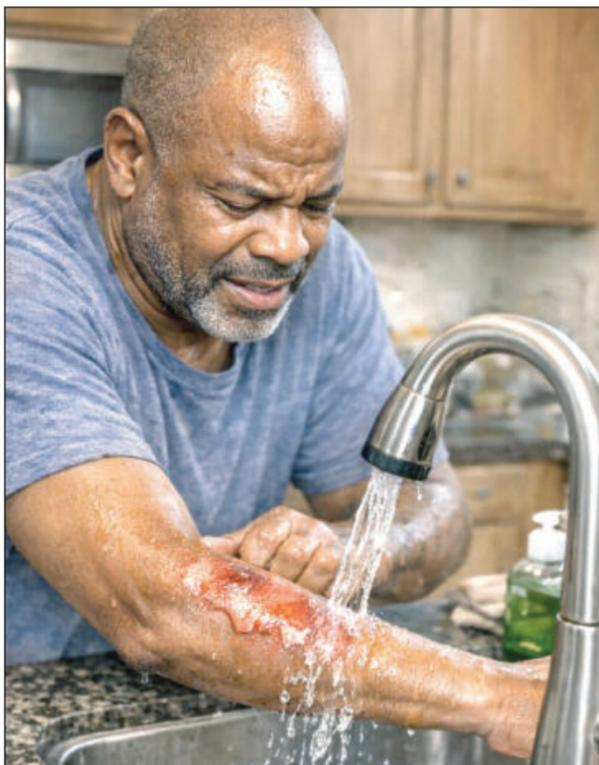
The Red Cross stresses checking for lifethreatening conditions such as severe bleeding before doing anything else.

2. **CALL** for help if needed

If you suspect a serious injury, heavy bleeding, broken bones, head trauma, chest pain or difficulty breathing, call 911 immediately.

3. **CARE** for yourself until help arrives

This includes stopping bleeding, immobilizing injuries,



cooling burns or simply staying still to avoid worsening the injury.

These three steps form the foundation for most situations.

Below are the most common injuries that occur at home and the medically recommended steps to take.

1. **Cuts, Scrapes and Bleeding Wounds**

Cuts are among the most frequent home injuries. The Red Cross emphasizes that controlling bleeding is the top priority.

What to do:

- Wash your hands if possible to reduce infection risk.
- Rinse the wound gently under cool water to remove dirt and debris.
- Apply direct pressure with a clean cloth or bandage.
- Keep pressure on the wound

until bleeding stops.

- Apply antibiotic ointment and cover with a sterile bandage.

When to call 911:

- Blood is spurting or soaking through bandages
- You cannot stop the bleeding after 10–15 minutes
- The cut is deep or gaping

2. **Burns**

Burns happen quickly, from hot pans, boiling water, steam or electrical sources. Acting fast reduces tissue damage.

What to do:

- Cool the burn under cool running water for at least 10 minutes.
- Do not apply ice directly, it can worsen the injury.
- Remove jewelry or tight clothing before swelling begins.
- Cover the burn with a clean,

nonstick bandage.

When to call 911:

- Burns larger than your palm
- Burns on the face, hands, feet or groin

3. **Sprains, Strains and Joint Injuries**

Falls, missteps or sudden twists can injure muscles, ligaments or joints.

What to do:

- Use the R.I.C.E. method:
- Rest the injured area
- Ice for 20 minutes at a time
- Compress with an elastic bandage

- Elevate above heart level

If you hear a pop, cannot bear weight or see swelling immediately, treat it as a possible fracture.

4. **Suspected Broken Bones**

A fracture can occur from a fall, heavy object or sudden impact.

What to do:

- Stay still and avoid moving the injured area.
- Use pillows, towels or clothing to immobilize the limb.
- Apply ice wrapped in cloth to reduce swelling.
- Call 911 if the bone is visibly deformed, you cannot move the limb or pain is severe.

The Red Cross stresses that immobilization prevents further damage until help arrives.

5. **Head Injuries**

Head injuries require caution, even if symptoms seem mild at first.

