



## Sixty Year Anniversary of James Meredith's Walk Against Fear

By Christopher Young  
Contributing Writer

Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center's Dr. Alferteen Harrison Auditorium was standing room only at 2PM, Thursday, June 4, 2026, for a deeply moving program marking the 60th Anniversary of James Meredith's Walk Against Fear, which was titled "60 Years of Walking Forward." Pamela Junior served as emcee, leading the program of luminaries – foot soldiers, scholars, authors, family members, and friends of the native son of Mississippi known the world over, Mr. James Howard Meredith.

When former Mississippi Governor Ross Barnett refused to allow James Meredith entrance to The University of Mississippi to study political science in 1962, it set off a constitutional crisis, remedied by President John F. Kennedy ordering Meredith's admittance under the round the clock protection of federal marshals. He graduated on August 18, 1963, becoming the first African American graduate of what was even then considered Mississippi's flagship institution of higher learning. Less than three years later, and less than one year after the Voting Rights Act of 1965 became law, Meredith set out on a march from the Peabody Hotel in Memphis to the Mississippi Capitol in Jackson, Mississippi. The goals were obvious: empower Black Mississippians to claim their political power through voting and to challenge white supremacist intimidation by personal example – demonstrating fearlessness.

The march began as a solitary march from June 5 to 26th, 1966. On the second day Meredith was shot and severely wounded by Aubrey James Norvell, triggering major Civil Rights leaders like Stokely Carmichael, Floyd McKissick, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., along with members of the NAACP, CORE, SNCC, and SCLC to continue the march in Meredith's name. Having recovered sufficiently, Meredith rejoined the march just before it arrived at the Mississippi Capitol. What began as a solitary march had grown to over 15,000 by its conclusion.

And oh, how the story was told at this 60th anniversary. In providing welcome, City of Jackson Chief Administrative Officer Pieter Teeuwissen, reminded the audience that his mentor, Justice Reuben V. Anderson – the first African American graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law and first African American Mississippi Supreme Court Justice – summarized the

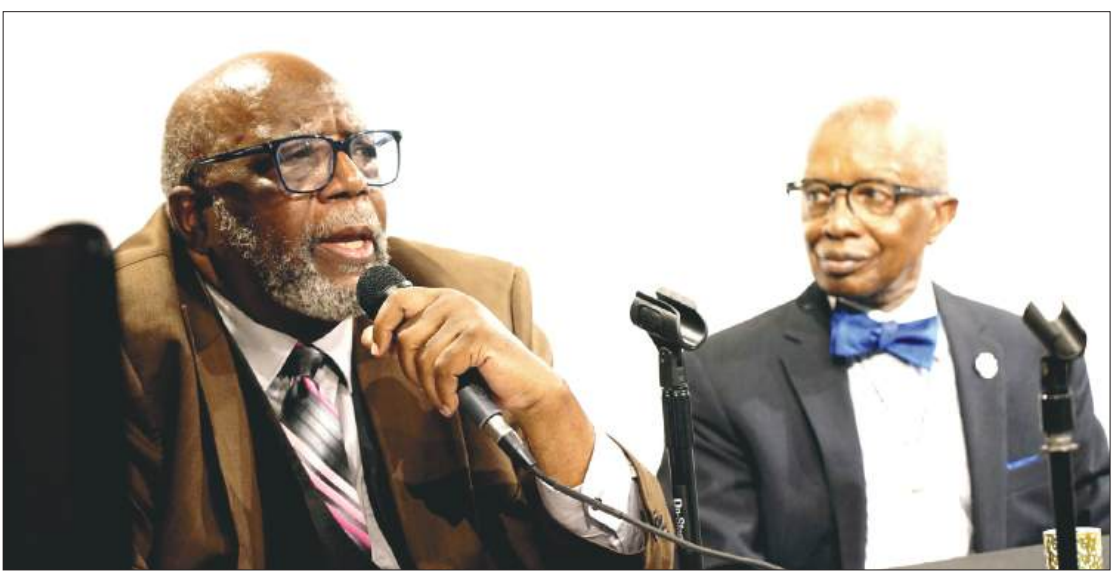
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Pamela D.C. Junior, emcee



Atty. Pieter Teeuwissen gives welcome



Panelists: Charles Taylor, Sr. Esq. & Senator Hillman Frazier, Dist. 27 PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON



Gail Owens Baity, Dr. Beverly Hogan & Tony Bounds



Aram Goudsouzian, Ph.D



Charles King "Smarty Pants" shared personal experiences regarding Civil Rights Struggles

## Mayor John Horhn issues statement on the passing of State Representative and Former City Councilman William "Bo" Brown



Rep. Brown and Charlie Horhn

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Mississippi State Representative, Bo Brown, District 70 died on Monday, June 8, 2026 after a lengthy illness. He had served as a representative of Dist. 70 for six years. He previously served as a member of the Jackson City Council from 1997-2005. During his tenure on the council, he served as president three (3) times.

Brown also worked as an insurance agent as well as teacher and football coach for Jackson Public Schools from 1967 to 1971.

He also served as Sports Writer for The Mississippi Link from 2008-2012.

Jackson Mayor John Horhn issued the following statement on the passing of Representative Brown:

"The City of Jackson has lost a dedicated public servant, and I have lost a friend.

Bo and I served together in the Mississippi Legislature, where I saw firsthand his consistent leadership,

his love for Jackson, and his commitment to the people he represented. He brought the same spirit of service to his time on the Jackson City Council, always focused on making life better for our residents.

On behalf of my family, I extend personal condolences to the Brown family. Bo was not only my colleague and friend, he was also a friend to my father and our family. Our friendship stretched across many years of public service and I'm grateful for the kindness Bo showed our entire family.

On behalf of the City of Jackson, I offer our deepest sympathies to his loved ones, his colleagues in the legislature, and the many constituents whose lives he touched. We honor his memory, his decades of service, and his lifelong commitment to this city. May God grant comfort and peace to his family and all who are mourning him today."



Rep. Brown and Mayor Horhn

Homegoing Celebration will be Sat., June 13th, 10:00 a.m. at New Horizon Church International, 1750 Bobby Rush Blvd. Friends & Family Hour is Fri. June 12th from 6-8pm at Collins Funeral Home, 415 North Farish Street.

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## Jackson clarifies annexation settlement, affirms airport ownership and control

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The City of Jackson previously announced the settlement of ongoing annexation litigation between the Cities of Jackson, Flowood, and Pearl. The annexation litigation does not involve control of the airport. It does not involve any other public body taking Jackson's property or Jackson Municipal Airport Authority's (JMAA) property. The annexation concerns the development of property surrounding the airport including property owned by the City and JMAA. Until this settlement, the City of Jackson never had authority to develop this property. The trial was unopposed by Flowood and Pearl. It is simply a necessary step to complete the settlement the City announced last fall. When all the steps are complete, Jackson will still own every inch of property that it owned before this litigation began. Pearl will annex property and will build the necessary infrastructure for development to occur. Flowood will annex some of the property, and it will be responsible for any needed municipal services there. Jackson will incorporate the majority of the property that is core to the airport and its operations.

Jackson, the Airport, Pearl, and Flowood have all worked together to benefit each other to develop all of the property around, development that was not possible without this resolution. Land that has never been developed will be developed. It is important that our citizens understand that every inch of the land that will be developed is owned by the City or the airport. Jackson is not giving anyone any of the property it owns.

"This agreement unlocks longunderused land for economic development while protecting Jackson's ownership of our airport. Jackson will benefit from tax revenue on developments



built on the land the City is incorporating and it will benefit from direct payments from the developers on every piece of property that is developed," said Mayor John Horhn. "Jackson residents should also know that the city is not letting anyone take control of the management of the airport. We will continue that fight."

"This is a win-win for all," said Rosa Beckett, JMAA Chief Executive Officer. "By delineating and assigning city limits for property in previously unincorporated areas, everyone benefits as commercial development continues to boom in this area. JMAA remains committed to supporting collaborate economic development."

A separate lawsuit, initiated by Jackson, its residents, and the airport seeks to prevent the State from implementing a law the Legislature passed ten years ago. That law would replace JMAA, the board which is appointed by the City to manage the airport, with a new entity. Jackson would only appoint two of the nine members of that new board. The City has been fighting that bill for ten years and will continue to do so.

## Mississippi event marks anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut and highlights threats to contraception rights

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On June 9, Rep. Zakiya Summers, sponsor of Mississippi's "Right to Contraception Act" (HB 1154), Sen. Kamesha Mumford, and Jalyne McElroy of The PUPA Project, and others gathered at the State Capitol to mark the anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut and raise awareness about ongoing threats to contraception rights and privacy.

Freed a Womb serves as a highly visible reminder of the real-world consequences of political and legal attacks on reproductive freedom.

The 1965 Supreme Court decision established constitutional protections for the right to contraception and helped lay the foundation for modern privacy rights in the United States.

The event highlighted the impact that restrictions on contraception could have on individuals and families across Mississippi and the importance of safeguarding personal freedom and medical privacy.

Rep. Zakiya Summers, said: "When I introduced Mississippi's Right to Contraception Act, HB 1154, I was responding to something most Mississippians already understand: decisions about if and when to become a parent belong to individuals and families, not politicians. Access to contraception is basic preventive health care, and it helps people plan their futures, support their families, and pursue economic opportunity. We know Mississippi continues to face serious challenges when it comes to



Press conference with 20 Foot IUD at State Capitol

poverty and maternal health, and taking birth control off the table would only make those challenges worse. On the anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut, we're here to make clear that the freedom to make these personal decisions deserves to be protected."

Jalyne McElroy, of The PUPA Project, said: "Access to contraception is part of a broader conversation about reproductive health, privacy, and the ability for people to make informed decisions about their bodies and futures. In Mississippi, too many people continue to face barriers, stigma, and misinformation when seeking reproductive and menstrual health care. On the anniversary of Griswold v. Connecticut, we are reminded that protecting access to contraception means protecting dignity, education, opportunity, and personal

freedom."

