

Reuben V. Anderson Center for Justice honors excellence

Eagle Queen Graduates Honored for Achievement and "the people they are."

By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

It was less than an hour after the Tougaloo College Graduation ceremonies ended on Sunday, May 3, 2026, that a select group of graduates gathered just down the road from campus at The Stellar Venue, 731 S. Pear Orchard Road, Suite 28, to be recognized yet again – this time with their tassels flipped to the left. These graduates were part of the Reuben V. Anderson Center for Justice – shining stars devoted to study across many disciplines, with majors in English, History, Biology, and Political Science. Several minored in Pre-Law, a few in Public Policy and Administration, and some in both! Tougaloo graduates destined for further study are sought by institutions like Columbia, Boston University, George Washington Law, Suffolk Law, Brown, Vermont Law, and Tufts.

Opening remarks and a blessing over the food were provided by the Executive Director of the Reuben V. Anderson Center for Justice, LeBroderick A. Woods. A scrumptious meal was provided by Allow Cornell Catering. Program highlights were shared by Dr. Lawren Long, Interim Chairwoman of Tougaloo's Political Science Department and Director of the Eric H. Holder Public Policy Program. She spoke about the depth of work these graduating seniors have been involved in, the many different programs like Delta Greens Food is Medicine, National Black Workers Bill of Rights Campaign, immersing themselves in real life work which was married to their curriculum. She spoke about the multiple partnerships the scholars were part of including national organizations like National Black Workers Center and fellowships with Cornell Univer-



Raina Anderson, Esq., Co-Founder of RVAC and Julian Miller, Esq., Founding Director of RVAC.



Dr. Lawren Long, Anderson, Graduate Wykendrick Jones, Miller.



Amanda G. Alexander, Esq., Anderson, Miller, and Graduate Sasha Lewis.



Anderson, Mrs. Ida M. Guice, Graduate Ni-Lah Jones, Miller, LeBroderick A. Woods, Executive Director RVAC, Long.



Anderson, Dr. Charles H. Holmes, Graduate Charles Williams, Miller.



Anderson, Graduate Morgan Stanley, Miller, Woods, Celestial Gordon Griffin, Long.

sity. They were on a list of just five HBCU's being recognized for the Cornell fellowship project. They started new initiatives on campus, such as Public Health Equity Week and Black August Social.

Attorneys Raina Anderson and Julian D. Miller, co-founders of the Reuben V. Anderson

Center for Justice, welcomed each graduate forward in turn to receive special presentations: plaques, personalized graduation cards, an inscribed briefcase, a parent's gift bag, and a check to help them along their way. Miller stressed over and over that these young, now graduated scholars, are not just the best and bright-

est in the country, but that they are extraordinary humans. From memory, he shared the full bio of each honoree. Attorney Miller is like that – remind him of a meeting with a prospective student five years ago, and he will tell you the student's mothers name,

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Lines Redrawn, Voices at Risk: How the Louisiana Ruling Echoes Across Mississippi

By Othor Cain
Contributing Writer

The Supreme Court's decision in Louisiana v. Callais, handed down April 29, 2026, did not just alter one state's congressional map. It immediately reshaped the legal terrain for voting rights across the South, including Mississippi, where leaders, advocates, and lawmakers are now preparing for what comes next.

In Mississippi, Governor Tate Reeves has tentatively called a special session for May 20, triggered by the Court's ruling and tied to judicial redistricting issues already under federal scrutiny.

Lawmakers will enter this session with a new legal reality, federal protections against racial vote dilution have been significantly weakened.

What the Supreme Court Actually Changed

At the heart of the ruling is a shift in legal standards. The Court now requires plaintiffs to prove intentional discrimination, not just discriminatory outcomes, when challenging maps under the Voting Rights Act.

That seemingly technical change has sweeping implications.

Maps that reduce Black representation may still be legal.

States can justify maps as "partisan," even if racial effects are clear.

Legal challenges become far harder to win.

In practical terms, dilution of the Black vote can now occur in ways that are harder to challenge in court.

The ruling took effect immediately upon issuance (April 29, 2026). Louisiana officials moved quickly;

The state halted counting

congressional primary votes;

Lawmakers must now draw a new, court-compliant map before elections proceed.

The legislature's task is complex because it:

removes race as a primary factor in map drawing

Avoid triggering new constitutional challenges

and still meet election deadlines.

This scramble offers a preview of what other states, including Mississippi may face.

Mississippi currently has one majority Black congressional district. The Court's decision opens the door to eliminating or weakening such districts.

Congressman Bennie Thompson responded bluntly, calling the decision, "a direct assault on the voting rights movement."

His warning reflects a broader fear, that Black political power could be fragmented across districts, reducing the ability to elect candidates of choice.

State Senator Derrick Simmons, in a statement published in *The Mississippi Link*,

warned of the deeper implications. He described the ruling as, "an attack on decades of progress" and cautioned that it would allow states to, "dilute the voting strength of Black communities under the guise of neutrality."

His statement underscores a central concern that modern vote dilution will not look like Jim Crow laws, but will operate through redistricting math and legal thresholds.

The NAACP and its Legal Defense Fund and other organizations are already mobilizing.

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Black Americans face a new fight for racial representation after justices' Voting Rights Act ruling

By Leah Willingham, Jack Brook, Sophie Bates and Jeff Amy
Associated Press

At 16, Edward Blackmon Jr. was arrested during a protest for voting rights in his Mississippi hometown. He was loaded with schoolmates into a truck once used to haul chickens and was left in the summer heat before spending three nights in an overcrowded jail cell without a bed.

It was a moment that set him on a path to become a civil rights lawyer and one of the first Black lawmakers elected in the state

since Reconstruction.

Blackmon was part of a generation of Black Americans across the South who fought in courtrooms and in the streets to dismantle barriers to voting and achieve political representation in a region scarred by the legacy of slavery and its aftermath.

One of the crown jewels of that struggle, the Voting Rights Act, was hollowed out this week by the U.S. Supreme Court. The court's conservative majority said states should not rely on racial demographics when drawing congressional districts, a ruling that opened the door to transforming how political power is distributed and making it harder for minorities to get elected.

The majority opinion described racism as a problem of the past. Others saw the decision as another example of its resurgence — "a defibrillator to the heart of Jim Crow," as one Louisiana politician put it.



Attorney Edward Blackmon Jr., 78, a civil rights attorney and a former state representative, right, and his son, State Sen. Bradford Blackmon, D-Canton, review a 2022 redistricting map in their law office in Canton, Miss., Friday, May 1, 2026. AP PHOTO/ROGELIO V. SOLIS

Blackmon's son, Bradford, a 37-year-old state senator in Mississippi, said how the political

lines are drawn "shapes who has a real chance before anyone ever votes."

progress and then they are always trying to roll it back when it shows that minorities are making more progress than I would guess

that those in charge think that they're allowed to make," he said.

The elder Blackmon, now 78, said he was resigned to the reality that the fight of his youth is not over. "It's just another cycle — an ongoing struggle without a foreseeable ending," he said.

A legacy at risk

The case, involving a challenge to Louisiana's congressional map, clarified how the Voting Rights Act can be used to contest district lines that may weaken the voting power of Black residents.

For many Black Americans, the decision was a death knell for a cherished pillar of the Civil Rights Movement. Before the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Black voters in the Deep South had no guarantee of equal access to the ballot. Within a year of its passage, more than 250,000 Black Americans had gained the right

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Happy Mother's Day

JSU's Graduate Commencement speaker inspires scholars to see degrees as pathways to leadership

By Anthony Howard and Jativian Walker
Jackson State University

Jackson State University honored its Spring 2026 graduate class during commencement exercises at the Lee E. Williams Athletics and Assembly Center, celebrating students whose academic journeys reflected perseverance, global scholarship and personal triumph.

JSU's 14th president, Denise Jones Gregory, Ph.D., presided over her first commencement ceremony since being named in April. She said the Spring 2026



Dr. Jelani C. Zarif, graduate commencement speaker and JSU President, Dr. Denise Jones Gregory

graduating class reflects the university's mission of academic excellence, leadership develop-

ment and student success, noting that the graduates continue to demonstrate resilience and

readiness to serve communities locally and globally.

"Jackson State University is proud to celebrate the Class of 2026 and all they have accomplished to reach this moment," said Gregory. "Commencement is a special time on our campus. It marks the work our students have put in and the people who supported them along the way. We are grateful to everyone who helped make this moment possible and look forward to recognizing our graduates as they step into this next chapter."

The ceremony featured key-

note remarks from Dr. Jelani C. Zarif at the Jackson State University Spring 2026 Graduate Commencement Ceremony, who encouraged graduates to embrace resilience, purpose and long-term growth.

"It's not necessarily a sprint; it's a journey—and the journey is worth it," said Zarif, an award-winning researcher who holds the Robert E. Meyerhoff endowed professorship at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center. He urged graduates to

reframe challenges as preparation for leadership and impact.

"There will be moments when the path feels uncertain," he said, emphasizing that success is built through sustained effort and perseverance. "But those moments are not meant to break you—they are meant to build you."

Zarif also challenged graduates to view their degrees as a call to service. "Your degree is not just a personal achievement—it is a responsibility to serve, to lead and to uplift others."

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Anderson, Graduate Nayla McClure, Miller, Woods, Griffin, Long.



Anderson, Isaac K. Byrd, Esq. Graduate Justin Williams, Miller.



Anderson, Graduate Logan McClinton, Miller, Woods, Long.



Anderson, Graduate Ajani Crenshaw, Miller.



Anderson, Graduate Jermarius Everett, Miller.



Anderson, Graduate Herlancia Miller, Atty. Miller, Woods, Long.



Anderson, Graduate Epiphany Hobbs, Miller, Woods, Long.



Anderson, Graduate Sydney Armstrong, Miller, Long, Woods.

what they were wearing, and what the weather was like that day. It is crystal clear that he received Justice Reuben V. Anderson's charge to him years ago, "treat them special." He knows these students and he loves these students and thinks of them like they're his own children.

In order of recognition, and as pictured above: Mr. Wykendrick Jones received The Dr. Johnny B. Gilleylen Trailblazer in Public Policy Award Miss Sasha Lewis received The Amanda G. Alexander Trailblazer in Law Award Miss Ni-Lah Jones received The Ida M. Guice Trailblazer in Law Award Mr. Charles Williams received The Dr. Charles H. Holmes Trailblazer in Law Award Mr. Morgan Stanley received The Congressman Bennie G. Thompson Changemaker Award Miss Nayla McClure received The Constance

Slaughter-Harvey Trailblazer in Law and Advocacy Award

Mr. Justin Williams received The Isaac K. Byrd Trailblazer in Law and Advocacy Award

Miss Logan McClinton received The Judge Denise S. Owens Trailblazer in Law Award

Mr. Ajani Crenshaw received The Marquise S. Hunt Memorial Award with National Distinction

Mr. Jermarius Everett received The Award of Merit

Miss Herlancia Miller received The Award of Merit

Miss Epiphany Hobbs received The Award of Merit

Miss Sydney Armstrong received The Award of Merit

Former faculty member and Chairwoman of Tougaloo's Political Science Department, Dr. Wanda



Anderson, Dr. Wanda McGowen, Miller, Woods, Long.

McGowan, received The Dr. Bettye Parker Smith Excellence in Teaching Award. Dr. McGowan's son, Calvin McGowan, now in law school at the University of Mississippi, received The Director's Award for Distinguished Service. And, lastly, The



Anderson, Miss Aniyah Griffin, Celestial Gordon Griffin, Miller, Woods, Long.

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Reuben V. Anderson Distinguished Service Award – kept secret until the moment it was presented – was awarded to Mrs. Celestial Gordon Griffin, a Tougaloo alumna, and leader of the Harvesting Hope program for single mothers in the Delta.