What to do:

- Sit or lie down immediately.
- Apply a cold pack to reduce swelling.
- Avoid screens, bright lights or sudden movement.

Call 911 if you experience:

- Confusion
- Vomiting
- Severe headache
- Dizziness

- Trouble speaking

- Loss of consciousness

6. **Nosebleeds**

Nosebleeds can be alarming but are usually manageable.

What to do:

- Sit upright. Do not lean back.
- Pinch the soft part of your nose for 10 minutes.
- Breathe through your mouth.
- Apply a cold pack to the bridge of your nose.

Seek medical care if bleeding lasts more than 20 minutes.

7. **Burns, Cuts and Bites From Animals or Insects**

WebMD notes that minor bites and stings can be treated at home with cleaning, cold packs and antihistamines, but deeper bites require medical care.

Call 911 if:

- You are bitten by a wild animal
- The wound is deep
- You have trouble breathing after a sting

Some injuries require immediate emergency care. If you're alone and unable to move easily, follow these steps:

1. **Call 911 first**

If you cannot reach your phone, try to slide it toward you with your foot or use voiceactivated calling.

2. **Unlock your door**

If possible, unlock your front door so responders can enter quickly.

3. **Stay still**

Movement can worsen bleeding, fractures or head injuries.

4. **Control bleeding**

Apply direct pressure with whatever is available. Use a towel, shirt or cloth.

5. **Keep warm**

Use a blanket or clothing to prevent shock.

The Red Cross emphasizes that staying calm and still is essential in serious emergencies.

Building a Home First Aid Kit: Your Best Defense When Alone

WebMD and other sources recommend keeping a well-stocked firstaid kit at home to handle injuries quickly.

Essential items include:

- Sterile gauze and bandages
- Adhesive tape
- Antibiotic ointment
- Alcohol wipes
- Cold packs
- Elastic bandages
- Tweezers
- Scissors
- Gloves
- Pain relievers
- A flashlight
- Emergency phone numbers

Having supplies ready reduces panic and speeds up treatment.

Preventing Injuries Before They Happen

Many home injuries are preventable. Simple steps include:

- Keeping floors clear of clutter
- Using nonslip mats in bathrooms
- Wearing proper footwear
- Storing knives safely
- Using step stools instead of chairs
- Keeping walkways well lit

Being injured while home alone can be frightening, but you're far from powerless. With calm thinking, basic firstaid knowledge and a few essential supplies, you can manage most injuries safely and confidently.

The key steps are simple:

- Check the situation
- Call for help when needed
- Care for yourself until help arrives

Accidents happen, but preparation, awareness and quick action can make all the difference.

You're Not Alone, Even When You're Home Alone.

How to navigate the grocery store without decision fatigue

StatePoint

Ever take a trip to the grocery store and feel overwhelmed by all the choices available? Save time and money by opting for products already tested by other consumers.

Product of the Year USA, the nation's largest consumer-voted awards program dedicated to recognizing product innovation, has announced the winners of the 2026 Product of the Year Awards. Winners were selected based on the opinions of 40,000 American shoppers through an independent national study conducted by Kantar, a leading global research firm.

So the next time you're at the supermarket, be on the look-out for this year's winners, which include the grocery store essentials listed below. You can easily find these crowd-pleasing foods and beverages when shopping in-store and online by simply looking for Product of the Year's red seal of approval.

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Expanded state leave policies help families thrive, say advocates

StatePoint

When a child is born or serious illness strikes, workers need time off, but for millions of Americans, it's not that simple.

The United States is one of the only developed countries in the world that does not guarantee paid family and medical leave (PFML), and currently, just 13 states and Washington, D.C. do, covering just a quarter of private-sector workers and a third of people who work for state and local governments. While advocates say that it's time for that to change, they are celebrating recent progress made in certain states.

In particular, Tennessee recently expanded on its previous six-week paid family leave policy to include workers caring for family members at the end of their lives, becoming the first southern state to expand its paid family leave policy beyond parental leave. In Mississippi, a new law grants state government employees up to six weeks of paid parental leave and in Alabama, recently passed legislation provides up to eight weeks of paid leave for state employees and K-12 educators.