Policy and Legal Threats

Justice Clarence Thomas has called for the Supreme Court to "reconsider" long-standing constitutional precedents protecting privacy rights, including Griswold v. Connecticut, raising concerns about the future of contraception protections.

Republicans in Congress have repeatedly voted against the Right to Contraception Act.

At least 38 bills across 24 states could restrict or ban certain forms of contraception.

Fetal-personhood legislation could restrict both contraception and fertility care. House Speaker Mike Johnson has supported fetal-personhood legislation with no IVF exception, including the Life at Conception Act, which defines life at fertilization.

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Dr. Flonzie Brown Wright



Meridith Coleman McGee



Roslind McCoy Sibley, MD



life and legacy of James Meredith once by stating, "James Meredith is the bravest man I have ever known in my lifetime, period."

Former State Representative James Evans provided the invocation. Dr. Tony Bounds, archivist at Tougaloo College, delivered an inspiring occasion. Ms. Chandra Wise and The Grassroots Gospel Singers sang a staggering version of Lift Every Voice and Sing. The In Memoriam was delivered by Mrs. Doris Griffith Bridgeman. A biographical sketch of Meredith's life was provided by his niece, and author of two books about his life, including "James Meredith: The America That Created Him" – Meredith Coleman McGee. Dr. Flonzie Brown Wright, the first African American woman elected to public office in Mississippi – and author of "Looking Back to Move Ahead" – provided the overview of the March Against Fear from personal experience, which included being called by Dr. King, who requested she make housing and food accommodations for 2,000 people in Canton, Mississippi, during the march. She did that, and much more.

Dr. Aram Goudsouzian, history professor at the University of Memphis, and author of "Down to the Crossroads: Civil Rights, Black Power, and the Meredith March Against Fear," spoke about the significance of the march, its impact on national politics, the power of the photograph of the shot Meredith on the cover of every newspaper, the influence of Stokely Carmichael and the Black Power mantra, and the moderating voice of Dr. King – who he indicated had coined the phrase, "you can always tell where the Negro community begins because that's where the pavement ends."

Wise and the Grassroots Gospel Singers provided a Freedom Medley, including eliciting audience participation with This Little Light of Mine and Ain't Nobody Gonna Turn Me Around. Dr. Roslind McCoy Sibley, daughter of the legendary Drs A.H. and Rose McCoy, shared the details of the precise route that the march took, including the sweep through the Mississippi Delta, which many accounts omit. She shared x-rays of Meredith's gunshot wounds, including head, neck, back, and leg. She reminded the audience of the three L's pertaining to the march. It was the largest, longest, and last of the Civil Right Era.

Foot Soldier, historian, and Vice Chairman of the Veterans of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement, Dr. Frank Figgers, moderated a panel discussion and question and answer with Mr. Charles Taylor, Sr. – who focused on Tougaloo's importance in the Meredith March, and State Senator Hillman Terome Frazier – who spoke on the topic of 'Organizing and Strategizing: Then and Now.' Frazier reminded the audience that in 1968 there was just one African American in the Mississippi legislature – Robert G. Clark, Jr. – and today there are 58. He spoke about the Callais decision on April 29th as a clear and present danger. He stressed education, organizing, mobilization, voting, and fearlessness.

A historical document, gifted to her by her mother and professionally preserved, was presented to Tougaloo College by Former 1st Daughter of Tougaloo, the daughter of the first African American President of Tougaloo, Dr. George Albert Owens - Mrs. Gail Owens Baity. Renowned archivist and historian, Ms. Angela Stewart, provided the recognition of sponsors for the event, and truly heartfelt closing remarks. A beautiful reception followed.

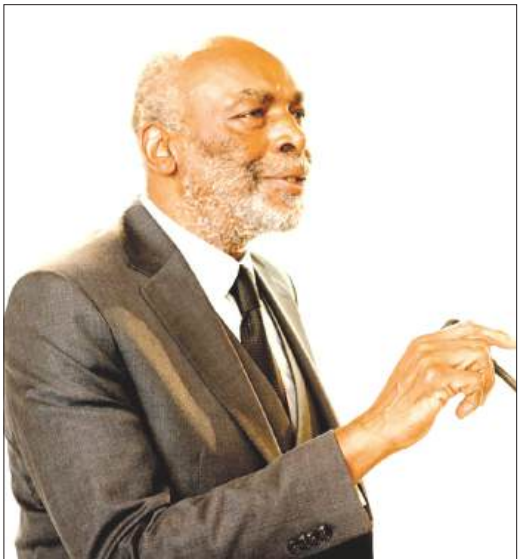
The entire 60th Anniversary of The March Against Fear was recorded by Black owned multimedia company, WeBelieveDigital, 2659 Livingston Road, Jackson, Mississippi, and can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/@webelievedigitalPodcast>.



Doris Griffith Bridgeman



Angela Stewart



The Honorable "Jim" Evans



Civil Rights icons and dignitaries in the audience PHOTOS BY JAY JOHNSON



## Go Red for Women Luncheon – Live Fierce. Go Red! Losing one woman to heart disease and stroke is one too many

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

The 2026 Metro Jackson Go Red for Women Luncheon was held Friday, June 5, 2026, at the Jackson Convention Complex. Prior to the luncheon there was a very well attended Health and Wellness Expo which began at 10:30 AM. The ladies looked beautiful all decked out in red where a lot of laughter and networking was taking place.

Helen Beady, Director of Community Development with the Heart Association told The Mississippi Link, “This event is absolutely fabulous. We focus on women and women’s health, and I am particularly excited this year because we are fo-



cus on maternal health, one of the real issues that impacts women.”

At the end of the luncheon, a Survivor Fashion Show closed out the event. Selena Johnson, a

stroke survivor, was one of the models in the event. She stated how much she enjoyed all the

excitement surrounding the luncheon and expo. “We have to take care of our heart health.”

This well attended event was one of many movements which the American Heart Association focusses on in order to help ensure longer, healthier lives for all. Its goal is to empower women to take charge of their heart health.

Serving as chair of the 2026 Go Red for Women was Pam Gordon, President/CEO of Story Financial Partners. “Today is about more than a luncheon, it is about saving lives, raising awareness, and empowering women to take charge of their heart health,” she stated. Christana Kay of WAPT, served

as emcee.

There were several volunteers helping with the event. Estella Bell was one who noted what an honor it was to serve as a volunteer for such an important event. Carolyn Mayberry, who works for one of the sponsors, Story Financial Partners, said she attends the event each year in honor of her husband, a heart patient, who passed away 7 years ago.

The American Heart Association is described as a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. It is dedicated to ensuring equitable health in all communities and is supported by more than thirty-five million volunteers globally.

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Debra McGee, BankPlus



Pam Gordon, Story Fin. Partners



Selena Johnson, Go Red Model



Estella Bell, Volunteer & Carolyn Mayberry, Story Fin. Partners



Julia Thompson, Merit Health, Helen Beady & Mary Brinson, AHA

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## Juneteenth commemoration at Melrose

*The Natchez National Historical Park*

Though the emancipation of enslaved people of African descent in the Natchez area began in force with the arrival of Union forces in July 1863, our national holiday to celebrate that newly found freedom is held each year on June 19th – acknowledging when the news of the end of the Civil War arrived in Texas.

In commemoration of the Juneteenth holiday, Natchez National Historical Park will present a luminary on the front lawn at the Melrose estate Friday, June 19th. This grand illumination will be held in remembrance of the nearly 700 enslaved people who involuntarily labored at Melrose and on the associated cotton plantations of John and

Mary Louisa McMurrin – and who only achieved their freedom during the Civil War. The McMurrins established the Melrose estate on the east side of Natchez in the 1840s.

The Melrose front gate will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and reopen at 7:00 p.m. Visitors are asked to park in the main parking lot and walk to the lower portion of the front lawn where an area will be set aside specifically for solemn reflection. The public is encouraged to bring lawn chairs and flashlights, as it will be dark by the end of the event. David Slay, Chief of Interpretation, will present a commemorative program at 7:30 p.m. The observation will conclude at 9:00, and the gates will close at

9:30 p.m.

Throughout the day on June 19th, park staff will offer a variety of children's activities and provide tours of the Melrose mansion that focus on the African American experience. The house tours will highlight what is known about the enslaved men, women, and children who lived and labored at the estate as well as the system of slavery in this region that made such extravagant homes possible. Melrose house tours take place seven days a week at 10 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., and 4 p.m. The cost for adults is \$11.00 while children 17 and under are free. Tour tickets can be purchased at Melrose or in advance online at Recreation.gov.



Melrose Estate

## MDHS hosts a series of community events in Mississippi for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

*Mississippi Link Newswire*

The Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS), through its Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) will host a series of events in recognition of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). These events will highlight the importance of supporting older adults and educating the public on the prevention of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Observed annually on June 15, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day shines a light on the growing issue of elder abuse while encouraging individuals,



families and communities to play an active role in protecting older adults.

Elder abuse can take many forms, including physical abuse, emotional abuse, financial exploitation, neglect and

self-neglect. While the issue affects many communities nationwide, many cases often go unreported.

"Elder abuse often occurs behind closed doors, making it difficult to detect," said Ke-

nya Blake-Washington, Division Director of Aging and Adult Services at MDHS. "By bringing communities together through events like these, we can help people recognize the warning signs, understand how to report concerns and connect older individuals to the resources they need."

During this year's observance, MDHS Division of Aging and Adult Services and community partners hosted a Proclamation Signing by Mayor Macklyn Austin, June 8, 2025 at 2:00 P.M.

It was held at 305 Mike Espy Drive in Yazoo City, MS.