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ing. The NAACP is condemning the ruling as a rollback of civil rights protections. It is exploring state-level Voting Rights Acts as a workaround to a weakened federal law. Leaders with the Mississippi branch NAACP have vowed to continue litigation and advocacy, framing the fight as a continuation of the civil rights era struggles. Organizers say, "while federal legal avenues have narrowed, the battle is shifting to state courts, state laws, and po-

litical organizing."
Here's What You Should Know
Vote dilution rarely announces itself. It works through:
"Cracking": splitting Black voters across districts
"Packing": concentrating them into a single district
Reframing race as partisanship
Under the new legal framework, these tactics may persist while becoming harder to challenge.

As Mississippi approaches its May 20 special session, the stakes are unusually clear. The Court has not eliminated the Voting Rights Act, but it has redefined how it works. And in doing so, it has shifted power back to state legislatures. The question now is not whether maps will change. It is whether those changes will quietly reshape political power and whether the communities most affected will have the legal tools left to fight back.

PUBLIC NOTICE

	Public Works		
	Adopted Budget for 2025-2026	Proposed Amendments	Amended Revised Budget 2025-2026
EXPENDITURES			
Personal Services	\$ 14,485,361	\$ -	\$ 14,485,361
Supplies & Materials	2,729,039	-	2,729,039
Other Services & Charges	22,585,483	4,000	22,589,483
Capital Outlay	38,899,262	50,589,287	89,488,549
Grants, Contributions & Contingencies	17,316,443	56,808	17,373,251
Operating Transfers	5,175,000	-	5,175,000
Debt Service	577,591	3,796,367	4,373,958
Total	\$ 101,768,179	\$ 54,446,462	\$ 156,214,641

Budgeting for \$40 million Modernization Bond (Construction & Debt Service), ADCAMP Phase 1B Funding, & Group A Project Construction



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Tougaloo College celebrates 2026 commencement

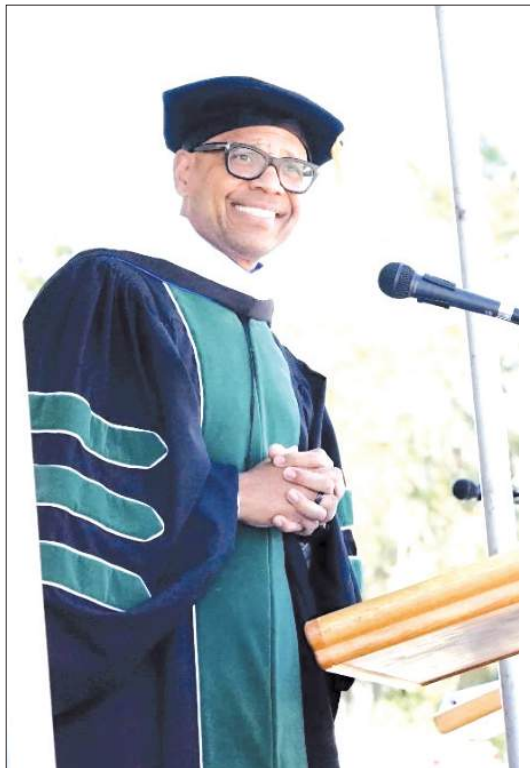
Tougaloo College held its annual Baccalaureate service on campus, honoring its 2026 graduates Sunday, May 3, 2026, in the Historic Woodworth Chapel at 8:00 A.M. The Reverend Reginald Buckley, pastor of Cade Chapel M. B. Church was the keynote speaker.

The Commencement Ceremony was held at 10:00 am on Campus Green which is located in front of the chapel. The featured speaker was Demond Martin, CEO and co-founder of WellWithAll.

President Donzell Lee stated, "Today marks a milestone not only for our graduates, but for every family, faculty member, and community supporter who invested in their journey. The Class of 2026 carries forward more than 150 years of Tougaloo's legacy of excellence, service, and social justice."



Rev. Reginald Buckley, Baccalaureate Speaker



Demond Martin, Commencement Speaker



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CALLAIS V. LOUISIANA & MISSISSIPPI VOTING RIGHTS

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

A major court case could weaken or eliminate **Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA)**—a key protection against racial discrimination in voting.

FOR MISSISSIPPI, THIS COULD MEAN SERIOUS SETBACKS FOR BLACK VOTERS AND FAIR REPRESENTATION.

WHY SECTION 2 MATTERS:

Section 2 helps communities fight unfair voting laws and maps. It has been used to:

- STOP DISCRIMINATORY REDISTRICTING
- PROTECT MAJORITY-BLACK DISTRICTS
- ENSURE FAIR REPRESENTATION AT ALL LEVELS

IF SECTION 2 IS WEAKENED:

- FEWER LEGAL PROTECTIONS AGAINST UNFAIR VOTING LAWS
- MORE RACIAL GERRYMANDERING (MANIPULATED DISTRICT LINES)
- INCREASED VOTER SUPPRESSION WITH LESS ACCOUNTABILITY

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR MISSISSIPPI:

- LOSS OF BLACK REPRESENTATION IN LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT
- MAJORITY-BLACK DISTRICTS WEAKENED OR ELIMINATED
- LESS POWER IN DECISIONS ON SCHOOLS, HEALTHCARE, AND JUSTICE

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MISSISSIPPI'S SHIELD ACT (SB 2588)

PRIVACY & YOUR RIGHTS:

KEY CONCERNS:

Providing sensitive information (like Social Security numbers) can raise concerns about how data is used or shared.

WHAT TO KNOW:

- Government systems already use secure identity verification
- Data sharing across agencies exists but raises valid concerns
- Trust in data protection varies across communities

WHY IT MATTERS:

Additional data requirements can:

- Discourage voter registration
- Increase confusion and fear
- Create more barriers to participation

OUR POSITION:

- No one should choose between privacy and voting
- Voter education must be clear and honest
- Communities deserve transparency and protection

TAKE ACTION

- Get Informed: Check requirements and registration status
- Help Others: Support community members with documents
- Stay Engaged: Join voter education and advocacy efforts

CONNECT WITH WE MUST VOTE TODAY!!!

We Must Vote, Inc. is organizing across Mississippi to ensure every eligible voter is informed, prepared, and empowered.

LEARN MORE

Want to start a business? Follow these 10 Steps

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



If you do your research, you will find out that about 50 percent of businesses fail in the first year, and approximately 95 percent of them fail in their first five years. Those statistics should have all potential business owners concerned, scared, and worried.

Prior to, and even when I established my company on January 5, 2004, I possessed all three of those emotions and more.

In my opinion, there are several reasons for these high failure rates among new business owners: 1) Many new business owners assume that because they are good at creating an item, performing a service, or selling a product, they will automatically be good at being a business owner in the same field, 2) Some new business owners believe that they should never have to be involved or physically work in their own business, 3) Instead of gradually building the assets and inventory as the business progress, many new business owners spend unnecessary funds in the beginning phase of being established, 4) Seldom do new business do research on the probability of their business being prosperous, and 5) These new business owners typically do not seek advice from Business Coaches and/or successful business owners.

Opening a business and becoming a successful business owner are not easy things to accomplish.

From experience, I have witnessed “businesses” having no business name, cards, checking account, insurance, licenses, logo, mission statement, permits, structure, and the list goes on and on.

After countless years of building and coaching thriving businesses and business owners, I have compiled a list of 10 steps to start a business:

- 1) Decide on the product you will sell or the service you will offer in your business.
- 2) Decide on a business location (home-based or brick and mortar).
- 3) Create a budget for your business start-up

cost, as well as a plan to accumulate the revenue.

4) Come up with and develop a business name, logo, mission statement, slogan, etc. Also, make sure to check that your ideas are not currently in existence.

5) Determine and choose the most beneficial structure for your business (Corporation, Limited Liability Company (LLC), Partnership, Sole Proprietorship, or a Nonprofit Organization).

6) Depending on the business structure you choose, register your business with your secretary of state’s office, if applicable.

7) Apply for an Employer Identification Number (EIN), all necessary licenses (business, privilege, etc.), permits, state tax identification numbers (sales, use, withholding, etc.), and trademarks.

8) Open up a business checking account, and never use your personal account(s) for business purposes.

9) Apply for business insurance (errors and omissions, surety bonds, workers’ compensation, etc.).

10) Develop a marketing plan (business cards, social media, website, etc.).

Keep in mind, these 10 steps is just the guideline to starting your own business.

Upon being established, it will require a lot of dedication, hard work, grit, and perseverance on your part to not be a part of the high failure rates among new business owners.

In addition to everything I just mentioned, there is one more thing I recommend you do... Watch the movie, “The Founder,” starring Michael Keaton.

In my opinion, every current and potential business owner should watch it several times. I promise that it will make you view becoming and being a business owner very differently!

Tim C. Lee is the CEO & Founder of TCL Financial & Tax Services, and the host of “The TCL Show” that airs every Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. CST on WMPR 90.1 FM in Jackson, MS. This is the show that is about “You, Life, and Money.” Got an article idea or a question you would like answered, e-mail Tim at timclee@TCLFinancialTaxServices.com



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as of December 31, 2025
21st Century Casualty Co.
3 Beaver Valley Road
Wilmington, DE 19803

Total Assets	\$ 42,116,380
Total Liabilities	\$ 28,193,846
Capital Stock	\$3,300,000
Surplus Funds	\$ 10,622,534
Total Capital & Surplus	\$ 13,922,534
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$ 42,116,380

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Mike Chaney
Commissioner of Insurance

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as of December 31, 2025
21st Century Centennial Insurance Co.
6301 Owensmouth Avenue
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Total Assets	\$ 251,027,945
Total Liabilities	\$ 8,063,226
Capital Stock	\$4,200,000
Surplus Funds	\$ 238,764,719
Total Capital & Surplus	\$ 242,964,719
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$ 251,027,945

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as of December 31, 2025
21st Century Insurance Co.
6301 Owensmouth Avenue
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Total Assets	\$ 1,242,751,344
Total Liabilities	\$ 5,373,675
Capital Stock	\$3,000,000
Surplus Funds	\$ 1,234,377,669
Total Capital & Surplus	\$ 1,237,377,669
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$ 1,242,751,344

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21st Century North America Insurance Co.
6301 Owensmouth Avenue
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Total Assets	\$ 698,593,022
Total Liabilities	\$ 5,512,807
Capital Stock	\$5,000,000
Surplus Funds	\$ 688,080,215
Total Capital & Surplus	\$ 693,080,215
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$ 698,593,022

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as of December 31, 2025
21st Century Premier Insurance Co.
6301 Owensmouth Avenue
Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Total Assets	\$ 125,949,066
Total Liabilities	\$ 7,330,953
Capital Stock	\$4,200,000
Surplus Funds	\$ 114,418,113
Total Capital & Surplus	\$ 118,618,113
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$ 125,949,066

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as of December 31, 2025
Acadia Insurance Co.
P.O. Box 9010
Westbrook, ME 04098-5010

Total Assets	\$ 238,880,642
Total Liabilities	\$ 177,708,882
Capital Stock	\$5,000,000
Surplus Funds	\$ 56,171,760
Total Capital & Surplus	\$ 61,171,760
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$ 238,880,642

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as of December 31, 2025
Accelant National Insurance Co.
400 Northridge Dr., Ste. 800
Sandy Springs, GA 30350

Total Assets	\$ 778,778,314
Total Liabilities	\$ 668,132,539
Capital Stock	\$4,200,665
Surplus Funds	\$ 106,445,110
Total Capital & Surplus	\$ 110,645,775
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$ 778,778,314

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as of December 31, 2025
Accident Fund General Insurance Co.
P O Box 40790
Lansing, MI 48901-7990

Total Assets	\$ 296,946,618
Total Liabilities	\$ 170,118,638
Capital Stock	\$4,500,000
Surplus Funds	\$ 122,327,980
Total Capital & Surplus	\$ 126,827,980
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$ 296,946,618

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as of December 31, 2025
Accident Fund Insurance Co. of America
P O Box 40790
Lansing, MI 48901-7990

Total Assets	\$ 6,458,067,658
Total Liabilities	\$ 4,343,446,928
Capital Stock	\$3,000,000
Surplus Funds	\$ 2,111,620,730
Total Capital & Surplus	\$ 2,114,620,730
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$ 6,458,067,658