"Paid leave is good for families, workplaces and communities," says Robyn Hyden, executive director of Alabama Arise. "Not only is this expanded leave policy helping ensure more Alabama parents

can be healthy and provide the care and stability infants, toddlers and their families need to thrive, it provides the added benefit of enabling the state to better recruit and retain teachers and state employees."

While these advances are noteworthy, they are limited, and there is still much work to be done, say experts at A Better Balance, a national nonprofit legal advocacy organization dedicated to promoting justice in the workplace.

"Paid family and medical leave supports lasting financial security for everyone, including those in low-wage and hourly jobs, and addresses the needs of communities that have long been under-served and under-protected," says Jared Make, vice president of A Better Balance. "Our goal is to ensure that all workers can care for themselves and the people they love without worrying about how to pay the bills."

To learn more about PFML policies and progress, visit <https://ncit.org/>.

"The expansion of leave policies being made by state governments is encouraging. We will continue our efforts until every worker, regardless of where they live or who they work for, has access to paid family and medical leave," says Lori Fresina of the National Collaborative for Infants & Toddlers.



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MVSU Computer Science student earns return internship and job pathway with Booz Allen Hamilton

By LaTunya Evans
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Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) junior Terrell Booker is preparing to return to global consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton after completing a successful summer internship in 2025 that has already opened the door to a future full-time career opportunity.

Booker, a computer science major at MVSU, has been invited to return for a second internship with the company in summer 2026 and has also received a pathway to full-time employment following the completion of his Bachelor of Science degree in 2027.

The hybrid internship allowed Booker to periodically travel to Washington, D.C., for week-long training sessions with other interns. The experience offered valuable professional development and exposure to the cybersecurity industry.

"When I arrived, I noticed there were very few people who looked like me," Booker said. "It was a little discouraging at first, but it also motivated me to stay focused and prepared for whatever challenges came my way."

Throughout the internship, Booker relied on advice from professors and mentors at MVSU. One piece of guidance he carried with him was the importance of maintaining professionalism in the workplace.

"On the first day, I wore a full suit," Booker recalled. "When I looked around, everyone else was wearing khakis and polo shirts. My supervisors later told me it wasn't necessary, but I wanted to present myself as professionally as possible."

As the program continued, Booker learned to balance professional presentation with the company's more relaxed dress culture while still maintaining a polished appearance during meetings and project presentations.

During the internship, Booker participated in several cybersecurity rotations, gaining hands-on experience in areas including cyber threat intelligence, incident response, operational technology, artificial intelligence and cyber risk assessment.

Each rotation introduced new technical challenges and opportunities for collaboration with supervisors and fellow interns.

Interns were evaluated every two weeks on a five-point performance scale. Booker said the feedback process became an important part of his growth.

"We received report cards every two weeks," Booker said. "I was getting scores of three or four, and I thought I was performing at a five. So, I asked what I needed to do to improve. They told me I was the first person to ask that question."

Seeking constructive feedback helped Booker refine several professional skills, particularly in public speaking and presentation pacing. The experience also reinforced the importance of commu-



Booker

nication and interpersonal skills alongside technical expertise.

Toward the end of the internship, Booker experienced a memorable moment that affirmed the work he had put into the program.

During a team dinner, Booker arrived slightly behind schedule and was surprised when the room erupted in a toast celebrating interns who had received return internship offers or future job opportunities. Among them was Booker.

"When I sat down, they immediately congratulated me on my return offer," he said. "I had no idea it was coming. I was honestly overwhelmed with emotion."

The moment served as validation for the effort and determination he brought to the internship.

Initially, Booker said he planned to pursue a career as a site analyst. However, his internship experience expanded his perspective, and he now hopes to work in a role that supports long-term professional growth and opportunities to move across different areas of cybersecurity.

Now entering his third year at MVSU, Booker continues to expand his leadership involvement on campus. He currently serves as Mr. Junior for the 2025-2026 academic year and is a member of the Beta Theta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., where he serves as vice president.