Two additional events will be held as follows:

WEAAD Celebration  
June 12, 2026, 10:00 a.m.  
Caring 4 You  
1580 MS 24  
Woodville, MS  
WEAAD Celebration  
June 15, 2026, 10:00 a.m.  
Pearl Senior Center  
110 Valentour Rd  
Pearl, MS 39208

If you suspect your loved one or someone you know is a victim of abuse reach out to Adult Protective Service at 844-437-6282. For more information about the Division of Aging and Adult Services, vis-

it <https://www.mdhs.ms.gov/aging/>.

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## New Green Card processing rules create fear and chaos in Immigrant Communities

*In Partnership with American Community Media – National Briefing Series*

By Christopher Young  
Contributing Writer

On May 21, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services issued a policy memo requiring immigrants seeking a green card — known as adjustment of status — to apply from their home countries, rather than within the US. The memo carves out some exceptions for applicants with “extraordinary circumstances,” but leaves such interpretations to the discretion of the consular officer. The policy has sown fear in the immigrant community, as many thousands contemplate leaving the U.S. to apply abroad. Those who have overstayed visas risk triggering a 10-year bar on re-entry.

Speakers this week discussed who is impacted by the new policy memo, including employment and family-based visa-holders, among others. Speakers also discussed the legality of the memo — which bypassed the normal rulemaking process, including a public comment period, and oversight by the Office of Management and Budget — and anticipated legal challenges to the policy.

American Community Media’s Health Editor and co-producer of the National Briefing Series, Sunita Sohrabji — who has received numerous local and national awards for journalism — moderated the discussion with three panelists and sixty media outlets. She began with Jeff Joseph, President of the American Immigration Lawyers



Jeff Joseph. PHOTO: [HTTPS://AILALACC.ORG](https://ailalacc.org)

Association. “The memo, in its title, mentions ‘extraordinary relief that permits applicants to dispense with the ordinary consular visa process.’ There is nothing extraordinary about adjustment of status. It includes eligibility and discretion. It is part of the existing statute, existing co-equally with consular processing.

Adjustment of status occurs inside the United States, while Consular Services exist outside the country.”

He continued, “The framing of the memo is important, it sends a signal to decision makers in a negative manner and that will cause harm. Asylees and refugees should not be subject to this memo. Special immigrant juveniles should not be subject to this memo. People who are adjusting their status



Julia Gelatt. PHOTO: MIGRATION POLICY INSTITUTE

in immigration Court should not be subject to this memo either. As to the legality of the memo, there are four exception provisions. Section 245 - C requires a perfect immigration history and has a big exception for family members. Section 245 - K provides for up to 180 days being out of status for employment-based immigrants prior to the filing of an adjustment of status. Section 245 - I provides for the payment of a \$1,000 penalty for illegal entry and then be forgiven. All of these are part of the statute and are legitimate and meant to be incorporated broadly by the agency. Further, the new memo conflicts with their own internal guidance.”

Julia Gelatt, Associate Director of the U.S. Immigration Policy Program at the

Migration Policy Institute, spoke about the effects on family members. “Every year hundreds of thousands get green cards through parents, spouse, or children. This memo casts doubt on whether this can continue. Some here on temporary visas, fiancé, work and student visas, and others are for tourists or temporary parolees — some come for one reason and then fall in love with an American citizen and marry, then get sponsored for a green card. The most difficult situation is for those who are now living in the United States without a current status. By shifting to Consular Processing, families will be separated and many will be challenged in getting back into the country. Do these consulates have a plan for the additional workload? People



Xiao Wang. PHOTO: [WWW.BOUNDLESS.COM](http://www.boundless.com)

have more rights inside the United States, and less outside the United States. We also have a travel ban in place affecting up to 91 countries, so if people have to leave, will they ever be able to return?”

Xiao Wang, Co-founder and CEO of Boundless Immigration, shared, “For multiple decades obtaining a green card from within the US has been the standard path for people to enter and stay in the US — there is nothing extraordinary about it. Unilateral reframing by UCIS, with no comment period, by this administration is very much open to legal challenges. It’s important to note how this will impact employers and employees — corporate planning. Huge numbers of people are here temporarily, while concurrently applying for permanent

residence. So much uncertainty is being created.”

He continues, “what impact will this have on American competitiveness? It creates confusion and serves as a dissuasion for those who want to create a life in the US. The whole concept of American leadership in the technology space will be threatened - 50% of leadership in the technology space is led by immigrants.” Alvin Galloway of The Alvin Galloway Show on KRDP radio in Phoenix AZ, asked if there has been blowback from businesses impacted by this memo. “Yes, the blowback has been significant and its still very new and so the pushback will grow over time.”

Sandra Martinez of Peninsula 360 Press asked what is most important to understand for immigrants and their families? Panelists responses included - immigrants and green card holders need to monitor this issue closely, always use legal representation, be prepared for additional questions when seeking extensions. Reporters were encouraged to get rid of the idea that this is extraordinary — tear down the narrative, be able to see through the panic and the fear and the inflation of this issue.

This entire briefing can be viewed at <https://americancommunitymedia.org/media-briefings/new-green-card-processing-rules-create-fear-and-chaos-in-immigrant-communities>.

## IN MEMORIAM: Peabo Bryson, Grammy-Winning R&B Balladeer, Dies at 75

Jacksonville Free Press

Peabo Bryson, the two-time Grammy Award-winning R&B singer whose powerful voice helped define romantic ballads and Disney movie classics, has died at age 75 after suffering a stroke, according to family members. Bryson passed away June 2 surrounded by family.

Over a career spanning more than five decades, Bryson became one of music’s most recognizable vocalists, earning acclaim for both his solo recordings and memorable duets. He won Grammy Awards for “Beauty and the Beast” with Celine Dion and “A Whole New World” with Regina Belle, songs that became signature hits and introduced his voice to

generations of listeners.

Born in Greenville, South Carolina, Bryson launched his recording career in the 1970s and went on to release more than 20 albums. He earned two Grammy Awards, eight Grammy nominations, five gold albums, 25 Top 20 singles and six No. 1 hits during his distinguished career.

Among his most popular recordings were “If Ever You’re in My Arms Again,” “Can You Stop the Rain,” “Feel the Fire,” and “Tonight, I Celebrate My Love,” his beloved duet with Roberta Flack. His smooth tenor voice and romantic style made him a staple of R&B and adult contemporary radio throughout the 1980s and

1990s.

Bryson’s greatest commercial success came through his Disney collaborations. “Beauty and the Beast” won a Grammy Award in 1993, while “A Whole New World” became the first song from an animated film to reach No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 and earned both Grammy and Academy Award honors.

Fans and fellow artists remembered Bryson as one of contemporary music’s premier male vocalists, whose rich voice and timeless recordings left an enduring mark on R&B, soul and popular music. His legacy lives on through a catalog of songs that continue to resonate with audiences around the world.



Peabo Bryson. PHOTO: @PEABOBRYSON2 ON INSTAGRAM.

## Danger on our streets: Echo News TV LLC examines NJ’s rising crisis of youth pedestrian and cyclist injuries

BlackPressUSA Newswire

Echo News TV LLC reports with growing concern on the alarming rise of pedestrian and bicyclist accidents across New Jersey—an unsettling trend underscored by two recent tragedies involving local youth.

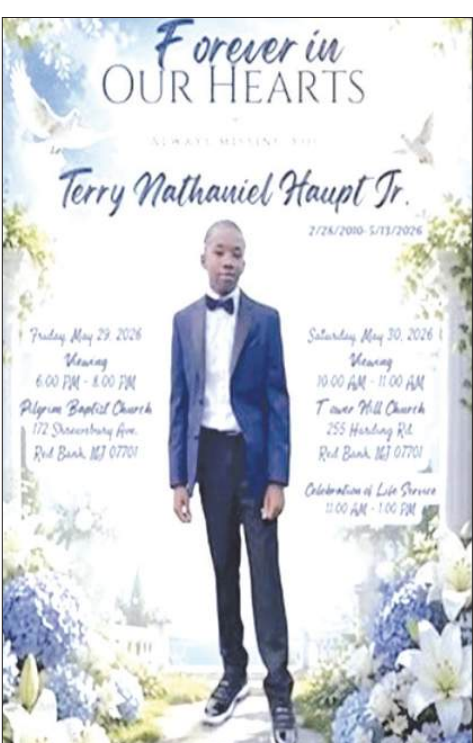
In Matawan, a young boy riding a BMXstyle bicycle was struck by a moving truck at the intersection of Broad Street and Route 34, according to reporting by Carly Baldwin of

the Middletown Patch. Police say the collision occurred at 4:35 P.M., and the child was rushed to the hospital in critical but stable condition. The driver remained at the scene, and the investigation—led by the Matawan Police Department, the Monmouth County Prosecutor’s Office, and the Serious Collision Analysis Response Team—remains active. Authorities have released no further details due to the victim’s age.

This incident comes less than a week after the heartbreaking case of Terry Haupt Jr., the 16-year-old studentathlete who was struck and killed by an NJ Transit train under circumstances that still trouble the community. Together, these events paint a sobering picture: New Jersey’s youth are increasingly vulnerable on roads, sidewalks, and public transit corridors.

Echo News TV LLC notes that these are not isolated accidents—they are

part of a broader pattern of rising collisions involving children and teens, raising urgent questions about traffic safety, infrastructure, driver awareness, and the systems meant to protect young lives. As families mourn, communities demand answers, and investigators continue their work, one truth becomes painfully clear: New Jersey must confront this crisis before another child is harmed.



## Historically Black Colleges and Universities have gained unprecedented popularity in today's higher education marketplace

By James B. Ewers Jr. Ed.D.  
President Emeritus  
Teen Mentoring Committee of Ohio



Education was always a staple in my neighborhood. Adults were encouraging us to do our best each day in school.

They wanted us to achieve more than they did. Early on and consistently, they made sure they passed that message on to us.