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as of December 31, 2025
Accident Fund National Insurance Co.
P O Box 40790
Lansing, MI 48901-7990

Total Assets	\$ 176,465,800
Total Liabilities	\$ 79,328,817
Capital Stock	\$3,000,000
Surplus Funds	\$ 94,136,983
Total Capital & Surplus	\$ 97,136,983
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$ 176,465,800

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as of December 31, 2025
Accident Insurance Co., Inc.
7100 Menaul Blvd. NE, Suite B
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Total Assets	\$ 97,750,681
Total Liabilities	\$ 76,177,725
Capital Stock	\$2,565,753
Surplus Funds	\$ 19,007,203
Total Capital & Surplus	\$ 21,572,956
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$ 97,750,681

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as of December 31, 2025
Accredited Surety and Casualty Co., Inc.
P.O. Box 140855
Orlando, FL 32814-0855

Total Assets	\$ 565,458,868
Total Liabilities	\$ 482,955,498
Capital Stock	\$4,209,000
Surplus Funds	\$ 78,294,370
Total Capital & Surplus	\$ 82,503,370
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$ 565,458,868

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as of December 31, 2025
ACE American Insurance Co.
P.O. Box 1000
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Total Assets	\$ 35,646,626,831
Total Liabilities	\$ 29,923,399,338
Capital Stock	\$5,000,000
Surplus Funds	\$ 5,718,227,493
Total Capital & Surplus	\$ 5,723,227,493
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$ 35,646,626,831

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Mike Chaney
Commissioner of Insurance

**Property & Casualty Companies
Abstract of the Annual Statement**

as of December 31, 2025
ACE Fire Underwriters Insurance Co.
P.O. Box 1000
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Total Assets	\$ 144,914,574
Total Liabilities	\$ 51,198,730
Capital Stock	\$4,250,000
Surplus Funds	\$ 89,465,844
Total Capital & Surplus	\$ 93,715,844
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$ 144,914,574

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**Property & Casualty Companies
Abstract of the Annual Statement**

as of December 31, 2025
ACE Property and Casualty Insurance Co.
P.O. Box 1000
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Total Assets	\$ 18,514,681,997
Total Liabilities	\$ 14,401,325,339
Capital Stock	\$10,000,000
Surplus Funds	\$ 4,103,356,658
Total Capital & Surplus	\$ 4,113,356,658
Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds	\$ 18,514,681,997

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Hate Crimes continue to rise, despite federal legislation

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By Christopher Young
Contributing Writer

On May 20, 2021, during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, President Joe Biden signed into law the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, which aimed to make hate crime reporting more accessible at local and state levels amidst a spike in anti-Asian hatred.

But five years on, anti-Asian hate incidents remain high – nearly 3 times pre-pandemic levels. This week, at the start of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, American Community Media is partnering with Advancing Justice—AAJC to discuss the continuing spikes in hate crimes and incidents, 5 years after Biden signed the Act.

Friday, May 1, 2026, ACoM's Sunita Rohrabji, moderated a panel discussion with four experts on the topic, which also included a discussion of President Donald Trump's recent tirade against Indian Americans and Chinese Americans, and the spikes in hate crimes and incidents targeting other minority communities. Over 70 journalists and global media outlets participated in the briefing.

She laid out statistics from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program in 2025, before introducing the speakers. "There were 5,810 race and ethnicity hate crimes reported, 291 targeted Asian Americans, 241 targeted Sikhs, 214 targeted Muslims, 34 targeted Buddhists, 31 targeted Hindus, and 20 targeted



John C. Yang. PHOTO: [HTTPS://WWW.ADVANCINGJUSTICE-AAJC.ORG](https://www.advancingjustice-aaajc.org)

Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders – a total 833 hate crimes targeting the AA and API community. It is noted that these crimes are underreported. Black people continue to be the overwhelming majority of victims in bias related crimes with 2,792 hate crimes reported to the UCR program. Anti-Semitic also remains rampant, with 1,395 crimes targeting Jewish people."

John C. Yang, President and Executive Director, of Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAJC). "This year marks AAJC's 35th anniversary... progress has been made, but not enough...we currently have a President of the United States who is adding fuel to the fire by denigrating others...the notion of who is an American is under attack through the administration's attempt to eliminate birthright citizenship. They have directed this notion that somehow the white majorities are the people being discriminated against, and that that's where the efforts should be, rather than on



Stephanie Chan. PHOTO: [HTTPS://STOPAAPIHATE.ORG](https://stopaapihate.org)

inclusion, rather than on equity, rather than on diversity."

Yang continued, "The other thing is that this stereotype of us being perpetual foreigners, Asian Americans being perpetual foreigners that can never become American has resurfaced even though it has never gone away. Right-wing radio hosts saying that we somehow present a national security or economic security risk to the United States. We have seen this play book before whether it is during World War II with the incarceration of Japanese Americans, post 911 with the targeting of Arab Muslims, Middle Eastern and South Asian Americans, and even back to the Chinese Exclusion Act - when Chinese railroad workers helped to produce the trans-continental railroad."

Sohrabji asked Yang about the recent SCOTUS ruling on Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. "Is this an attempt to largely erase minority communities?" Yang responded, "That is absolutely correct...we have a Su-



Sameer Hossain. PHOTO: [HTTPS://WORLDWITHOUTHATE.ORG](https://worldwithouthate.org)

preme Court that is suggesting that discrimination is against the white majority, rather than what all of us are feeling."

Journalist Laszlo Bartus asked about the false belief that Asians are not fully American, and Yang indicated, "part of the false belief is that we look different, we are in some ways the most recent to come to America, we are newer, we look foreign to older white Americans who are not new. We continue to work bilaterally; to educate and be in community with others and help them understand we have the same goals, ideals, and values. We are a nation of ideals, not of blood or ethnicity."

Mannirmal Kaur, Senior Federal Policy Manager, at the Sikh Coalition, shared, "We were founded almost 25 years ago in response to the wave of hate violence after 911 as Americans conflated turbans and beards, which are articles of faith kept by many Sikhs, as well as other ethnic and cultural characteristics, with terrorism." Later in the



Mannirmal Kaur. PHOTO: [HTTPS://WWW.SIKHCOALITION.ORG](https://www.sikhcoalition.org)

briefing, in response to questions about fear that communities are experiencing, she shared, "when you look at everything that this Administration is trying to do to box other communities out of public life and essentially limit their access to essential services, it is hard to imagine those actions would not be having an impact on communities like ours."

Panelist Sameer Hossain, Managing Director, Muslim Public Affairs Council, "We've seen year to years rises in violence against our communities. None of this is new. The environment now is particularly disturbing." He shared stories conveying that violence is being perpetrated against those with South Asian decent and had nothing to do with 911. Ignorance led to hate crimes in the stories he shared. "These crimes are happening because of the 'otherizing' of various communities that are often underrepresented across our society and in different levels of government." Hossain continued, "Why in-

cidents are not under-reported, 1) communities are unaware of what to report and how to do so, 2) there is a trust deficit between communities and law enforcement agencies, and 3) lack of responsiveness. I believe the solutions are, 1) Be informed, 2) Find ways to build relationships with local law enforcement, and 3) Encourage everyone to engage with local elected officials."

Stephanie Chan, Director of Data & Research, Stop AAPI Hate (Anti-Asian and Anti-Asian Pacific Islander). "Since starting out tracking of AAPI hate incidents in 2023, we have seen these incidents are consistently high. In 2025 half of those surveyed reported they had experienced hate due to their race or ethnicity or nationality, and much of this is intersectional with anti-religious hate. From 2020-2025 we have seen a shift from hearing attackers blaming Asian people for COVID, to saying, 'Trump should deport you', and as others have shared, the crimes are underreported. In our survey, only 22% reported the hate incidents they experienced." She recommended a book, American Peril, by Scott Kurashige, to learn more about the violent history of anti-Asian racism.

To view this entire briefing, go to <https://americancommunitymedia.org/media-briefings/hate-crimes-continue-to-rise-despite-federal-legislation>.

National Coalition on Black Civic Participation Celebrates the 50th Anniversary



Melanie L. Campbell

The Mississippi Link Newswire

May 5, 2026 marks the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (The National Coalition/NCBCP). The National Coalition was established 11 years after the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to address the low voter registration and participation rates of Black Americans.

At its inception, The National Coalition undertook the respon-

sibility to enfranchise more than seven million non-voting Black voters who had been locked out of the political process. The catalyst for the formation of the National Coalition was the 1974 election when Black voter turnout was only 34 percent nationwide. Nearly half (48 percent) of the 15 million Black voting age population was unregistered.

For over 50 years, the NCBCP has been dedicated to building Black voting, economic and polit-

ical power, investing in intergenerational Black leadership and protecting civil rights, voting rights, workers rights, women's rights, LGBTQIA rights, reproductive rights, gender, economic and environmental justice for Black Americans and the Diaspora.

Today, that mission is under direct threat. Recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions, including Louisiana vs. Callais, have further dismantled key protections of the Voting Rights Act, destroying

safeguards that once prevented discriminatory voting laws and making it increasingly difficult for Black voters to access the ballot.

"This is exactly why we must unite and fight," said Melanie L. Campbell, President & CEO of NCBCP and National Convener of the Black Women's Roundtable. "Our right to vote has never been freely given, it has always been fought for, protected, and defended in the courts, in the leg-

islatures and in the streets! These voting rights attacks will not go unchallenged. The NCBCP will continue to build intergenerational coalitions, strategize, organize, mobilize and empower our people to raise our voices, leverage our economic & voting power, and invest in the next generation to lead the fight for the liberation of our people. Black people built this country. We are not going anywhere, and we will NOT be erased!"

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Member:

The Compromise in American politics isn't working with many of our country's lawmakers

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.

President Emeritus
Teen Mentoring Committee of Ohio



We have all heard the expression, "my way or the highway". Some say it was popularized by the great football coach Bill Parcells.

It's an expression that is not left up to a lot of interpretation. Simply put, it's my call, not your call; I'm in charge, not you; It's my rule and you don't have a say. Taking a hard-line approach to things doesn't endear you to people. You keep them on the outside and their opinions don't matter.

We have been at a crossroads in our American politics to-

day. This impasse has hurt the people that live in the greatest country in the world. As I see it, there are no pathways to seeking compromise, at least not now.

I have grown weary and worn over the approaches that some of our elected officials have taken. For instance, some states are anti-everything. Equality and diverse thinking are not welcomed or wanted.

Some states especially in the South are heavily in favor of one party. They are greatly influenced by the current administration. I don't mind so much that one party has all the cards.

What troubles me greatly is their brand of politics. It's extreme and punitive. Laws are not laws as they are more

punishment. Roadblocks are created that hamper forward thinking. Rolling back the clock seems to be number one on their agenda.

Making it more difficult to vote is high on each state's list of don'ts. Voting should not be a cumbersome process. Our ancestors fought and died to have the right to vote.

Most recently, the Supreme Court is trying to marginalize the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Plainly stated, the Black voting district in Louisiana is being challenged. Pundits say that this will not have an impact on the 2026 midterm elections but will be impactful in the 2028 presidential election. We will see what happens. However please know and understand

that your vote matters.

Do not be discouraged by the ploys deployed to minimize our votes. Keep voting and stay emotionally strong.

Why is compromise so hard to reach in today's politics? Many believe that fear and distrust play a big role in what is happening today in our country. People in power fear what might happen to them if they are in the minority. They fear discrimination.

If you are in a certain age group, you know about discrimination. It was always having to sign one more form or see one more person. It was never enough and always something else.

Trust in today's landscape is almost nonexistent. Giving

a person or group the benefit of the doubt does not happen much anymore. It is, I have mine and you get yours the best way you can. I don't care.

Mean speech and bad behavior have permeated the countryside. It is a landfill of negativity that has happened over the past several months. We have distanced ourselves from right and are wallowing in wrong.

Trouble won't last always and it will not take a stronghold in our lives. Many elected to high offices smile falsely and have bad intentions. Some even carry a Bible as they try to make wrong right.