Booker credits his fraternity brothers with helping him maintain motivation, accountability and balance during his college journey. He also points to his mother, Tameka Booker, as one of his greatest sources of encouragement.

"She was always just a phone call or text away," Booker said. "Her encouragement helped me through the difficult moments."

Looking ahead, Booker hopes his experience will help demonstrate the value of recruiting talent from historically Black colleges and universities and inspire other students to pursue opportunities beyond campus.

"Nothing in life is easy," Booker said. "Apply for every opportunity, no matter how big or small. Use your networks — alumni, friends, professors and family — because you never know who might connect you to the right opportunity."

As he prepares to return to Booz Allen Hamilton next summer, Booker said he remains focused on continuing his growth while representing Mississippi Valley State University.

"With God first," Booker said, "I'm ready for whatever comes next."

Jackson State University's David Atkins joins national cohort of student success professionals

By Jatavian Walker
Jackson State University

Jackson State University (JSU) is pleased to announce that David Atkins, college success advisor for the College of Health Sciences (COHS), was selected to participate in the 2026 Advising Success Network (ASN) Holistic Advising Fellows & Ambassadors Program. Atkins joins a national cohort of advising and student success professionals geared towards advancing equity-centered, holistic advising across higher education.

"Being selected for the 2026 Advising Success Network Holistic Advising Fellows & Ambassador Program is both an honor and a privilege," said Atkins. "I am excited to collaborate with an international network of professionals dedicated to advancing holistic advising and empowering meaningful student success."

Atkins is an academic ad-



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vising and education professional of over 25 years and has a strong foundation in technology education and data analytics. He credits that as part of his success as an advisor for COHS. The Jackson, MS native holds a bachelor's in computer science and master's in technology education.

Formed in 2018, ASN is a network of academic-focused organizations with the goal of advancing educational change and supporting students in improving their futures. Their mission is to build cultures of care that support students in achieving their personal, academic and career goals by

bringing them together with faculty, advisors and other student staff.

Atkins views the ambassador program as an opportunity to continue developing more inclusive, technology-focused and proactive advising practices at JSU by learning new ways to assist scholars.

"Through this program, I hope to gain deeper insight into innovative and holistic advising practices that meet JSU students at their current levels while empowering them to progress toward higher levels of academic, personal and professional success," he said.

Between February and June 2026, Atkins and members of the advising fellows and ambassadors program will meet monthly to engage in extensive coaching and work on collaborative capstone projects that address emerging challenges in advising and student success.

Hinds CC, VWSC launch first-of-its-kind skilled trades program

By Karin Meadows
Hinds Community College

Hinds Community College will expand Vicksburg Warren School District (VWSD) student access to career-technical programs to shorten the time it takes high schoolers to earn the credentials needed to start their careers.

Beginning fall 2026, VWSD high school seniors chosen for Pathways to Advancement Through Hinds, or P.A.T.H., will complete their high school diploma while enrolled full-time as Hinds CC students studying applied science or skilled trades. It is the first such dual-enrollment program in Mississippi.

"These high school seniors will have the potential to begin their skills training earlier, thus being workforce-ready early," said Jason Webb, Hinds Dean of Career and Technical Education — Construction and Manufacturing. "They have the potential to earn their high school diploma and a two-semester career certificate. At the same time, these students can go on to earn a technical certificate over the summer and then spend an additional semester earning their associate degree."

Hinds President Dr. Stephen Vacik said the college found that high school students taking vocational classes were not pursuing skilled trades after graduation. He saw an opportunity



to do things differently, especially with the region's burgeoning economic and workforce growth.

"I said, 'Let's start again and see what we can do.' We are not just trying to fill jobs. Today we're really trying to think about where we want to be in 10 or 15 years," Dr. Vacik said. "We are helping to grow a competitive economy. I'm very excited for our kids and this community is going to set an example for others around the state. We want to move Mississippi forward."