My parents played the most significant role in my thinking about education. Going to school as a child was where seeds of confidence were planted.

College was always in my future. I never thought otherwise. A college president lived on my

street and a college basketball coach lived around the corner from me in my hometown of Winston-Salem North Carolina. Two of my early role models were student-athletes in college.

The kids in my neighborhood were surrounded by higher education. We just did not know the impact that it would have. We knew a lot about Black colleges at an early age. At that time, they were not called Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Now many years later, HBCUs are spread out mostly in the southern part of the country. The acronym is a part of the African American culture. If you want to start a conversation with another African American, just mention HBCUs and you

will have a wonderful dialogue.

Those that have graduated from a Historically Black College and University are role models for those who aspire to matriculate at an HBCU. Passing the mantle of encouragement and hope is our responsibility and moral calling. To do less would dishonor those whose shoulders we stand on today.

Perseverance and dedicated involvement are characteristics we as alumni must have and practice. We must invigorate and inspire others to join us in this continuation of excellence.

Over the years, we have been a part of the HBCU collective. We share similar experiences, no matter what our school colors are. All of us would sit on

the block and tell stories until it was time for another class. Do you remember the dances in the union on Saturday night?

HBCUs have expanded their academic offerings as they have been shaped to align with today's market needs. Internships and study abroad programs have given students more opportunities for employment. Graduate studies have also given students alternatives to furthering their education.

Whenever we graduated from our HBCU, we never lost that feeling of accomplishment and pride. Our success in the world has been inextricably tied to being at an HBCU. That is a fact, and it is etched in our hearts and minds.

Many of us came in as shy

and reserved first year students. We were not sure exactly what to expect. We left as graduates equipped to take on the next chapter in our lives. For me, each year I became more self-assured. I was surrounded by teachers and a coach who pushed me each day. I will be forever grateful and thankful for the counseling, teaching and pep talks they gave me.

Graduates have powerful stories about their times on campus. They have been shared with family and friends. Laughter, smiles and tears of joy come out. This story telling is also an inspiration to those wanting to attend an HBCU.

If you went to an HBCU, you should go to your former high school and recruit some pro-

spective students. If you live in another area now, you should make the same visit. We are lifelong ambassadors for our schools.

There are 107 Historically Black Colleges and Universities according to confirmed reports. The oldest HBCU in the United States of America is Cheyney University of Pennsylvania. It was founded in 1837. Humble beginnings for HBCUs have given way to unimaginable successes. The chapters are still being written, and the testimonies are still being given.

Congratulations to the graduates in the 2026 class. Your pathways have been illuminated with history, commitment, and excellence.

## Reconciling Jackson and Jackson

By Ben Jealous  
People For the American Way



The party of Andrew Jackson has spent a decade running from him. It should keep the two things he got right.

I was 14 the first time I raised my hand to volunteer. I was short for my age. I had a bad stutter. The campaign was Jesse Jackson's, in 1988. They made me a precinct captain anyway.

Thirty years later, I was my state's Democratic nominee for governor.

So I have been active in this party most of my life. Long enough to love it. Long enough to fight it from the inside. Long enough to know it is named for a man whose plantation I will visit this Juneteenth.

Last week I wrote that I am going down to the Hermitage to help celebrate Black music. It was Andrew Jackson's plantation, outside Nashville. More than 300 men, women and children were enslaved there. The ground is sacred and it is stained. The man who made it was a proponent, and often an active participant, in nearly every vicious form of racism of his day.

For that reason the party he founded has spent the last decade distancing itself from him. Dinners renamed. I get it. As a former head of the NAACP, I will say it plainly: most of Andrew Jackson's legacy troubles me deeply.

And yet. His is the third most-visited presidential plantation in America. Presidents made the trip. In less than fully honest years, they came to pay hom-

age — to the man who founded a party to fight for working people.

He was wrong about almost everything that matters.

And yet, again. He was right about two things.

Working people deserve a party that will fight for them. And they deserve a party with the courage to take on the financial powers that strip-mine families and would wreck the American dream itself.

Those two convictions are the only true spine this party has ever had. They carried it through Franklin Roosevelt. They carried it through Lyndon Johnson. Both men had real sins. Roosevelt put Japanese American families behind barbed wire. Johnson sank us into Vietnam. And on those two things — the worker, and the powers arrayed against the worker — they held the line. The country was stronger for it.

Jesse Jackson spent his life on a single idea. That working people of every color belong in one coalition. He called it the Rainbow Coalition, and the name was the argument.

That is Andrew's principle, finished. Andrew fought for the working man and drew the circle around white men only. Jesse drew it around all of us. One Jackson started the fight. The other widened it to everyone Andrew left out.

They came for Jesse in 1984, and again in 1988. They came for Bernie Sanders in 2016, and again in 2020. Each time the offense was the same: a candidate who would not choose between fighting for working people and fighting the powers that prey on them. Like a lot of Democratic eco-

nomics populists since Johnson's day, I bear a few of those scars myself. It is never what happens to one candidate that matters. It is the pattern.

The pattern is a class of corporate consultants who hijacked the party of the working man and rented it back to the highest bidder. They poll-tested the conviction out of it. They taught it to fear its own base and court its own predators. They called this strategy. It was a sellout, and it lost.

We climbed the mountain on race — the work of generations, against fierce resistance, much of it our own. I gave my life to it. But somewhere on the way up, we let go of the ground we started from. Fighting for working people, and standing against the powers that prey on them, was not a plank. It was the cornerstone. Pull the cornerstone, and one day the house comes down. Rip the spine from a body, and it does not wait that long.

So where did the party lose its way? It strayed from the only two things the two Jacksons ever agreed on. That the American worker deserves a champion. That the greediest interests in this country deserve a foe.

That is the reconciliation I am after. Not of the men. The two Jacksons will never sit easy together, and they should not. It is the principles. Keep the two they shared. Finish the work the first one would not.

I will stand on that ground this Juneteenth. Sacred and stained. Named for a man I cannot celebrate, in a party I have not given up on.

*Ben Jealous is a professor of practice at the University of Pennsylvania and former president and CEO of the NAACP.*

## Do not let anything pull you apart

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



Soon after my husband proposed to me, he believes he heard God speak something distinctly to him while staying on college campus. My fiancé at the time (my husband) shared with me that God told him, do not let anyone or anything put asunder what I joined together. This chills my soul to this very moment because God gave a stern instruction, a stern warning. Furthermore, this chills me because it is scripture based as you will see below and it was a foreshadow of what would possibly come close to dismantling our marriage.

One of the most unforgettable joys of life is having the privilege of marrying your soulmate. The excitement of knowing that you are going to marry your soulmate before a judge, witness, and/or family and friends is almost incomprehensible. Both the groom and bride seem to gleam from eye to eye, grin from ear to ear as they exchange their vows of promise to remain married until death do them part. They anxiously wait to hear the announcement, "you can kiss your bride." The crowd of witnesses can feel love from the beginning of the beautiful and sacred ceremony to the end. The marriage has been officiated and now you and your soulmate get to hold hands and walk together as husband and wife. You can't wait to live life happily ever after together as one. But then day one begins, and it turns to one year, eight years, twelve years, nineteen years, twenty-four years, thirty-three years, etc. of highs and lows with your soulmate.

How do you avoid letting nothing pull you and your spouse apart? What do you do when the tough days occur in marriage? (this does not include any form of abuse — please prayerfully and carefully seek professional and appropriate help for matters like this — like Domestic Violence, reach out to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, local resources like Catholic Charities, Butterflies (Eva Jones).

Besides praying, you can reflect on the following scripture: Mark 10:9 state: "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

If God, (keep in mind. God didn't join every couple — this is a whole other article for another day) joined you together. God is talking to both spouses because only you as the spouses have the power to grant approval for allowing someone or something to pull the marriage apart. Let not, means for neither spouse to voluntarily give no one or nothing permission to put you asunder. Asunder in Greek means separate, apart, etc. when the chal-

lenging days come meditate on the following: God say, do not let anything or anyone pull part what He joined together! Yes, God says let not. Nevertheless, many are allowing the following to put their marriage asunder:

- Self — if I was in church, I would say one must learn to die to self — it's no longer me and I when you get married — can't be selfish and have a healthy, happy, and loving marriage
- The M&M's: Miscommunication, Misunderstanding, and Misinterpretations
- The past (childhood/previous relationships) — let it go and seek self-healing, self-love, etc.!
- Social Media
- Prioritizing Family/Friends — you didn't marry your family/friends
- Finances — must learn if one is ballin then both are ballin — you will have to decide what's best for you two — either have one joint account or have a joint account and individual accounts...don't make major purchases without the consent of your spouse
- Ineffective or no communication
- Infidelity (choosing turf over the real grass- remember, turf burns quicker — booty on the side is getting a lot of husbands in trouble and the extra beards/chests on the side, is getting a lot of wives in trouble — facts!)
- Emotional affairs
- Addictions — seek help today!
- Spouse abandonment/neglect — too many lonely spouses
- Children — be in unity — don't fight one another about your child/children especially in front of the child
- The list could go on and on

In conclusion, if you know that you are playing any role in pulling your marriage apart by any of the following above or something else — God plainly said in His Word, do not let anything or anyone pull your marriage apart— period! How do you avoid letting anything pull your marriage apart. You can do the following: invest in your marriage, be intentional about having a good marriage, love your spouse unconditional, forgive quick, spend quality time with each other, hold each other accountable, be patient, show grace/empathy, remember neither of you are perfect, heal the hurts and offenses, and fight for your marriage daily! And let nothing pull you apart!