Now is the time for men and women of good will and courage to band together to speak

up and speak out about what is occurring in this country now. The color of our skin does not matter. What matters is that we care and speak up against injustice. We can, we must and we will overcome.

We know good from evil. Evil is cloaked in meanness, hate and retribution. Don't succumb to politics that are rooted in segregation and dividing people. It didn't work back in the day, and it won't work today.

America is the world's leader because it embraces diversity, equity and inclusion. Respecting and understanding other points of view will always be the hallmark of the United States of America.

Protecting Progress: Why innovation matters for Black Health

By Guy Anthony

CEO, Black, Gifted & Whole



Black Americans are more likely than Americans of other races to live with chronic conditions like HIV. They also disproportionately struggle to afford the often-expensive treatments needed to manage those conditions.

So, it's hardly surprising that Black voters care about politicians' proposals to bring down healthcare costs more than any other group.

Most of those proposals are well-intentioned. But they are not all equally beneficial. Recent efforts to impose price controls on prescription drugs threaten to harm the very patients they are meant to help.

Consider former President Biden's signature Inflation Reduction Act, which gave Medicare the power to set prices on brand-name medicines for chronic conditions like diabetes, autoimmune disease, or cancer -- all diseases that Black patients disproportionately struggle with.

These price controls promise short-term cost savings. But they threaten to erase the much larger savings that patients with chronic illness would otherwise see over their lifetimes. That's because price controls disincentivize companies from developing new medicines to compete against existing popular treatments for serious conditions.

Consider HIV. According to the CDC, more than 1.2 million people in the United States are living with HIV, and roughly 31,000 new infections still occur each year. In the 1980s, these diagnoses would have been a death sentence. Today, they represent a manageable chronic illness -- a direct result of decades of sustained research and investment in antiretroviral development, long-acting injectables, and prevention tools like PrEP.

HIV treatments are cheaper and more accessible now than ever. That's not because of government intervention, but because of the price wars that resulted as companies introduced competing therapies and battled for market share.

In fact, had the government prematurely intervened, those competing treatments might never have reached patients, who would still be stuck paying vastly higher prices.

That is precisely the risk our leaders are now taking. Many companies are already scaling back research because of the IRA's price controls. Since the law's passage in 2022, biotech firms have canceled at least 55 research programs.

That is especially dangerous for the Black community. Black patients have historically been overlooked by the research establishment. If companies are forced to scale back research, it is likely that treatments for smaller and more marginalized patient populations will face the greatest risks of being cut.

The Trump administration,

meanwhile, continues to push for its so-called "Most Favored Nation" policy that would tie U.S. drug prices to the lower prices arbitrarily set by foreign governments.

The consequences could be severe. "Most Favored Nation" pricing would dramatically reduce companies' revenues on both new and existing medicines, decimating resources for future research and development. Researchers project that, if imposed on Medicare and Medicaid alone, such policies could cut research spending nearly in half, leading to over 200 fewer new medicines over the coming decade.

And there are also access risks. In countries that rely heavily on price controls, patients often face delayed and restricted access to drugs. Black communities in the United States already face barriers to consistent care and adherence to treatment. Importing foreign countries' price controls would inevitably have ripple effects across our healthcare system, worsening these disparities.

Health equity is not just about lowering today's price tag. It is also about protecting tomorrow's cures. Black communities deserve reforms that do both, not price controls that promise cost relief while sacrificing future breakthroughs.

Guy Anthony is the president and CEO of Black, Gifted & Whole. This article originally appeared in the Washington Blade.

Maybe someone else will

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



One cannot live without a heart, and you cannot live a long time without a healthy heart!

According to science and medical research, taking care of the heart is vital to helping one live a long time; the earlier you start to take care of your heart the better chances you have of avoiding heart disease and living longer. Therefore, one is often advised to exercise, adhere to a healthy diet like the Mediterranean Diet for instance that will promote healthy cholesterol and triglycerides levels, maintain proper blood pressure, avoid stress, and implement healthy sleep patterns, etc. Many people go out of their way to take care of the heart because they understand the health significance of benefits. So, married couples, why not look out for each other's hearts the same way. In other words, I am proud of you consuming Brussels sprouts, grilled chicken breast, carrots, and spinach to take care of your heart health, but what are you doing to take care of your spouse's heart health?

God joined you with your spouse -- two hearts became one -- you share one heartbeat. Is the heart of your spouse and marriage healthy? Or is it unhealthy -- are your love and happiness levels high or low with each other and/or they on the verge of provoking the decimation of your marriage.

Let's do a quick marriage EKG medical examination:

Signs that you are not taking care of your spouse heart -- you are hurting your spouse's heart:

- Lack empathy.
- Love is not reciprocated -- one spouse is doing all the pouring and not receiving
- One-sided love
- Do not prioritize your spouse -- work, family, friends, social media, etc. excels your spouse
- Little to no financial support
- Lack of quality time with each other
- Little to no communica-

tion

- Tone is like a Carolina Reaper (considered one of the hottest peppers)
- Gas lighting
- Sabotaging
- Giving the silent treatment
- Abandoned/neglected the marriage
- Little to no intimacy -- do not remember the last time you...

- Lack patience
- Critical -- points out the negative only
- Expect perfection from your spouse yet you are by no means perfect!

- Do not give your spouse space to be human -- spouse will have some bad days -- won't be perfect everyday!

- Secrets
- Indulge in emotional and physical affairs!
- Abusive
- Sarcastic and short
- Do not show appreciation!
- Constantly nags and find faults

- Unwilling to admit your faults -- never apologize
- Selfish -- everything is about you!
- Not willing to change for the better

- Keeps a record of the past -- always mentions the past negatively
- Married on paper but you are living and pursuing a single life -- do not plan a future together.

Signs that you are taking care of your spouse's heart:

- Pray together daily
- Pray for your spouse/family consistently
- Growing as one
- Committed to each other
- Love is two sided
- Love is active -- you have an intentional approach to showing each other love
- Give each other eye contact -- put away technology, etc. To avoid distractions!
- Work together financially -- what is yours is mine -- should not be me, my or I!
- Empathize
- Extend grace and mercy to your spouse!
- Hold each other accountable!
- Admit your faults and go out your way to apologize and fix it
- Prioritize Spouse/Marriage

- Invest quality time with each other!

- Engage in effective communication/listening!
- Affectionate
- Intimate -- meeting each other's sexual needs.
- Consistently illustrate appreciation to each other
- Kind -- gentle -- approachable
- Frequently utilizes a gentle tone
- Forgives and is patient
- Help your spouse in whatever ways you can
- Celebrate with each other often
- Fight for your marriage daily

In conclusion, several years ago my doctor informed me that if I did not make some immediate changes -- I would die prematurely due to heart diseases therefore, I made immediate changes and thank God my overall health has improved. If you knew that your heart was in bad shape, would you do nothing about it or would you exercise, eat healthier, seek medical prescriptions, get stints, heart surgeries to help extend your life? Many of you would so why not do the same for your spouse heart -- if you are NOT taking care of your spouse heart -- I do not care how long you have been married -- the marriage will eventually die. God joined you two together and you took vows -- therefore, please go out your way to take care of each other's hearts. You both should fight to have an extended healthy, happy, and loving marriage. However, if you are not willing to take care of each other's hearts -- may someone else will- clock it!

Contact Dr. LaShunda Calvert for speaking engagements (Motivational, Ministering, Marriage Counseling, Marriage Workshops, Marriage Seminars, Marriage Conferences, etc.) Marriage Ministry: The Restoration Church, Suite H, Jackson, MS. 39206, on: Instagram: letsstaytogether4ever (Dr. LaShunda Calvert) Facebook: Dr. LaShunda Calvert Email:letsstaytogether4eva@gmail.com Contact # 601-596-2528

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4328

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 Keith Dishmon has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for the placement of a manufactured house within a R-2 (Single-Family & Two-Family) Residential District on property located at 0 Grant St. (Parcel: 707-109), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

280 FT E & W X 270 FT N & S BEG 170 FT S OF NW COR LOT 19

SCHROEDERS 3RD SUBN*JD1*

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, May 27, 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 if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO 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 MAY 20, 2026.

WITNESS my signature this 30TH day of April 2026.

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

5/7/2026, 5/21/2026

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE

ZONING CASE NO. 4329

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 Donald Jordan has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Variance of up to ten (10) ft. from the required twenty-five feet for the front and/or rear yard setbacks within a R-2 (Single-Family & Two-Family) Residential District on property located at 1203 Pinehurst St. (Parcel 15-42), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

Lot 5, Block 6, Magruder's Second Subdivision of Block P of North Park Addition, 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 at Slide 69, 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, May 27, 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 if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4331

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 Hope Federal Credit Union (Alan Branson) has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-7 (Mobile Home Park) Residential District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to allow for the continued use of the property as a financial institution on property located at 1748 University Blvd. (Parcel 166-5-4), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

A parcel of land situated in the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section Nine (9), Township Five (5), Range One (1) East, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

For the point of beginning of said parcel of land begin at a point on the south line of Section Nine (9), Township Five (5) North, Range One (1) East where said line is intersected by the center line of the Linde Air Products Road as now laid out and improved in the City of Jackson, said point is also described as being 415.6 feet west of the southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE) of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of said Section Nine (9), Township Five (5) North, Range One (1) East; run thence westerly along the south line of Section Nine (9) for a distance of 211 feet; turn thence to the right through the angle of 34 degrees and 22 minutes and run northwesterly along the north right-of-way of the Lynch Creek drainage channel for a distance of 207.35 feet to the eastern right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 51; hence run in a northeasterly direction along the east right-of-way line of said new U.S. Highway 51, 188.3 feet to the center line of the Linde Air Products Road as now laid out and improved, said road being 60 feet in width, said point also being 125 feet measured southeasterly from and at right angles to the center line of the new U.S. Highway 51 as laid out and improved; run thence southeasterly along the center line of the said Linde Air Products Road for a distance of 371.3 feet to the point of beginning; said property being otherwise described as that part of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of said Section Nine (9), Township Five (5) North, Range One (1) East bounded as follows: On the northeastern side by the center line of the Linde Air Products Road as now laid out and improved; on the south by the south line of Section Nine (9) of said township and range; on the southwest side by the northern boundary line of the Lynch Creek channel; and on the western side by the east right-of-way line of new U.S. Highway 51 as now laid out and improved (the "Property")

TOGETHER WITH any and all rights, privileges, easements, improvements and appurtenances to the same belonging.

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Zoning Administrator
City of Jackson, Mississippi

5/7/2026, 5/21/2026

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARLIN BENNETT KING SR., DECEASED CAUSE NO.: P2025-00089 M/4**

PETITIONERS: APRIL KING

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary having been granted by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executrix upon the Estate of Marlin Bennett King Sr., Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 26th day of April, 2026.

April King
April King

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named, April King, Administrator for the Estate of Marlin Bennett King Sr., deceased, who having been by me first duly sworn, states that the above Notice to Creditors is true and correct as therein stated.

Ann James
NOTARY



MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

Frank C. Jones, MSB 10700
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1010 N. West Street
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Fax: (601) 608-7872

4/30/2026, 5/7/2026, 5/14/2026

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
NETA COOPER, DECEASED CAUSE NO: P2025-430 G/2**

GABRIELLE COOPER, ADMINISTRATOR

NOTICE TO UNKNOWN CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi to the undersigned Administrator upon the Estate of Netra Cooper, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 2nd day of April, 2026.

Gabrielle Cooper, Administrator

Gabrielle Cooper

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named, Gabrielle Cooper, Administrator for the Estate of Netra Cooper deceased, who having been by me first duly sworn, states that the above Notice to Creditors is true and correct as therein stated.



Ann James

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Cooperative Energy

Is currently identifying vendors for the following services during an emergency:

- Lodging Facilities
- Catering Services
- Laundry Services
- Debris Services
- Transmission Line Construction

Please contact akeene@cooperativeenergy.com by no later than May 14, 2026, if you wish to be considered as a potential vendor.