Amazon Web Services has plans to build a \$3 billion data center campus in Warren County, the tech giant's second data center buildout in the state. The project is expected to create at least 200 full-time jobs and support about 300 additional positions in the region, according to Amazon and state officials. Construction is slated to begin this year.

In Vicksburg, Entergy Mis-

issippi in October broke ground on the development of a billion-plus dollar 754-megawatt combined-cycle combustion-turbine plant planned at the former Baxter Wilson Steam Electric Station site. The project is expected to generate more than 560 construction jobs.

Hinds and VWSD will educate many of the skilled workers needed for the projects.

Webb said about 80 percent of Mississippi high schoolers have two or fewer credits left to complete during senior year. Many of these students already know they want to be an electrician, a plumber, a welder, an HVAC technician or a mechanic — in-demand, high paying careers. P.A.T.H. will allow them to begin their training and enter the workforce earlier than in the past.

P.A.T.H. transitions the existing vocational training model into a more intensive, postsecondary-focused pathway for

high school seniors. Selected seniors will participate in half-day or full-day classes at Hinds' Vicksburg-Warren Campus, following a structured cohort model with dedicated advising.

VWSD Superintendent Dr. Toriano "Tori" Holloway, who is a Hinds CC trustee, said he had a vision similar to Dr. Vacik's. The pair had scheduled a meeting and, ironically, both wanted to discuss expansion of the existing vo-tech program to become career-technical with credentials to be awarded.

"This district has always been about helping kids with their ambitions and helping them meet opportunity. We want to continue to do that because it's more than just about what we teach them, it is also about what they become," Dr. Holloway said. "Conjugating verbs is important but if you can go and pick up a torch and get to welding and make real money and then find a way out of poverty, well, that's what we should be doing. We look forward to expanding these opportunities. We look forward to our kids leaving us and making some money and being taxpayers."

P.A.T.H. is open to 12th-grade students and will require an application, interview process and meeting specific academic, attendance and behavioral standards.



BOOK REVIEW: BOOKS FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

BY VARIOUS AUTHORS
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
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Your Mom and Grandma are really pretty smart.

They know stuff, and they're happy to teach you about it. You've learned a lot from them and you want to learn more, so read these books and see what the lives of other women and girls can teach you during Women's History Month...

Alice Johnson was a girl built for speed. She loved to read, yes, but she also loved to fly with her Daddy in his Swallow biplane. So when she saw a

newspaper article about a race in a soap box car – a race that was supposedly “only for boys” – well, as you'll see in “Mystery Driver: The Story of Alice Johnson and the First Soap Box Derby” by Elizabeth Tracy, illustrated by Anna Aronson (MIT Kids Press, \$18.99), Alice was pretty hyped!

This is a story of equality, but also perseverance and ingenuity; kids will also learn about life nearly a century ago, including what it was like to be a Depression-Era kid with dreams. Four-to-six-year-old

girls and boys who crave a heart-pounding tale will love this one.

Here's another story about a girl who did something big: “From the Fields to the Fight” by Angela Quezada Padrom, illustrated by Sol Salinas (Atheneum, \$19.99) is the story of Jessica Govea Thorbourne, who rose before the sun and joined her family in the fields every morning, to pick crops. She was just four years old, but she knew that her parents were having a hard time with the work, the pesticides, long

hours, no bathrooms, little food, and low wages. Other families in her farm worker's community were struggling, too, but what could one little girl do about it? The answer will thrill the 5-to-7-year-old who cares about others or who wants to do good in their community. Out March 24.

And finally, the 7-to-12-year-old who wants to be amazed by a little British history will enjoy “The Six Queens of Henry VIII” by Honor Cargill-Martin, illustrated by Jaimee Andrews (Sourcebooks Explore,

\$16.99). It's a graphic-novel-type book that takes young readers through the lives and times of the many wives of King Henry VIII, focusing on each woman in turn. This includes their educations, their dowries (if any), allies they may have had, things they liked to do that might have caught the king's eye, and other tiny details that don't often get mentioned in other, more comprehensive biographies about those six women. Kids who get to read this book will get a sense of what life was like for

women in the sixteenth century, and why each of Henry's wives' lives ended as they did.