Contact Dr. LaShunda Calvert for speaking engagements (Motivational, Ministering, Marriage Counseling, MarriageWorkshops, Marriage Seminars, Marriage Conferences, etc.) on: Instagram: [letsstay2gether4ever](#) (Dr. LaShunda Calvert) Facebook: [Dr. LaShunda Calvert](#) Email: [letsstaytogether4eva@gmail.com](mailto:letsstaytogether4eva@gmail.com) Contact # 601-596-2528

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### LEGAL

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

Sealed, signed statements of qualifications are invited and will be received by the City of Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. in the City Clerk's Office of Jackson. The submission must be stamped in by 3:30 P.M. Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at which time said submissions will be publicly opened at the City Hall located at 219 South President Street (City Council Chambers) in City Hall for the following:

RFQ #: 95860-071426 Efficiency Services Program

For the City of Jackson, Mississippi

BIDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT WWW.JACKSONMSBIDS.COM

A pre-bid conference will be held at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, June 24, 2026, in the Andrew Conference Room on the 1st Floor of the Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.

The above must comply with the City's specifications. Copies of bid specifications are filed with the City Clerk for public record in accordance with House Bill No 999, 1986 Regular Session of the Mississippi Legislature.

Electronic submissions may be submitted in lieu of sealed submissions by the deadline listed above at the following site: [www.jacksonmsbids.com](http://www.jacksonmsbids.com).

The City reserves the right to reject any and all submissions. The City also reserves the right to waive any and all informalities in respect to any submission submitted. Evaluation and selection will be made in accordance with the RFQ evaluation criteria, and the City will select the responding firm deemed most qualified and providing the greatest value for this Energy Performance Contracting program.

Monica Oliver, Manager  
Purchasing Division  
(601) 960-1028/1025

6/4/2026, 6/11/2026, 6/18/2026

### LEGAL

#### 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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:

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Frank Jones Law Office  
1010 N. West Street  
Jackson, MS 39202  
Tel: (769) 251-0207  
Fax: (601) 608-7872

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### LEGAL

#### NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi before 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026, for the purchase of certain City-owned property: parcel 70-79, located on 218 E. Cohea Street in Jackson, Mississippi. Bidding for the property will start at \$500.00. The City will retain all mineral rights it owns, together with the right of ingress and egress to remove same from said property. For additional information or for a "bid form", contact Vic Sexton at (601) 960 1055 or e-mail [vsexton@city.jackson.ms.us](mailto:vsexton@city.jackson.ms.us).

**BID INSTRUCTIONS:** All bids must be placed in a sealed envelope and delivered to the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, (located in City Hall at 219 S. President St. Jackson, Mississippi 39201), or submitted through PH Bidding Group [bid@phbidding.com](mailto:bid@phbidding.com). If submitted to the City Clerk, the outside of the envelope must be plainly marked to identify the parcel number being bid on, along with the bidder's name. Enclose one (1) original and one (1) copy of the bid. Bids will be opened on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

Preferential preference will be granted to all equivalent high bidders that submitted an application to the Surplus Property Committee. If multiple equivalent high bidders submitted applications, a re-bid process utilizing the Best and Final Offer (BAFO) between those bidders will be granted to determine a winner. If multiple equivalent high bidders persist after BAFO, the re-bid process will be repeated, if necessary, until a sole high bidder is certified.

If multiple equivalent high bidders did not submit applications to the Surplus Property Committee, a re-bid process utilizing the Best and Final Offer (BAFO) between those bidders will be granted to determine a winner. If multiple equivalent high bidders persist after BAFO, the re-bid process will be repeated, if necessary, until a sole high bidder is certified.

If multiple equivalent high bidders consist of, one equivalent high bidder that submitted an application to the Surplus Property Committee and the other equivalent high bidder(s) that did not submit an application to the Surplus Property Committee, preferential preference will be granted to the bidder that submitted an application to the Surplus Property Committee.

City reserves the right to reject any and all bids  
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

6/4/2026, 6/11/2026, 6/18/2026

### LEGAL

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

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM WILSON, DECEASED

CAUSE NO: P2026-153 T/1

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 William Wilson, 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

*Ann James*  
Ann James, Executrix

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HINDS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named, Ann James, Administrator for the Estate of William Wilson 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*  
Ann James

*Ali M. Shamsiddeen*  
NOTARY

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6/11/2026, 6/18/2026, 6/25/2026

### LEGAL

#### NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY CITY OF JACKSON

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi before 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026, for the purchase of certain City-owned property: parcel 110-24, located on Amite Street in Jackson, Mississippi. Bidding for the property will start at \$500.00. The City will retain all mineral rights it owns, together with the right of ingress and egress to remove same from said property. For additional information or for a "bid form", contact Vic Sexton at (601) 960 1055 or e-mail [vsexton@city.jackson.ms.us](mailto:vsexton@city.jackson.ms.us).

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City reserves the right to reject any and all bids  
CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

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### LEGAL

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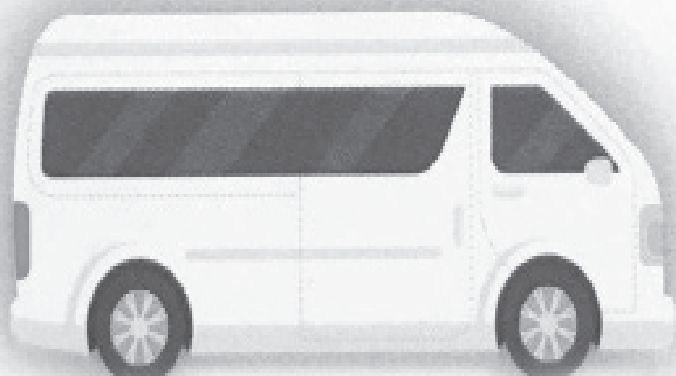
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To all interested parties, known and unknown, Pursuant to the MS State Code of 1972, Section 21-39-21, the City of Jackson, Mississippi, will sell at Public Auction, the impounded, abandoned, lost, stolen, or misplaced motor vehicles and equipment 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 June 23 at 10:00 am

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

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Hinds Country Chancery Court Building  
Jackson City Hall/City Clerk's Office" (6/3/2026)

- 8840082 • 2005/ TOYOTA/OTHER/BLUE • JTLKT324550205665
- 8840245 • 2008/INFINITI/G37/ BLACK • JNKCV64E08M131245
- 8840322 • 2016/FORD/EDGE/ WHITE • 2FMPK3J98GBB78895
- 8840515 • 2003/GMC/ENVOY/ GOLD • 1GKDS13S32156383
- 8841207 • 2006/ NISSAN/ALTIMA/RED • 1N4BL11D86N364739
- 8843516 • 2003/FORD/ CROWN VICT/WHITE • 2FAFP73W33X123401
- 8843609 • 2009/LAND ROVER/ RANGE ROVER SPORT/WHITE • SALS25469A207115
- 8843742 • 2002/FORD/F150/ WHITE • 1FTRF18272NA76242
- 8844896 • 2012/ACURA/TL/ BLACK • 19UUA8F55CA034581
- 8844924 • 2005/GMC/ENVOY/ BLACK • 1GKDS13S652128404
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- 8847272 • 2021/CHEVROLET/ MALIBU/WHITE • 1G1ZD5ST7MF032598
- 8847284 • 2011/NISSAN/ MAXIMA/BLACK • 1N4AA5AP8BC805939
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- 8847466 • 2004/CHEVROLET/ MALIBU/WHITE • 1G1ZT548X4F211410
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- 8848080 • 2000/TOYOTA/ AVALON/GREEN • 4T1BF28B5YU046481
- 8848091 • 2016/HONDA/ ACCORD/WHITE • 1HGCR2F87GA245234
- 8848106 • 2007/HONDA/ ACCORD/GRAY • 1HGCM56747A114477
- 8848119 • 2018/CHEVROLET/ IMPALA/BLUE • 2G1105S30J9104223
- 8848202 • 2011/KIA/FORTE/ RED • KNAFU4A25B5366819
- 8848203 • 2004/VOLVO/S80/ WHITE • YV1TS91Z941341285
- 8848306 • 2017/NISSAN/ MAXIMA/BLACK • 1N4AA6AP7HC419897
- 8848351 • 2000/NISSAN/ MAXIMA/BLACK • JN1CA31D1YT760884
- 8848354 • 2013/NISSAN/ PATHFINDER/GRAY • 5N1AR2MM1DC679313
- 8848357 • 2018/JEEP/ COMPASS/BLACK • 3C4NJDBB4JT161173
- 8848393 • 2013/HYUNDAI/ ELANTRA/BLACK • 5NPDH4AE4DH223162
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- 8848512 • 2016/FORD/ MUSTANG/SILVER • 1FATP8UH9G5280172
- 8848521 • 2025/TOYOTA/ CAMRY/BLACK • 4T1DAACK0SU501432
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- 8848581 • 2008/HONDA/ ACCORD/BLUE • 1HGCP26498A026845
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- 8855209 • 2006/NISSAN/ ALTIMA/MULTI-COLOR • 1N4AL11D56N458170
- 8855540 • 2001/KIA/SPECTRA/ RED • KNAFB161415012812
- 8855731 • 2020/KIA/RIO/MULTI- COLOR • 3KPA24AD2LE315904
- 8855734 • 2021/ INFINITI/Q50/OTHER • JN1EV7BR4MM754080
- 8858476 • 2015/ CHEVROLET/MALIBU/RED • 1G11C5SLXFF293517
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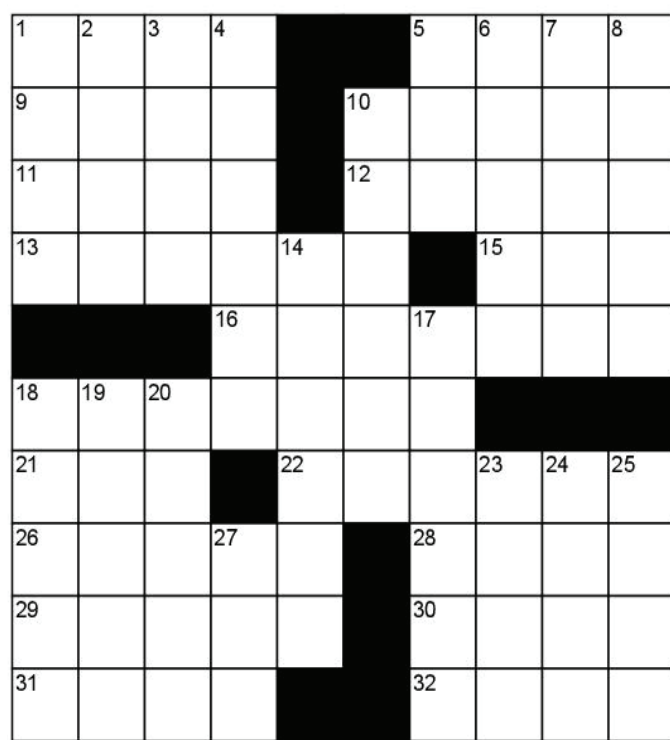
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## Are you a 'Spectator Christian?'