5/7/2026

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Legal Advertisement Notice:

RFP#2026-01

The City of Jackson is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified contractors to provide comprehensive landscaping and grounds maintenance services for its transit facilities. Proposals must be received by 3:30 PM on June 2, 2026.

Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope or via the City's electronic procurement system at www.jacksonsbids.com and clearly marked with RFP Number #2026-01.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Friday, May 8, 2026, at 2:00 PM CST at JTRAN Administrative and Maintenance Facility (JAMF) located at 1785 Highway 80W, Jackson, MS 39209.

Documents can be viewed and obtained by visiting www.jacksonsbids.com. Documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. For questions regarding website registration or the bid process, please contact PH Bidding Group at 662-407-0193.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive informalities or irregularities, and award the contract in the best interest of the City.

This notice was published in accordance with the City of Jackson's professional service procurement policy. Shape

4/30/2026, 5/7/2026, 5/14/2026, 5/21/2026, 5/28/2026

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**CITY OF JACKSON
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Jackson will receive written sealed bids until the hour of 3:30 PM on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at the Municipal Clerk's Office for the furnishing of all labor, materials, and equipment necessary for the construction of the following project:

**DESIGN-BUILD BID PACKAGE
Jackson Fire Department – HVAC Replacement Project**

Bid Documents are available for viewing and obtaining at the following site: www.jacksonsbids.com. Documents are non-refundable and must be obtained through the website.

The project consists of providing design-build services for the replacement, installation, and startup of HVAC systems at multiple fire stations in Jackson, MS.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on May 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Central Fire Station, located at 555 S West St, Jackson, MS 39201.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises/woman business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The award will be made to the contractor with the best-value evaluation, and the City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Monica Oliver,
Purchasing Manager

4/30/2026, 5/7/2026

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A USE PERMIT

ZONING CASE NO. 4332

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 Kenny Ellis has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Use Permit to allow for bar (lounge/tavern) within a C-2 (Limited) Commercial District on property located at 975 W. Northside Dr. (Parcel 425-10), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

975 W Northside Dr Jackson, MS 39213; Lots 10 23 & 42

Cottage Grove Subn Less 14.25 FT x 13 FT W/S

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, May 27, 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 if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

DUE TO 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 MAY 20, 2026.

WITNESS my signature this 30TH day of April 2026.

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

5/7/2026, 5/21/2026

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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 TUESDAY, May 19, 2026 AT 10:00aM AUDITORIUM OF THE SMITH ROBERTSON MUSEUM, 528 Bloom SREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF PROJECTS
- OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
- RECOGNITION OF LOCAL COMMUNITY

ADJOURNMENT

5/7/2026

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

To all interested parties, known and unknown, Pursuant to the MS State Code of 1972, Section 21-39-21, the City of Jackson, Mississippi, will sell at Public Auction, the impounded, abandoned, lost, stolen, or misplaced motor vehicles and equipment listed on the attached schedule. Unclaimed motor vehicles and equipment may be sold after the expiration of ninety (90) days from their receipt or recovery by the City of Jackson. The auction will be held online at <https://marketplace.atura.com/auctions/jac-ms/> on May 27 at 10:00 am

A list and description of abandoned/unclaimed vehicles will be posted pursuant to statutory requirements in the following locations:

Hinds County Court House
Hinds Country Chancery Court Building
Jackson City Hall/City Clerk's Office" (5/6/2026)

8840115 2002/LEXUS/RX/GRAY
JTJGF10U220121957

8840121 2001/TOYOTA/CAMRY/
WHITE JT2BF22K110300528

8840208 2009/TOYOTA/CAMRY/
WHITE 4T1BE46K29U827249

8840221 2024/NISSAN/SENTRA/
SILVER 3N1AB8CVXRY228369

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MALIBU/GOLD
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STRATUS/RED
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8843580 2019/DODGE/
CHARGER/BLACK
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TIGUAN/BLUE
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GRAY 5N1AT2ML3FC854513

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BLAZER/BLACK
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ELANTRA/WHITE
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ELANTRA/WHITE
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SONATA/OTHER
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COROLLA/WHITE
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 4330

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 Saxum Investment Company, LLC has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District, C-3 (General) Commercial District and I-1 (Light) Industrial District to I-2 (Heavy) Industrial District to allow for the development of property for a combination of compatible commercial and industrial development opportunities on property located at Forest Ave. Ext. (Parcels 730-12-3, 731-5, 731-11, 731-14 & 731-15-1), in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

TRACT I

A parcel of land lying in the East 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and in the East 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and in the East 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 18, T6N, R1E, First Judicial, District, Hinds County, Miss. and being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the West line of Section 18, T6N, R1E, First Judicial District, Hinds County, Miss. with the Easterly Right of Way of U. S. Highway 49 and run thence S 42 degrees 46 minutes 00 seconds W - 3,141.50' along the Easterly Right of Way of U. S. Highway 49 as the same existed prior to May 7, 1965 to a point that is now in the Right of Way of Interstate Highway 220; run thence N 00 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds W - 330.40' to an iron pin in the Northerly Right of Way of Interstate Highway 220 and the POINT OF BEGINNING; run thence N 85 degrees 20 minutes 30 seconds E - 527.82' along the Northerly Right of Way of Interstate Highway 220 to an iron pin; run thence N 00 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds W - 3,106.30' to an iron pin in the South Line of Forest Avenue; run thence N 88 degrees 56 minutes 00 seconds W - 526.20' along the South line of Forest Avenue to an iron pin; thence leaving Forest Avenue run thence S 00 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds E - 3,158.96' to an iron pin and the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Containing 37.835 acres more or less.

Less and except:

A certain parcel of land being situated in the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 18, T6N-R1E in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at an existing 1/2" iron pin marking the Northwest corner of Lot 56, Ashley Acres, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, as now recorded in Plat Book 20 at Page 18 and run thence South 88 degrees 13 minutes 08 seconds East for a distance of 1,655.52 feet to an existing 1/2" iron pin; run thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 34 seconds West for a distance of 1,565.89 feet to an existing "T" post marking the POINT OF BEGINNING of the parcel of land herein described; from said POINT OF BEGINNING, run thence South 77 degrees 28 minutes 39 seconds East for a distance of 109.25 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; run thence South 00 degrees 02 minutes 34 seconds West for a distance of 168.40 feet to a set 1/2" iron pin; run thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 26 seconds East for a distance of 164.45 feet to an existing "T" post; run thence South 01 degrees 53 minutes 48 seconds West for a distance of 234.06 feet to an existing "T" post; run thence North 82 degrees 19 minutes 57 seconds West for a distance of 265.90 feet to an existing "T" post; run thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes 34 seconds East for a distance of 390.66 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 1.77025 acres, more or less.

TRACT II

All of Lots 17, 18 and 19 and that part of Lots 15 and 16 lying North and West of Interstate Highway I-220, Garland Community Farms, 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 Survey Plat Book B at Page 67, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as part of this description.

LESS AND EXCEPT:

A certain parcel of land situated in and being a part of Lot 19, Garland Community Farms; according to the plat of file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, as now recorded in Plat Book B at Page 67 and being more particularly described as follows;

Beginning at the intersection of the South right of way of Forest Avenue Extension (as now laid out and in use, April, 1980) with the line between said Lot 19 and Lot 20 of said Garland Community Farms, run thence South 01 degrees 41 minutes 50 seconds West and along the said line between Lots 19 and 20 for a distance of 544.70 feet; thence leaving the said line between Lots 19 and 20, run South 88 degrees 08 minutes 45 seconds West for a distance of 159.80; run thence North 00 degrees 31 minutes 44 seconds West for a distance of 542.50 feet to the aforementioned South right of way of Forest Avenue Extension; run thence North 87 degrees 44 minutes 10 seconds East and along the said South right of way of Forest Avenue Extension for a distance of 181.0 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 2.12 acres, more or less.

A parcel of land containing 144.44 acres (6,291,976.95 square feet), more or less, being situated in Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 of Garland Community Farms, a subdivision according to the map or plat on file in the Office of the Hinds County Chancery Clerk in Slide A-112, reference to said plat being made as a part of this description, said parcel being in Section 17 and 18, Township 6 North, Range 1 West, First Judicial District, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows:

Commence at a found iron pipe marking the Southwest corner of Lot 17, Garland Community Farms, said pipe also being the POINT OF BEGINNING for the parcel herein described;

run thence North 00 degrees 36 minutes 24 seconds East for a distance of 2590.17 feet to the South line of Forest Avenue (a 60 foot right of way);

thence run along said South line of Forest Avenue South 89 degrees 06 minutes 24 seconds East for a distance of 456.74 feet;

thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes 02 seconds East for distance of 1995.44 feet;

thence South 88 degrees 52 minutes 32 seconds East for distance of 102.73 feet;

thence leave said right of way and run South 00 degrees 46 minutes 30 seconds East for a distance of 542.50 feet;

thence North 87 degrees 53 minutes 59 seconds East for a distance of 159.80 feet;

thence South 01 degree 20 minutes 25 seconds West for a distance of 737.28 feet to a found iron pipe;

thence North 89 degree 33 minutes 39 seconds East for a distance of 268.84 feet to the Northern Right of Way line of Interstate 220 (a variable right of way);

thence run along said right of way South 50 degrees 31 minutes 30 seconds West for a distance of 2112.21 feet;

thence leave said right of way and run North 88 degrees 14 minutes 39 seconds West for a distance of 1371.43 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

TRACT III

A parcel of land located in the North 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 18, T6N, R1E, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the NW corner of the SE 1/4 of said Section 18, T6N, R1E, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being marked by a found 1 inch iron pin set in concrete, and being the Point of Beginning; thence South 88 degrees 49 minutes 06 seconds East along the South right of way line of Mississippi Power and Light Company 150 foot easement (DB 2076 Page 517) marked by a meandering barbed wire fence for a distance of 1312.14 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron pin; thence leaving said South right of way line run South 00 degrees 15 minutes 01 seconds East for a distance of 29.11 feet to a found 1 inch iron pin in a chain link fence on the Northwestern right of way line of Interstate Highway 220, as it is now laid out and exists, (08/06/93); thence along said Northwestern right of way line, marked by a chain link fence, the following: South 50 degrees 31 minutes 30 seconds West for a distance of 74.12 feet to a found concrete monument; South 58 degrees 20 minutes 19 seconds West for a distance of 662.11 feet to a found concrete monument; South 35 degrees 27 minutes 29 seconds West for a distance of 691.17 feet to a set 1/2 inch iron pin; thence leaving said Northwestern right of way run North 00 degrees 15 minutes 01 seconds West for a distance of 505.57 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 472,983 square feet, being 10.86 acres, more or less.

TRACT IV

A parcel of land containing 37.66 acres more or less, being situated in the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Hinds County, Mississippi and being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a found 1/2 inch rebar marking the Southeast corner of Lot 34 of Ashley Acres, a subdivision on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi and recorded in Plat Cabinet B on Slide 353, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description, and run thence South 28 Degrees 59 Minutes 24 Seconds East for a distance of 1703.28 feet to a set 1/2 inch rebar marking the Southwest corner of Tract 4 of that certain parcel of land conveyed to William T. Neely and Barbara B. Neely, by deed recorded in Book 7126 at page 7118 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description, and the Point of Beginning:

Run thence North 00 Degrees 03 Minutes 07 Seconds East along the West line of said Tract 4 for a distance of 2658.43 feet to a found 3 inch pipe on the South right of way line of Forest Avenue, as now laid out and exist; Run thence South 88 Degrees 47 Minutes 48 Seconds East along said South right of way line of Forest Avenue for a distance of 626.81 feet to a found 5/8 1/2 inch rebar on the East line of said Tract 4; Run thence South 00 Degrees 02 Minutes 08 Seconds West along the East line of said Tract 4 for a distance of 2579.07 feet to a set 1/2 inch rebar marking the Northeast corner of that certain parcel of land conveyed to Larue Sutton and Larry Sutton by deed recorded in Deed Book 3726 at page 458, reference to is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description; Run thence South 84 Degrees 58 Minutes 37 Seconds West along the North line of said parcel for a distance of 405.74 feet to a set 1/2 inch rebar marking the Northwest of said parcel; Run thence South 43 Degrees 00 Minutes 51 Seconds East along the west line of said parcel for a distance of 7.98 feet to a set 1/2 inch rebar marking the Northeast corner of that certain parcel of land conveyed to Pritchard Oil Company by deed recorded in Deed Book 2368 at page 79, reference to is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description; Run thence South 83 Degrees 48 Minutes 13 Seconds West along the North line of said parcel for a distance of 230.09 feet to the Point of Beginning.