If these books don't quite fit what your child might like to know about soap box derbies, activism, migrants, kings, queens, and women throughout history, then head for your favorite library or bookstore. There, you'll find a staff willing to figure out what your child wants, and then they'll help put the exact right book in their hands. They can make any month into Women's History Month.




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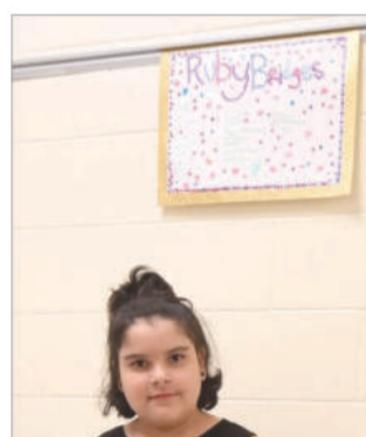
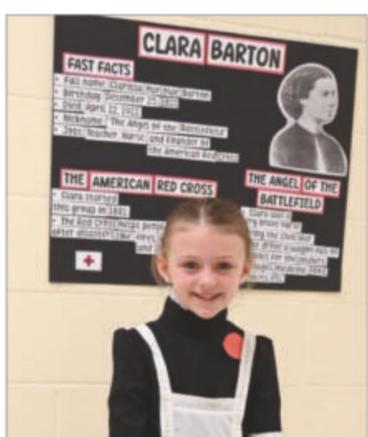
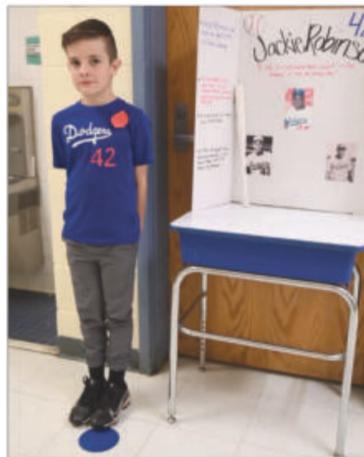
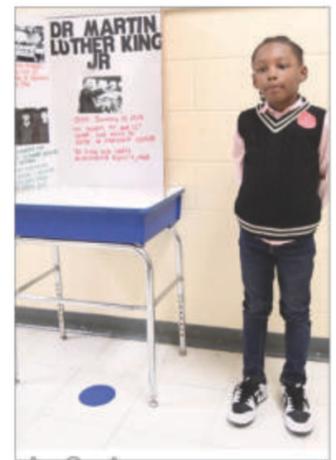
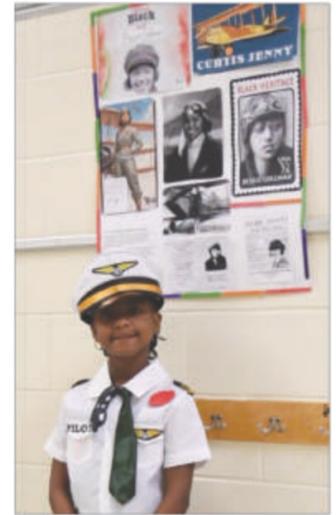
Wax museum celebrates historical leaders

Second-grade scholars at Raymond Elementary/Carver Middle School recently brought history to life during their annual Wax Museum presentation. The event highlighted influential individuals who made significant contributions to our nation and helped shape the course of American history.

Students researched notable figures, prepared biographical summaries, and presented their chosen historical icons in character, demonstrating both creativity and academic excellence. From civil rights leaders and inventors to presidents and pioneers, each scholar showcased a deep understanding of the impact these individuals had on our country.

The Wax Museum served as an engaging, hands-on learning experience that strengthened students' research, public speaking, and presentation skills. Families, faculty, and guests were impressed by the confidence and knowledge displayed by the young scholars.

Overall, the event was a tremendous success, reflecting the dedication of the students and the commitment of Raymond Elementary/Carver Middle School to providing meaningful and memorable educational opportunities.



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