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



Let me just get this out of the way: I want the San Antonio Spurs to beat the New York Knicks and win the NBA championship. As someone who has deep roots in San Antonio including having graduated from high school and college there, I am loyal to my San Antonio Spurs. At the time I am writing this, they have lost the first two games of the series to the Knicks and there is a chance they may get swept in four games, but I am holding out hope and praying!! Between the FIFA World Cup games starting in a few days and the NBA finals currently taking place, now is a great time to be a sports fan. Because of the popularity of soccer and basketball, both the World Cup and the NBA Finals have people eagerly antici-

pating the games.

The next few weeks will be full of watching parties for both sports with a mix of die-hard fans and those who just enjoy the experience of connecting with other sports fans. Some will cheer for their favorite team and be willing to fight on their behalf. Others will spend lots of money buying team jerseys, t-shirts, etc to show their loyalty. I have to admit that as someone who does not consider herself a big sports fan, I'm even getting a little excited about both. There is one thing that connects the die-hards and mildly interested: we are all spectators. No matter how much we jump, pump our fists, yell at the tv screens or shout in the stands, we are still just spectators. Some will say that watching the game is just like being on the soccer field and being on the basketball court. I hate to break it to you but it's not.

I'm not saying that watch-

ing the game isn't exciting or an adrenaline rush, but it is different from actually participating by playing. It is a form of participation, but it is passive participation no matter how loud you yell for your team.

As Christians, we have the same problem of being spectator Christians. We may attend church, usher or even sing in choir but you can do all of that and still be a spectator Christian, one who does not act on what he or she hears. James 1:22-24 (Message) says, "Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear!" Part of the opportunities that come with our Christian journey is that we can do like this scripture encourages us to do and act on what we hear and not just passively hear God's word and still live the same without any spiritual growth. It

is like us watching the World Cup or NBA final games but not changing our levels of physical activity.

But once we decide to become more physically active, we benefit physically and emotionally. The same thing happens when we decide to act on what we hear in God's word: we grow and ultimately, change our world and the world around us.

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## 'Pray and stay' is still hurting Black women in church

By Rev. Dorothy S. Boulware  
Word in Black

The Rev. Dr. Thema Bryant, a clinical psychologist and ordained minister, says progress is real but uneven. "Churches have shown growth in attention, training, and sensitivity," she says, "but some congregations still exhibit sexism and victim blaming."

For survivors, she says, awareness without action can feel like abandonment. "It's not enough to share brochures or teaching scripts — survivors must be convinced, beyond all doubt, that the abuse is not their fault."

That gap matters most for Black women, who are often expected to carry faith, family and community on their backs at once. In church spaces that prize endurance and unity, support can blur into pressure to stay, forgive and keep silent — even when safety is at risk.

Bryant says closing that gap starts with culture. "Remove the stigma around divorce," she says, noting that shame keeps many women from seeking safety.

It also requires a more honest use of scripture. Biblical narratives can model accountability and define repentance as change, not apology, but those same texts have been used to justify submission and silence.

Church leaders, she says, must confront those distortions directly. Safety is not a lack of faith, and protecting life must take precedence over preserving appearances.

What follows is a conversation with Bryant about what the Black church.

**Word in Black:** How should churches engage men and boys in prevention?

Thema Bryant: It is so important for churches to teach men and boys what loving looks like, that gentleness and care can be and must be very masculine traits. So the idea where what is often just promoted is the way you love is by being in charge.

And if we look at the model of Jesus — how he was with people — it is centered in compassion. It is centered in tenderness. It is centered in being able to listen and not just speak. We often teach relational skills to girls and women. And men are taught to just be the silent type, or if they're not silent, to kind of rule and reign and dominate.

But those aren't relationship skills. If boys and men are just taught, 'You're the head, you're the boss, you decide, you get to choose, and they have to obey you no matter what,' that's not a way to be in a relationship.

**WIB:** You say that on the prevention side. What about the inter-



A theologian, trained counselor and advocate, the Rev. Dr. Thema Bryant

vention side?

Bryant: Pastors should be careful not to promote the idea that the woman should be better at submitting, as if to say the violence is her fault. And not to pray one time and send home.

**WIB:** The survivor often tells the pastor first. What's the appropriate reaction?

Bryant: The first thing we say is to respond with belief and to communicate clearly that no one deserves abuse, violence or mistreatment, and to appreciate them for trusting you enough to share their story with you.

**WIB:** What are the inappropriate things we do?

Bryant: The "don't's" are responses like, "He wouldn't do that. That automatically blames the victim. Or the big one is asking the victim, "Well, what did you do?" — as if there's any answer a person could give that would justify abuse.

**WIB:** Is it OK to suggest leaving?

Bryant: Not really. If the leaving is not coming from the survivor, it's not in her heart to do it, and she's more likely to return in those circumstances.

**WIB:** What else should we know about people's choice to leave?

Bryant: Besides fear, there's love. And we say it's unconditional. And combined with the love is the hope: "I don't want to leave them. I just want the violence to stop." And then little things will give them hope.

Sometimes you have an offender who does apologize, and they're sorry, it'll never happen again. And then there's that honeymoon period where they treat you nice again.

So love, hope, fear, and then some people are like, "I promised God, so I'm never leaving, right? No matter what, I made a vow to God, and I'm not going to break my vow to God." So, you know, that's why we have to hear where people are, but also to have them to even imagine what life would look like.

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# Are nonstick pans safe for our health? What every household should know

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Nonstick pans are in almost every kitchen. They make cooking easier, cleanup faster and food less likely to burn. Many of us use them every day for eggs, pancakes, fish and vegetables. But over the years, people have asked an important question, Are nonstick pans safe for our health?

The short answer is that modern nonstick pans are safer than older versions, but there are still things you should know about how they are made, how they break down and how to use them safely. Understanding these details helps families make smart choices, especially older adults, people with chronic health conditions and households trying to reduce chemical exposure.

Most nonstick pans are coated with a material called Teflon, which is the brand name for a chemical known as PTFE. PTFE is a slippery coating that keeps food from sticking to the pan. When used correctly, PTFE itself is considered stable and safe.

The concern comes from what happens when the pan gets too hot or when the coating becomes scratched or damaged.

For many years, nonstick pans were made using a chemical called PFOA. This chemical was used in the manufacturing process, not in the final coating, but small amounts could remain. PFOA has been linked to health problems such as:

- High cholesterol
- Thyroid issues
- Kidney and testicular cancer
- Immune system changes

Because of these risks, PFOA was phased out in the United States by 2015. Today, new nonstick pans sold in stores are PFOA-free.

However, many households still have older pans that may have been made before the phaseout. Some families also buy used cookware from thrift stores, yard sales or relatives. That means older pans may still be in circulation.

Most experts say that modern nonstick pans are safe when used properly. PTFE, the coating used today, is not known to cause cancer or longterm health problems when the pan is used at normal cooking temperatures.

But there are two important warnings:



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1. Overheating the pan can release fumes

When a nonstick pan is heated above 500°F, the coating can start to break down. At around 600°F, it can release fumes that may cause “polymer fume fever,” a temporary flulike illness in humans. Symptoms may include:

- Headache
- Chills
- Fever
- Cough

These symptoms usually go away within a day or two. However, birds are extremely sensitive to these fumes and can die from exposure. This is why bird owners are often told to avoid nonstick

cookware.

2. Scratched or peeling pans can release small flakes

If the coating is scratched, chipped or peeling, tiny pieces can mix with your food. These flakes are not believed to be toxic, but they are not something you want to eat. A damaged pan also breaks down faster when heated.

While nonstick pans are generally safe, some groups may want to be extra cautious:

Older adults

As we age, our bodies become more sensitive to chemicals and fumes. Many older adults also cook daily, which increases exposure.

People with asthma or breathing problems

Fumes from overheated pans can irritate the lungs.

Families with young children  
Children absorb more of what they breathe and eat.

People with chronic illnesses  
Those with weakened immune systems or kidney problems may want to reduce chemical exposure where possible.

Bird owners

Birds should never be kept in or near a kitchen with nonstick cookware.

You do not need to throw away your nonstick pans. Instead, follow these simple steps to reduce risk:

- Cook on low or medium heat. Most everyday cooking does not require high heat.
- Never preheat an empty pan. An empty pan can reach 500°F in just a few minutes.
- Use wooden or silicone utensils. Metal utensils scratch the coating.
- Replace pans when the coating is damaged. If it is peeling, flaking or deeply scratched, it is time for a new one.
- Do not broil food in a nonstick pan. Broilers reach extremely high temperatures.
- Avoid aerosol cooking sprays. They can leave a sticky buildup that damages the coating.
- Wash gently. Use a soft sponge instead of steel wool.

These small habits can extend the life of your pan and protect your health.

Many families are switching to other types of cookware. Each option has benefits and tradeoffs.