TRACT V

A certain parcel of land being situated in the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 18, T6N-R1E in the City of Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows:

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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, May 27, 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 if a hearing thereof or consideration thereof is desired, or by counsel on said date. If a request is made to the Zoning Administrator at least 72 hours in advance, the City will take steps to accommodate citizens need for interpreters or auxiliary aids for the visually/hearing impaired.

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Hot Water Cornbread and Mama's Wisdom

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



In honor of Mother's Day, I want to share one of my favorite experiences with my mother. As we prepare to celebrate Mother's Day in a pandemic, take time to encourage the mothers in your life. And if you have lost your mother, be encouraged by the memories and imprints of love they had on your life.

"Girl, I can make that... and I can't cook!" laughed one friend as I explained my difficulty making hot water cornbread over a decade ago over lunch. What puzzled me was that I was able to make so many other things... with or without a recipe: turkey and dressing, red velvet cake, red beans, and rice, etc. That was until I came up against hot water cornbread. It seemed

like no matter how many times I tried, it never came out right. I shamefully finally accepted the fact that I would never be able to make it.

My first attempt fell apart while still in the skillet. Rookie mistake, I figured and tried again a few weeks later. This time, they not only fell apart, but they also turned pitch black in minutes. Not to be discouraged, I decided that the next time I visited my parents; I'd get the "secret" to hot water cornbread from my mama.

The next time I visited my parents later that year, I noticed she was getting ready to make some hot water cornbread and shared my problem. My mama very patiently explained in detail how to make it as I watched her. She even let me mix one batch (flavored with jalapeno peppers) under her supervision. She said the key is having the right amount of each ingredi-

ent as she watched me. "Perfect," she said as she took the first golden brown pieces out of the hot grease. I was happy because I'd conquered the mountain. Or so I thought.

A few months later when I tried to make it by myself at my house, they didn't break apart. But the first batch turned out so hard and flat that I threw the uncooked mixture away and vowed to never make hot water cornbread again. Years later, I got the courage to try again. This time after consulting with my mama another three times (including while the water was boiling), I made the hot water cornbread. This time, they came out wonderfully: golden brown on the outside and moist on the inside.

What I learned from my mama is that successfully making hot water cornbread depends on whether the water is hot enough, the grease is fresh, and the corn meal is

mixed with the right amount of sugar, flour, and salt. The key is learning how to balance each one. It's similar to our spiritual growth, Romans 5:3-5 explains how "suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope." Each is a new level of spiritual maturity that comes by learning to better balance the various areas of your life.

This week's column is dedicated to my mama Nealie Riley and all the mothers who have the patience to share their wisdom with us. Happy Mother's Day!

Shewanda Riley is a Fort Worth-based author of "Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends" and "Writing to the Beat of God's Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers." Email her at preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda

Clergy's Call to Congress: 'Stop War, Save Lives'

From Rallies to Declarations, Faith Leaders Fight Trump's 'War on Divinity'

By Jada Ingleton
The Washington Informer



Amid weeks-long global conflict marked by political mockery of religion, faith leaders across the nation are turning up their stand against what many describe as President Donald J. Trump's "war on divinity."

During this week's Moral Mondays rally, held at the former Black Lives Matter Plaza in Northwest D.C., clergy, activists, and impacted families joined lead organizer and president of Repairers of the Breach, the Rev. Dr. William Barber, in a united call to reorder national priorities. At the top of the demand in question: for Congress to end the Trump-enforced war on Iran, which hit the two-month mark April 28.

"What we are seeing, in many ways, is a war on divinity being waged by a narcissist who has some kind of God complex," the bishop said on April 27. "We need true moral authority to stand against the policy violence that threatens lives here, at home, and around the world."

As chants of resistance rang, Barber pulled no punches, delivering a candid yearn for "the tradition of nonviolent struggle" that he says is lacking in this nation's leadership.

"Not just war is violence; denying health care is violence, denying child care is violence," he continued, "and...an apathetic attitude that refuses to name all of these violent forms is also



Barber

violence."

Just this month, the Republican leader earned swift criticism across the board — including from the Progressive National Baptist Convention (PNBC) — for a since-deleted AI-generated photo of himself in the likeness of Jesus Christ, which he has since claimed was meant to depict him as a doctor.

Thus, the call to action echoed from PNBC to the national Moral Mondays Movement, which spans 16 states and the District of Columbia.

"This moment calls for moral clarity. We call on pastors, faith leaders, and Christians across this nation, especially those who have remained silent, to speak with courage and conviction," PNBC's statement continued. "Silence in the face of such distortion is not neutrality, it is complicity. To conflate His sacred identity with any political figure crosses a line that faithful Christians, regardless of party, should not ignore."

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Knowing stroke signs can save a life when every minute counts

Mississippi Link Newswire

A stroke can change a life in an instant. In the minutes after symptoms begin, quick action can help protect the brain, reduce long-term disability and save a life, according to the American Stroke Association, a division of the American Heart Association.

On average, nearly 2 million brain cells die every minute a stroke goes untreated, making early recognition and treatment critical. During May, American Stroke Month, the Stroke Association is highlighting the importance of recognizing stroke warning signs and understanding how early treatment and prevention can make a meaningful difference when it matters most.

Stroke is the fourth-leading cause of death, according to the American Heart Association's 2026 Heart Disease and Stroke Statistical Update[1], and a leading cause of serious, long-term disability in the United States. Each year, approximately 800,000 people in the U.S. experience a stroke. A stroke can happen to anyone, at any age.

3 things you can do to take action against stroke:

Learn B.E. F.A.S.T. to spot a stroke. If you see sudden Balance loss, Eye or vision changes, Face drooping, Arm weakness or Speech difficulty, it's time to call 911. Explore the signs by playing the B.E. F.A.S.T. Experience at Stroke.org/StrokeMonth.

Understand your stroke risk and explore ways to lower it. Identifying personal risk factors — especially high



American Stroke Association.
A division of the American Heart Association.

blood pressure, the leading risk factor for stroke — can help you have informed conversations with your health care team about stroke prevention and longterm brain health.

Find support after stroke. Recovery is a journey and connection matters. Explore support services for survivors and care partners, including virtual Stroke Meetups, and sign up for the Stroke Connection newsletter at Stroke.org/StrokeMonth.

Recognize Stroke Warning Signs: B.E. F.A.S.T.

When a stroke happens, blood flow to the brain is interrupted. The longer treatment is delayed, the greater the risk of lasting damage. Calling 911 is the fastest way to get stroke care. EMS can begin treatment immediately and alert the hospital stroke team before you arrive.

B.E. F.A.S.T. is a simple way to remember common stroke warning signs:

Balance Loss – Sudden trouble walking, dizziness or loss of coordination

Eye (Vision) Changes – Sudden vision loss or trouble seeing in one or both eyes

Face Drooping – One side of the face droops or feels numb; a smile may look uneven

Arm Weakness – One arm feels weak or numb or drifts downward when raised

Speech Difficulty – Slurred speech or trouble speaking

Time to Call 911 – If someone shows any of these signs, even if symptoms go away, calling 911 right away can help get lifesaving care started. Noting when symptoms first appeared can

also support treatment decisions.

Take steps to prevent stroke

According to the Heart Association and the Stroke Association, approximately 80% of strokes are preventable. High blood pressure is the leading risk factor for stroke[2], and uncontrolled blood pressure, diabetes and obesity significantly increase risk.

A large majority of strokes can be prevented by taking steps to:

Manage blood pressure. Lowering and controlling blood pressure reduces the risk of stroke. Regular checkups, monitoring at home and following a treatment plan can lower risk and support longterm brain health.

Build healthy habits. Eating well, staying active, not smoking and keeping up with routine health screenings all play an important role in reducing stroke risk. The Heart Association's Life's Essential 8TM outlines key steps for improving and maintaining cardiovascular and brain health.

Reduce the risk of a second stroke. Prevention takes on added importance for people who have had a stroke or a transient ischemic attack (TIA), sometimes called a "warning stroke." Nearly 1 in 4 strokes occur in people who have had a previous stroke[3]. Understanding what caused the first stroke and identifying personal risk factors can help guide next steps and reduce the chance of another one.

Support that meets you where you are

Stroke recovery looks different for

everyone, and support can play an important role along the way. The Stroke Association offers resources designed to help survivors and care partners feel informed, connected and supported, including live, virtual Stroke Meetups where participants can share experiences, ask questions and learn from trusted experts. Stay connected with recovery tools and support by signing up for the Stroke Connection newsletter.

Stroke can happen suddenly. Knowing the signs with B.E. F.A.S.T. can help you respond when minutes matter. This American Stroke Month, explore trusted resources, practical tools and support Stroke.org/StrokeMonth.

About the American Heart Association

The American Heart Association is a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. Dedicated to ensuring equitable health in all communities, the organization has been a leading source of health information for more than one hundred years. Supported by more than 35 million volunteers globally, we fund groundbreaking research, advocate for the public's health, and provide critical resources to save and improve lives affected by cardiovascular disease and stroke. By driving breakthroughs and implementing proven solutions in science, policy, and care, we work tirelessly to advance health and transform lives every day. Connect with us on heart.org, Facebook, X or by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1.

The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health fights Period Poverty in Mississippi

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health (IAMH) is helping combat period poverty by providing free menstrual and postpartum hygiene products to individuals and families in need across Mississippi.

During Period Poverty Awareness Week (May 11–17), the Institute is highlighting the challenges many individuals face in accessing basic menstrual products and hygiene supplies. Period poverty refers to the inability to afford or access menstrual products and affects individuals and families across the United States and globally. Lack of access can lead to missed school days, missed work and emotional distress.

IAMH distributes essential items such as pads, tampons, liners and postpartum supplies to support women and families who are Medicaid-eligible. Many households face financial challenges that make purchasing these basic items difficult, often forcing families to choose between hygiene products and other household needs. Research shows this burden falls heavily on underserved communities. Nearly one-quarter of Black and Latina individuals who menstruate report struggling to afford period products



in the past year. More than one-third of low-income women report missing work, school or similar events due to lack of access to period supplies.

By offering free products, IAMH continues its mission to reduce health disparities and improve access to essential resources. The organization recognizes that menstrual and postpartum care are basic health needs that should be accessible to everyone. Too many women and families — especially those who are Medicaid-eligible — struggle to afford the products they need each month or after childbirth.

This work is supported by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF). Providing these items is just one of the ways

IAMH supports health, dignity and overall well-being across Mississippi communities. Community members in need of assistance or organizations interested in supporting this effort can contact Latasha Rice at Lrice@advancingminorityhealth.org.

The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health was established in 2019 to reduce health disparities among disadvantaged and underserved minority populations in Mississippi through the development of collaborative partnerships with community stakeholders and the implementation of evidence-based public health interventions with a particular focus on health equity.

Study finds major gaps in Dementia Care across Mississippi

By Clara Turnage

Communications Specialist, University of Mississippi

Some 80% of Mississippi counties have no adult day service centers, and even counties that do have centers cannot meet the needs of people with dementia and their caregivers, a new University of Mississippi-led study indicates.

This shortage leaves thousands of people with dementia — and their caregivers — without daily support.

Keith Anderson, professor and chair of the Department of Social Work, and Ruaa Al-Juboori, assistant professor of public health, published their findings in the *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. They estimate that the state would need an additional 910 adult day services running at full capacity to meet the demand.

"It's largely known or theorized that there's a shortage of adult day services nationally," Anderson said. "Yet it's really hard to quantify the shortage and also to identify areas of the country where those shortages exist."

The researchers chose to begin their work close to home.