Stainless steel

- Durable and longlasting
- No chemical coating
- Great for browning and searing
- Food may stick if the pan is not heated properly

Cast iron

- Naturally nonstick when seasoned
  - Very durable
  - Adds a small amount of iron to food, which can be helpful
  - Heavy and requires maintenance
- Ceramic-coated pans
- Marketed as “nontoxic”
  - Easy to clean
  - Coating can wear down faster than PTFE
- Carbon steel

- Similar to cast iron but lighter
- Becomes nonstick with seasoning
- Requires care to prevent rust

No pan is perfect. The best choice depends on your cooking style, your health needs and how much maintenance you are willing to do.

In recent years, people have become more aware of PFAS, a large group of chemicals that includes PFOA. These chemicals are sometimes called “forever chemicals” because they do not break down easily in the environment.

Some nonstick coatings may contain other types of PFAS, even if they are labeled “PFOA-free.” Scientists are still studying whether these newer chemicals pose health risks. Because of this uncertainty, many health experts recommend reducing exposure when possible.

This does not mean you must stop using nonstick pans. It simply means you should use them wisely and consider mixing in other types of cookware.

Here are simple ways to protect your health without giving up convenience:

- Use nonstick pans for eggs, pancakes, and delicate foods.
- Use stainless steel or cast iron for highheat cooking.
- Keep your kitchen wellventilated.
- Replace old pans, especially those made before 2015.
- Avoid buying used nonstick cookware.

These steps help reduce exposure to chemicals while still allowing you to enjoy easy cooking.

Remember nonstick pans can be safe when used correctly. The biggest risks come from overheating and damaged coatings. Modern pans are safer than older ones, but no cookware is completely riskfree. The key is to understand how the materials behave and to make smart choices in the kitchen.

For many households, especially older adults, people with chronic conditions and families trying to reduce chemical exposure, mixing nonstick pans with stainless steel, cast iron or ceramic cookware is a practical and healthy approach.

Good health often comes from small, everyday decisions. Choosing the right pan and using it safely is one of those decisions that can protect your home, your meals, and your longterm wellbeing.

# Follow safeguards to ensure your medications are safe and effective

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Many people live longer and with better quality today because of the medications they take. But medications can also be dangerous if not taken correctly. That’s especially true for older adults, according to experts.

Grant Tarbox, a senior executive medical director at HealthSpring, said the following are some issues older adults could face with their medications, along with some important safeguards.

Adverse drug interactions. According to research published in JAMA Internal Medicine, about four out of every 10 older adults take five or more medications, which has tripled from two decades ago. Two of every 10 seniors take 10 or more prescription drugs. Taking so many prescriptions can lead to adverse drug reactions or even unintentional overdose.

Safeguard: Meet with a doctor or pharmacist to ensure all your prescriptions are clinically necessary. When reviewing your medicines, make sure to



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include any over-the-counter medications or herbal supplements you’re taking.

Neglecting needed prescriptions. When you take multiple medications, tracking them all can be difficult. Your doctor has prescribed your drugs for a reason and it’s important to

take them as prescribed, particularly maintenance medications, such as blood pressure or cholesterol drugs.

Safeguard: If you are having trouble remembering to take your prescriptions, a pill box or digital reminder could help. If cost is an issue, there

are prescription drug plans and patient assistance programs available to help.

Taking potentially risky drugs. As you get older, your body may process medications differently. As a result, some drug classes, such as benzodiazepines, certain antidepressants and some NSAIDs, may

pose risks that outweigh their benefits. One potential risk, for instance, is the risk of a dangerous fall.

Safeguard: Talk to your doctor or pharmacist about identifying appropriate prescriptions for you, given your age. Options could include a lower dosage or shorter prescription duration. Of course, it’s also always a good idea to fall-proof your home.

Navigating changing care settings. Adverse drug events often occur following hospitalization. Many of these events could be avoided.

Safeguard: Always meet with your doctor or pharmacist shortly after a hospital discharge to conduct a “medication reconciliation” in which any newly prescribed medications are reconciled with existing prescriptions. This will help prevent medication errors, such as omissions, duplications, dosing errors or drug interactions.

A final note: Even if you have a trusted physician lead-

ing your care team, it’s important to educate yourself. If you don’t understand your medication regimen, ask questions.

If you are having side effects, tell your doctor about them. Also, bring a friend or family member to your appointments to help you remember key instructions.

“We are fortunate to live in a time when we have a multitude of medications available to help us live healthier lives by controlling our blood sugar, lowering our blood pressure or curing infections,” Tarbox said. “However, it’s important we stay engaged with our prescriptions and don’t lose sight of any potential risk factors.”

The information contained in this article is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Always seek the advice of your physician or other qualified health care provider with any questions you may have regarding a medical condition or treatment and before undertaking a new health care regimen.

## SheShe's Snack Shop is Poppin' in Clinton

*Now in year two, SheShe's Snack Shop - 'where comfort meets convenience.'*

By Christopher Young  
Contributing Writer

Now celebrating one full year in operation, SheShe's Snack Shop is located at 2601 S. Frontage Road in Clinton, Mississippi, just across the parking lot from the historic Dick's Place, the 2nd oldest juke joint in Mississippi – in continuous operation since 1949. SheShe's not only fills a void at the bottom of Clinton and northern part of Bolton, Mississippi for snacks and home-cooked food, she brings a spirit of warmth and hospitality making visitors feel like family.

After substantial renovation of the space, SheShe's held a Grand Opening May 31, 2025, with a community fish fry, and has never stopped. Sheila Cheatham Johnson says it was a natural fit and she is very pleased with her decision. "I retired in 2024 after 34 years with Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission as a Risk Team Leader, and it didn't take long before I was bored. I've been cooking my whole life, always cooking daily at home, calling family and friends to come over and get some food – I just have a deep love for cooking and fellowshiping. When my husband told me this space was available, I went and took a look and said no way. Then when he told me he could renovate it to my liking, everything changed."

It's impossible to list all of the goodies, essentials, and items she keeps in stock – saving community members a lengthy drive to bigger stores. But beyond the basics, it's her Blue Plates on Wednesdays and Sundays that are really selling – probably the same price you would pay at much larger restaurants, but this is home



SheShe's Snack Shop exterior.



Interior freezer, coolers, and shelving.



Interior seating and entertainment area.



Lifesize SheShe poster and SheShe herself, Sheila Cheatham Johnson posing in the service window. PHOTOS: CHRISTOPHER YOUNG

cooking. Sheila and her staff of seven – mostly family – put their foot right in it, just the way she learned as a young girl. "Chitterlings are a huge hit on my Blue-Plate days, which will be expanding, but our regular menu sells good too."

The regular menu has burger plates, fish plates (Catfish & Pan Trout), Wing Plates, sandwiches like creamy grilled cheese, Red Rose sausage, Bologna, Turkey burgers, Pork Chop, Po-Boys, and even egg rolls. Sides of corn nuggets, onion rings, fried

green tomatoes, okra, and salad are available, and of course any kind of drink you desire – water, juice, coffee, soda, beer, and select wine coolers.

Different forms of entertainment have arrived at SheShe's, which stays open from 10AM seven days a week, and often stays open until 10PM. Several vocalists with small bands have played at SheShe's, which always packs the house. Karaoke Night has now started on First Fridays. You can often hear that familiar smack of the Domi-

nos at one table in the back of the store; just under a huge flat screen usually playing R&B/Blues or Southern Soul videos.

Community hub comes to mind when thinking of SheShe's. Last month a remembrance and balloon release was held there for a local favorite – Andy Sanders – who had succumbed to injuries following a four-wheeler accident the day before Mother's Day. It was the perfect fit.

SheShe's has hosted brunch on several occasions, in honor

of community members. Donations are accepted, but this becomes another example of her serving the community.

Heading into her second year in operation, you know I had to ask – with her face aglow she said "It has really exceeded my expectations. It's so much work but there are so many rewards. I'm learning all the people in a different way, bonds are being created, there is a true sense of community, so many good friends, and some I have come to truly love. And my staff is

so cohesive, easy to work with, we've created a home here – like the saying goes, 'passion for the teamwork makes the dream work.' I always think of my mother, Laura Mae Cheatham. She was one of the very first cooks at Dick's Place. I am honored, not only to be walking in her footsteps, but also cooking some of the recipes I learned from her."

Come on down and check it out, South Frontage Road at the bottom of Clinton, Exit 31 - Norrell Road off I-20 West!

## SBA celebrates Small Businesses in Mississippi at Awards Luncheon

By Jackie Hampton  
Publisher

The 2026 Mississippi Small Business Awards luncheon was held Thursday, May 28, 2026, at the MS e-Center, 1230 Raymond Road in recognition of Small Business Week.

The luncheon, hosted by the SBA District office, started at noon with welcome and opening comments by Derek Eady, Economic Development Specialist, SBA MS District office. After which, greetings were extended by Robert Coffey, Acting District Director, SBA MS District office followed by Kelly Loefler, Administrator, SBA Headquarters, Washington DC.

Virtual greetings came from U.S. Congressman Bennie G. Thompson, 2nd District, Roger F. Wicker, U.S. Senator, and Governor Tate Reeves.

Elise Hillman gave an overview of disaster recovery. She shared when disaster strikes, the SBA provides low-interest



(L-R) Greg Phillips – Co-Founder, Beaver Creek Distillery - Rural Small Business of the Year; Michelle Thompson, Communications Specialist, MS SBDC (Nominator); Geneva Dummer, Founder, The Meeting Place – Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year; James Barnes, VBOC and Boots to Business Revenue Readiness – Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year; Mark Scott, Director of Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC) (Nominator); Ameka Coleman, Founder & CEO, Strands of Faith, Small Business Person of the Year; Tony Cambass, Manager of International Trade, MS SBDC (Nominator); Stephanie Vivians, Founder, Myriad Engineering Solutions, LLC – Woman Owned Small Business of the Year; Vera Hall, Owner, Innovative Performance Construction (Nominator)

disaster loans to help businesses recover from declared disasters. The 2026 Small Business-

person of the Year was Ameka Coleman Founder and CEO of Strands of Faith, in Pearl, Mis-

issippi. Coleman is a visionary entrepreneur, scientist and an advocate dedicated to ending

global texurism and promoting self-love through inclusive beauty solutions. Most recently, Strands of Faith secured a major contract to provide inclusive hair care solutions to hospitals nationwide. The brand has also received national recognition from People Magazine, Essence and earned the grand prize at the 2024 Good Soil Seed Pitch Competition. Reflecting of the recognition, Coleman shared, "Being recognized as the Mississippi Small Businessperson of the Year is both humbling and deeply meaningful to me. As a first-generation founder, this journey has required resilience, faith, sacrifice, and an unwavering belief in my vision even during difficult times."

Other Small Business Week Winners included Financial Services Champion, Christopher Estrade, Hancock Whitney Bank, Gulfport, MS; Rural Small Business of the Year, Rhonda and Greg Phil-

lips, Beaver Creek Botanicals, LLC, Greenwood, MS; Veterans Small Business Champion, Dr. James N. Barnes, Ext. Professor & Director, MS State University; Veteran-Owned Small Business of the Year, Geneva M. Dummer, The Meeting Place, Biloxi, MS; and Woman-Owned Small Business of the Year, Stephanie Sago Vivians, Myriad Engineering Solutions, Jackson, MS.

An overview of Lender Awards was given by Rhonda Fisher, and Rosetta G. Harris, both of SBA MS District Office. The Top 2025 Lenders were Platinum Volume & Silver Dollar Lender, Community Bank; Silver Volume and Diamond Dollar Lender, Live Oak Banking Company, Bronze Volume Lender, Trustmark Bank; Platinum Dollar Lender Cadence/Huntington National Bank; Gold Dollar Lender, Renasant Bank and Bronze Dollar Lender, First Financial Bank.





## BOOK REVIEW: BOOKS FOR FATHER'S DAY FOR KIDS

BY VARIOUS AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS  
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
Columnist

Good old Dad.

He's there for you every day, playing with you, tucking you into bed, teaching you to do funny things, helping you. He and Grandpa, they're the greatest - and this month, it's time to read books about the Dads and Father-figures in your life...

Who's your best buddy? You'd probably say that your Papa is, and in "Dear Dad," illustrated by Natalie Lundeen (Flamingo Books, \$9.99), you'll

read a love letter to one youngster's father, a gator who is the little guy's "favorite dude."

This is a quick, colorful, adorable, fast-to-read story that's full of love and appreciation for fathers, and it's not just for preschool kiddoes, ages 3-to-5. If you're an adult, it would be a heart-felt, tear-jerker of a gift for your Dad or Grandpa, too.

For the child who loves doing things with Pop, then "Haircut Day with Dad" by Monica Mikai (Crown, \$18.99) is a book they'll want.

Yep, it's time: his hair has grown a little shaggy and a little boy needs a haircut. He and Dad want to look good, so they head to the barber shop to make sure they do. It's an day well-spent, too, and breakfast is first, because you can't have a haircut on an empty stomach.

At the barber shop, the usual barbers are working and Dad sees some of his friends. They "settle in and wait" for their turn. Barbers are like magicians, and the boy and his dad feel like kings with capes around

their necks. Pretty soon, they're looking "fly," which is what you should do: fly out and find this adorable book just for boys ages 5-to-8.

Okay, but what if you don't have a dad? Or he's not the dad you want? Then "Just Right" by Torrey Maldonado, illustrated by Teresa Martinez (Nancy Paulsen Books, \$18.99) is exactly the book you want.

Toby is sad. He picked out a special pair of socks for his Dad as a gift, but his father kind of ignored him. The socks were just

another pair of socks to him, and Ma said that wasn't right. Neither was a nearby playground that was forever under construction, or the broken glass on his neighborhood's sidewalks, or the dirt or the noise outside his door.

None of that is right, not at all. But you know what was right? His mother's brother, his Uncle, who loves Toby so very obviously, and makes him feel special and exactly, a hundred-percent right.

And that's what you'll think

about this moving book: it's what you want for your 4-to-9-year old, especially if there's no dad or grandfather in the picture this Father's Day.

If your child wants more books about Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, or any other special man in their life, then head to your favorite library or bookstore and ask for help. The staff there will steer you toward the exact books you want for kids of any age and any situation, for birthday, Father's Day, or every day of the year.



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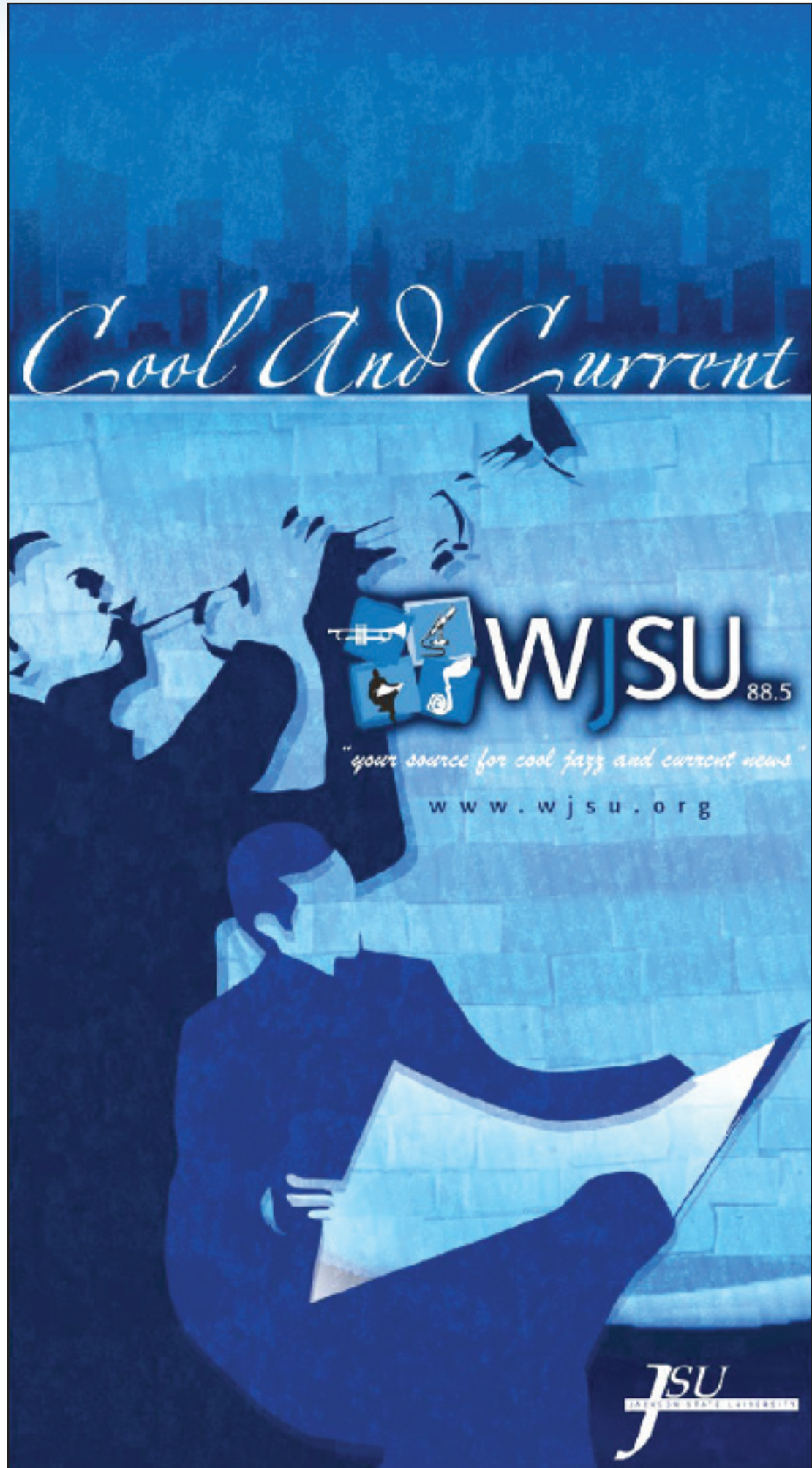
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# HINDS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT WEEKLY UPDATE

## Bolton-Edwards Elementary Middle School Splash Bash Field Day

Bolton-Edwards Elementary Middle School recently hosted a Splash Bash Field Day, bringing together students, families, staff, and community partners for a day of celebration recognizing student achievement, growth, and perseverance throughout the school year.

The event featured water activities, games, music, food, and opportunities for students to celebrate the successful completion of another academic year. The celebration highlighted the school's commitment to creating positive school experiences while strengthening relationships between the school and community stakeholders.

One of the most notable accomplishments celebrated during the event was the academic success of the school's third-grade students. Bolton-Edwards proudly announced that seventy-five percent of third graders passed the state reading assessment on their first attempt, marking a significant achievement for students and staff alike.

Principal Zackery Hodge expressed pride in the students' accomplishments and gratitude for the support that made the event possible. "Splash Bash was more than just a field day," said Hodge. "It was an opportunity to celebrate the resilience, hard work, and determination our students have shown all year long. We are especially proud of our third graders for their outstanding success on the reading assessment."

The school also recognized the generous support of community sponsors who helped make the event possible. Special appreciation was extended to United Way Capital Area for its sponsorship, and Marcus Wallace of M.A.C. and Associates, LLC for their continued investment in supporting local schools and students.

"Community partnerships play a major role in the success of our students," Hodge added. "We are thankful for organizations like United Way-Capital Area, M.A.C. and Associates, LLC., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health Center, and NCNW for pouring into our children and our community."

Bolton-Edwards Elementary Middle School continues to focus on academic excellence, student engagement, and meaningful community collaboration as it prepares for continued growth and success in the upcoming school year.



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