"I live in Mississippi, I'm employed by the University of Mississippi and it's a calling to serve the state," he said. "But also, Mississippi is typically an underserved region across the health care spectrum."

"I thought this could possibly serve as a starting point and a really clear illustration of the severity of the shortages that may exist in adult day services for persons with dementia nationally."

Adult day services provide health care, nutrition services, socialization and daytime programs in a safe and monitored environment for seniors or adults with cognitive or physical impairments. They also allow caregivers to go to work, shop for groceries or simply have a break from caring for their loved one, Al-Juboori said.

"Adult day services is one of the largest community services for persons with demen-

tia," she said. "It's also, unfortunately, one of the least known options within home- and community-based services."

"A lot of people have never heard of adult day services or have the misconception that it's just day care. It's so much more than that."

At least 63,000 people are living with Alzheimer's — a form of dementia — in Mississippi, according to the Alzheimer's Association. The association also estimates that 92,000 people in the state provide primary support to a person with dementia.

If only a tenth of Mississippians with dementia wanted to use adult day services, the state would need 91 more centers, the researchers found.

"We found that there's a shortage across the state of Mississippi, whether that was in a populous area like the Jackson area, or in rural communities where there's a general lack of health care access to not only adult day services, but to primary care providers, to hospitals, to any health care provider," Anderson said.

"It's important because (the lack of these services) places an undue burden primarily on family caregivers, but it's also a disservice to the older adults who are remaining often alone and isolated, without that opportunity to socialize or to gather together with other people. So, it's important not only to the family caregivers, but to these older adults, as well."

Adult day services can be run by either private organizations or government agencies, but funding opportunities for either structure are lacking, Anderson said.

"Adult day services do not have access to the wider array of government funding that's available for other programs that serve older adults," he said. "So, funding is a primary cause of shortages."

"If we could open access to additional funding streams, whether that's through Medicaid, Medicare or another way, that would make a big difference for adult day centers."



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Priority Occupation Training Investment strengthens workforce pipeline at Northwest Mississippi Community College



By Daniel Hawthorne
AccelerateMS, Director of Communications, Office of Workforce Development

AccelerateMS is investing in Northwest Mississippi Community College to strengthen the region's workforce pipeline through a new commercial electrical program and expanding the college's robotic welding training.

The investment enhances training opportunities for both credit and non-credit students at the Batesville Concourse and DeSoto Centers, equipping labs with commercial electrical systems and robotic welding technology. These programs prepare students for modern manufacturing and industrial environments where electrical systems, automation, and robotic welding intersect.

"By expanding access to advanced technical training, Northwest is helping meet the workforce needs of Mississippi's industrial economy—preparing students for careers that demand technical versatility, safety awareness, and proficiency in advanced automation technologies," said Shelika Hooker, director of investments and initiatives at AccelerateMS.

"These programs were established to meet the increasing regional demand for skilled workers in advanced manufacturing and construction industries while supporting workforce development and economic growth," said Katie Broadway, director of career-technical education & program advancement at Northwest. "Together, these initiatives further strengthen the college's commitment to workforce readiness, industry partnership, and economic development across the service area."

With the \$1.9 million investment, Northwest expanded workforce training capacity in high-demand fields, adding 36 seats annually to the commercial electrical and welding programs. Additionally, equipment will be used to support direct industry training as needed in the region.

Through the commercial electrical credit program, students can earn a 30-hour career certificate while gaining hands-on experience in commercial and industrial electrical systems, automation maintenance. Robotic welding training will equip students and incumbent workers with essential skills in automated welding processes widely used across advanced manufacturing. Both programs are currently offered as 30-hour career certificates. The welding program will expand in the near future to include a 45-hour technical certificate option and a 60-hour associate of applied science degree pathway.

Non-credit training will also be offered to local business and industry employees, focusing on commercial and industrial electrical systems, robotic welding operations, and industrial maintenance. This flexible training model allows employers to upskill their workforce and remain competitive in a rapidly evolving economy.

About AccelerateMS
AccelerateMS supports the people and businesses of Mississippi by creating and implementing workforce strategies that link individuals to transformative, high-paying careers. Through strong partnerships and effective grants management, the organization promotes sustained individual, community, and statewide economic growth.

2026 Student Leadership Conference prepares future professionals

Alcorn State University Newswire

Alcorn State University Career Services hosted its annual Student Leadership Conference in the Rudolph E. Waters Sr. Classroom Building, designed to support student leadership development and preparation for professional environments.

The conference, which took place April 21-22, 2026, was led by keynote speaker Dr. Theresa Horne, Vice President, Community Manager for Chase in Jackson, Miss. Her presentation, titled "Purpose-Driven Leadership in Action", encouraged students to pursue careers aligned with their passions and values, rather than focusing solely on salary. She emphasized the long-term fulfillment that comes from meaningful work.

"I feel that it was very important to give back to a community that has given so much to me," said Horne. "Coming here to Alcorn State solidifies in my mind how we can give back to the next generation, making sure that they're prepared, ready and know who they are once they step out of these doors."

The conference featured a dynamic lineup of speakers who brought diverse perspectives from their experience in corporate leadership roles including



Amber Therrell the HR specialist at Mississippi Blood Services, Monica Smith-Wallace the Early Talent Acquisition Manager for Corporate Services at Caterpillar Inc.

Levell Spencer the Global Human Resources Business Partner at Caterpillar Inc. and Dr. Jason Gibson, author and assistant professor at Alcorn State University were also speakers at the event.

"My driving force is centered around helping students develop in their purpose and cultivate their brand," said Gibson. "Purpose and branding are two essential attributes required to thrive post undergrad. I believe the tools that we are equipping students with are going to be

integral to their success leaving Alcorn."

Additional speakers were entrepreneurs who found solutions to challenges they personally experienced. Rahul Jindal, co-founder of MyCareerCloset, wanted to even the playing field of first impressions by providing students access to affordable clothing. Sterling Mark, founder of Sterling Empowerment, drew from his own experience with housing instability and frequent school transitions. His mission is to prepare students, equipping them with tools and knowledge that he wished he had.

"Having the opportunity to pour knowledge into them that could help them better prepare for the next phase of their life is

my purpose," said Mark. "Seeing the faces of the students receiving the information and watching them leave empowered and rejuvenated is something I wouldn't trade for the world. I look forward to returning to the rich history here at Alcorn State and keeping the fire alive in them."

The conference bridged the gap between corporate professionals and entrepreneurs, exposing students to tools that can help them thrive beyond their undergraduate education. The university continues to invest in shaping confident, career-ready scholars who will strive to make an impact in their fields.



2026 JPS HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

JPS High Schools will hold commencement ceremonies for graduating seniors on **Tuesday, May 26, 2026**, and **Wednesday, May 27, 2026**, at the Mississippi Coliseum located at 1207 Mississippi Street.



**TUESDAY
MAY 26, 2026**

Murrah High School
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Provine High School
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Jim Hill High School
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



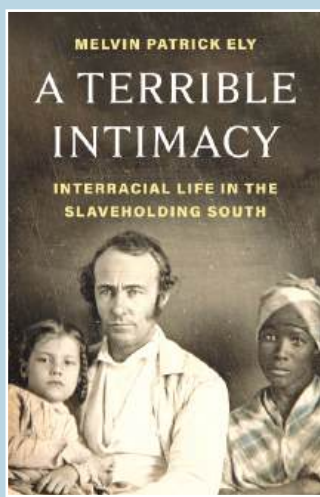
**WEDNESDAY
MAY 27, 2026**

Callaway High School
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Forest Hill High School
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Lanier Jr. Sr. High School
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The Mississippi Coliseum requires only clear bags to be allowed when entering the building. Additionally, each guest will be required to enter through a metal detector. No balloons, signs, or noisemakers will be allowed during JPS graduation ceremonies.

The graduation ceremonies will be livestreamed on <https://www.youtube.com/jpsitv>.





BOOK REVIEW: A TERRIBLE INTIMACY: INTERRACIAL LIFE IN THE SLAVEHOLDING SOUTH BY MELVIN PATRICK ELY C.2026, HENRY HOLT \$31.99 • 368 PAGES

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Time served. If you've ever faced a judge in a courtroom, that's what you hope to hear. A few hours in a concrete room, maybe an uncomfortable overnight, done. It's not fun, it might be embarrassing, but it's over and you move on, chastised. Unless, as in the new book "A Terrible Intimacy" by Melvin Patrick Ely, time served was a lifetime.

When you think about slavery, the image of large fields and entire households full of enslaved people probably

comes to mind.

That, says Ely, isn't the whole story. In the years prior to the Civil War, he says, roughly "one-quarter of America's enslaved people lived on large plantations with fifty or more forced laborers..." Another twenty-five percent dwelt on smaller plantations with slightly fewer enslaved people.

The rest – about half of this country's enslaved people – lived on small farmsteads; in fact, households that held five or fewer enslaved people "were very numerous."

This, Ely says, meant that

slaveholders were very familiar with those they held in bondage, and they likely knew those held by their neighbors. They might have attended church with enslaved people, or sought medical help from an enslaved Black doctor.

"Trade across racial lines was frequent," he says, "shared recreation not rare."

Such "intimacy" sometimes led to looser rules for enslaved people. It also led to a surprise: "An enslaved person charged with a crime in Virginia, and in the South generally, would have had legal representation"

in the case of an alleged crime.

A Black man named Tom, for example, was accused of killing an overseer in a fight - but was the fight cloaked in a whole other matter? Nancy Morgan was viciously murdered by a "negro" named Solomon – or was she nothing more than "a wayward, shiftless pauper"? Mary Tatum accused George of rape. Was it a case of mistaken identity?



And when Hillery Richardson was mortally wounded by William, the jury had to decide: who was really the victim? So you say you're a big fan

of mysteries. Nothing like a good whodunit, right? Then check out "A Terrible Intimacy" and see if it doesn't fit just perfectly.

Because it will. Reading author Melvin Patrick Ely's work is like having Matlock on the sofa by you, and Easy Rawlins next to her. It's part courtroom procedural, with a historical angle that Ely is studiously careful to explain, and the kind of excitement you'd expect from life-or-death testimonies, a few shockers, and some heartbreak. Readers will clearly understand Ely's obvious ex-

citement in teasing apart these tales – they are, after all, things that happened to real people in real court cases, presented with a shared knowledge of 19th-century vocabulary and slang, culture, and with filled-in-the-blanks for deeper understanding. If you feel like a real sleuth while you're reading, you're not far off.

This is a book well-told by a great storyteller, and if you're a fan of courtroom-thriller novels or historical events, you won't be sorry to find it. Start "A Terrible Intimacy" and it will serve you well.

ZACK WALLACE
Hinds County Circuit Clerk

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Mississippi Valley State names Mike Davis new Head Men's Basketball Coach

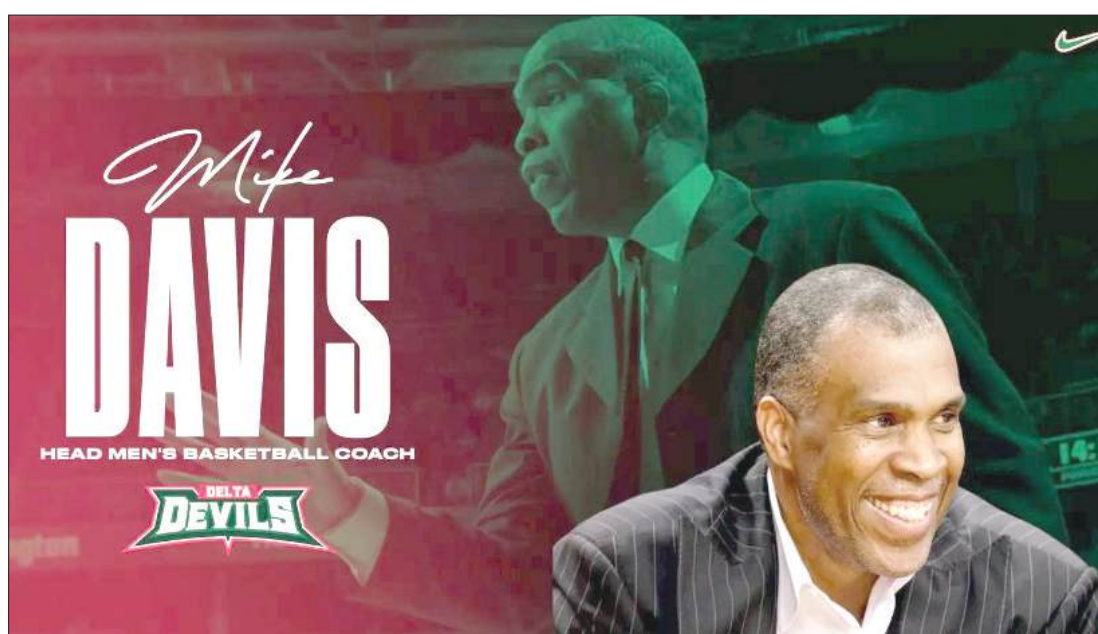
MVSU Communications

Mississippi Valley State University Director of Athletics Dr. Alecia Shields-Gadson announced the hiring of Mike Davis as the 13th head men's basketball coach of the Delta Devils program. A veteran leader with more than three decades of coaching experience, Davis brings a proven track record of success at every level of Division I basketball to lead the Delta Devils program.

Davis arrives in Itta Bena with over 35 years of coaching experience, including 24 seasons as a head coach and 14 postseason appearances. Throughout his career, his teams have recorded nine 20-win seasons and posted winning records in 15 of his 24 campaigns, underscoring his consistency and ability to build competitive programs.

"We are excited to welcome Coach Davis to Mississippi Valley State University," said Dr. Shields-Gadson. "His experience, leadership, and championship pedigree make him the right person to lead our men's basketball program into a new era. He understands what it takes to win at a high level and develop student-athletes both on and off the court."

Davis compiled a 412-360 overall record during his head



coaching career, with stops at Indiana University Bloomington, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Texas Southern University, and University of Detroit Mercy. Over that span, he guided teams to nine NCAA Tournament appearances, including four with Indiana, one with UAB, and four with Texas Southern.

Davis is perhaps best known for his tenure at Indiana Hoosiers men's basketball, where he succeeded legendary coach Bobby Knight. In 2002, he led the Hoosiers to the NCAA National Championship

game while capturing a share of the Big Ten regular-season title, cementing one of the most memorable runs in program history.

His list of accolades includes Conference USA Coach of the Year honors in 2011 while at UAB, along with multiple Southwestern Athletic Conference Coach of the Year recognitions (2013, 2015, 2016) during his time at Texas Southern. Davis also captured five regular-season conference titles and four SWAC Tournament championships, further highlighting his championship pedigree.

During his six-year tenure at Texas Southern, Davis posted a 115-89 record, including an impressive 88-20 mark in conference play. His teams claimed four regular-season titles and four conference tournament championships, advancing to four NCAA Tournaments. In 2018, Texas Southern earned its first NCAA Tournament victory with a First Four win over North Carolina Central.

Davis began his head coaching career at Indiana (2000-06), compiling a 115-79 record and leading the Hoosiers to five postseason appearances. His

teams excelled in March, recording a 21-12 mark, including a 7-4 record in NCAA Tournament play. He was also the first coach in program history to open his tenure with three consecutive 20-win seasons and three straight NCAA Tournament appearances.

Following Indiana, Davis took over at UAB (2006-12), where he led the Blazers to a 122-72 record and four consecutive postseason appearances. His 2010-11 squad captured the program's first Conference USA regular-season title, earning him Coach of the Year honors while guiding UAB to an NCAA Tournament at-large bid.

At Detroit Mercy, Davis continued to impact the game while coaching his son, Antoine Davis, who became one of the most prolific scorers in NCAA history. Antoine Davis finished his career as the second-leading scorer in Division I history with 3,664 points and set the all-time record for three-pointers made with 588. He was also a two-time Horizon League Player of the Year and a five-time First Team All-Horizon League selection.

In addition to his success on the court, Davis has emphasized academic achievement throughout his career. His UAB

program recorded four consecutive semesters with a perfect 1000 APR score, reflecting his commitment to student-athlete development.

A former standout player at University of Alabama, Davis earned Alabama's Mr. Basketball honors in 1979 and went on to score 1,211 career points while ranking among the program's all-time leaders in steals. The Crimson Tide posted an 80-42 record during his collegiate career, advancing to multiple postseason tournaments.

Davis most recently served as an assistant coach at University of Memphis from 2024-26, continuing his involvement in the game at a high level.

"I am honored and excited to lead Mississippi Valley State's men's basketball program," said Davis. "This is a proud program with a strong tradition, and I look forward to building a culture of discipline, toughness, and success. Our goal is to compete for championships and represent this university with pride."

Davis and his wife, Tamilya, have one son, Antoine. He is also the father of Mike Davis Jr. and Lateesha. Mike Davis, Textbox

Trey Johnson formally introduced as Jackson State University's new Head Men's Basketball Coach

Mississippi Link Newswire

Trey Johnson was formally introduced as the new head men's basketball coach at Jackson State University in front of family, friends, former teammates, and alumni at the Lee E. Williams Athletics & Assembly Center on Monday morning.

He was named as the interim head coach early in April, and had the tag removed on April 15.

Johnson served as the Associate Head Coach at Jackson State over the past four seasons he has been instrumental in developing top talent and mentoring All-SWAC performers — most notably Jordan O'Neal (Defensive Player of the Year 2023), Ken Evans (Player of the Year 2024), Dorian Mc-



Trey Johnson, JSU head basketball coach

Millian (Freshman of the Year 2025), and Deashun Ruffin (Player of the Year 2026 and Bailey Howell Trophy Finalist 2026). Johnson began his col-

legiate coaching career at Alabama State University in 2020, where he served as Associate Head Coach for two seasons. During his tenure, he played a

key role in player development, recruiting, and game strategy, helping guide the program's growth and competitiveness within the conference.

He is widely regarded as one of the most decorated players in program history. During his standout collegiate career, he earned back-to-back First Team All-SWAC honors (2005-06, 2006-07) and was named the 2006-07 SWAC Player of the Year after a dominant senior campaign in which he averaged over 27 points per game, ranking among the nation's top scorers. He also garnered Pre-season Player of the Year honors, was named SWAC Tournament MVP, and led the Tigers to the 2007 SWAC Tournament Championship and an NCAA Tournament appearance.

His legacy at Jackson State is cemented in the record books. He remains the program's single-season all-time leader in scoring (points per

game and total points), free throws made, and free throws attempted, while also joining the prestigious 1,000-point club in just two seasons. His national recognition includes being named a Box To Row All-American, a 2006 Bailey Howell Trophy finalist, and the 2007 Bailey Howell Trophy Award winner. In recognition of his historic impact, Johnson was inducted into the Jackson State Sports Hall of Fame in 2020.

Johnson's connection to Jackson State runs deep. His father, brother, wife, and several extended family members also attended the university. His wife, Dana Johnson (Yoshimura), is a former SWAC Champion and Defensive Player of the Year in volleyball.

Voting

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to vote. By 2024, nearly 22 million Black voters were registered nationwide, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The United States is now witnessing the unraveling of nearly a century of organizing, civil disobedience and personal sacrifice by ordinary people who helped build Black political power to heights unseen since Reconstruction. Veterans of the voting rights movement — people who bled with John Lewis on the 1965 march in Selma, Alabama, that became known as Bloody Sunday or marched with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. — are seeing those hard-won victories stripped away from their descendants.

"I'm the first generation of Americans born with equal rights," said Jonathan Jackson, a Democratic congressman from Illinois who is the 60-year-old son of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the late civil rights leader. Jonathan Jackson said the idea that his children could grow up with fewer protections was "surreal and devastating."

For Charles Mauldin, who was beaten by law enforcement as a teenager on Bloody Sunday, the ruling reflects a skirmish that was never as settled as some hoped.

"I'm disappointed but not surprised," said Mauldin, 78, of Birmingham, Alabama. "They've been chipping away at the 1965 Voting Rights Act for the last 60 years."

Who holds power now

In Louisiana, younger Black politicians say the high court's ruling could reshape not just who wins elections, but whether candidates can compete at all, particularly in down-ballot races that often serve as steppingstones to higher office.

Davante Lewis, a 34-year-old Democrat who serves on the state's utility regulatory board, said he expects districts could be redrawn in ways that make it harder for candidates like him to win.

"They can target my communities ... to ensure that I can't get to an elected office," said Lewis, who is one of several plaintiffs in the original Louisiana gerrymandering case that went to the Supreme Court.

Jamie Davis, a Black farmer in northeast Louisiana and a Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, said the decision risks discouraging voters already skeptical that their voices matter. "I want to be optimistic, but how can you be optimistic when voter turnout in the past election cycles has been really low," Davis said.

Tennessee is among the states bracing for new redistricting efforts. State Rep. Justin Pearson, who represents Memphis and is running for Congress, said people who struggled to pass the Voting Rights Act are "shocked and devastated that they're having to relitigate the same fights that they fought 60 years ago." But he also predicted that efforts to reduce Black representation could "reinvigorate a civil rights movement in the South that demands equal representation, that demands fairness, that demands justice and equality."

Supporters of the Supreme Court ruling said it reinforces a race-neutral approach to redistricting and they say political lines should not be drawn primarily based on race. Mississippi state Rep. Bryant Clark said that view ignores how race and party align in the state. In Mississippi, where most Black voters are Democrats and most white voters are Republicans, he said the two are often indistinguishable. "It's just a roundabout way to basically legalize racially discriminatory redistricting in the state," Clark said. In 1967, his father, Robert Clark Jr., became the first Black lawmaker elected to the Mississippi Legislature since Reconstruction.

With Black residents making up about 38 percent of Mississippi's population, Edward Blackmon Jr. said the current maps allow Black voters to elect candidates in some districts while keeping Republican majorities intact across much of the state.

He said lawmakers have little incentive to change that balance because moving Black voters into more districts would make those seats less reliably conservative and force candidates to compete for a broader electorate. "Where do you think the population goes? They don't just disap-

pear," Blackmon said. "What incumbent wants that type of district right now?"

Fight continues

Blackmon was raised in Canton, "when Jim Crow was in full bloom."

Black children attended separate schools, and during cotton-picking season, classes let out early as rickety trucks with wooden sides arrived to take students to the fields, where they spent hours working. At home, he watched those inequalities play out in quieter ways.

His father, a World War II veteran who left the sharecropping farm where Blackmon's grandfather had worked, struggled to find steady work in Mississippi after returning from military service and becoming involved in civil rights organizing. He eventually left for New York to make a living — part of a generation of Black veterans who faced barriers to jobs and opportunities their white counterparts received.

Blackmon remembers sitting nearby as his father and other community leaders gathered on the porch, talking late into the night about forming a local NAACP chapter "It was embedded in my memory and experience that it was worth the struggle," he said. When the Voting Rights Act passed, it did not immediately change those realities. In places like Canton, federal officials set up registration tables on downtown streets so Black residents could sign up to vote without facing harassment or intimidation from local authorities.

In the years that followed, Blackmon and other lawyers used the law to challenge at-large election systems that prevented Black communities from electing candidates of their choice. Cities and counties were forced to redraw maps into single-member districts.

When those districts still diluted Black voting strength, activists returned to court.

"Without the Voting Rights Act, Mississippi would look so much different than it looks now," Blackmon said.

HINDS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WEEKLY UPDATE

Terry High School Band Participates in “Day with the Boom”

The Terry High School Band recently had the opportunity to participate in “Day with the Boom,” an exciting and enriching experience that left a lasting impression on its members.

Students engaged in a dynamic, hands-on environment that combined musical excellence with mentorship and exposure to high-level performance. The event not only showcased the power of music but also provided valuable learning opportunities that will benefit the band members both on and off the field.

Overall, “Day with the Boom” proved to be an inspiring and educational experience for the Terry High School Band, further strengthening their passion for music and performance.

