

‘Wake Up Everybody!’ This song still resonates in Black Music Month 2026



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Wake up, everybody, No more sleepin' in bed
No more backward thinkin'.
Time for thinkin' ahead
The world has changed so very much from what it used to be.
There is so much hatred, war and poverty.
The world won't get no better If we just let it be.
Naw, naw, naw, naw, naw, naw, naw, naw.
The world won't get no better. We gotta change it, yeah - just you and me.
The words of the song, Wake

Up Everybody, debuted by Harold Melvin & The Blue Notes in 1975, still resonate today as those words are just as relevant more than a half century later.

In a rare, nearly somber moment, the group's celebrated lead singer, Teddy Pendergrass, introduced the song on Soul Train, the weekly dance and live performance TV show that aired roughly between 1971 and 2006. Pendergrass told the attentive live audience and thousands watching by television, that Wake Up Everybody, the title tune of their latest album, was intended to inspire people to take action with a goal to change America

for the better.

"I'm sure that you will all agree that there are things that need to be done in this country today," he said. "So, what I'd like for you to do is listen very carefully to see what you can do to lend a hand."

The song's appeal worked.

"I played that song over and over and over again because it was a constant warning to keep ourselves prepared for the society that we were living in," says A. Peter Bailey, then a 37-year-old former aid to Malcolm X. When "Wake Up Everybody" hit the airwaves, Bailey was working as an associate editor of Ebony Magazine. "It was

a call to be aware of what we were dealing with in the country that we lived in, the world we lived in, the neighborhood we lived in, the cities that we lived in," Bailey said in an interview with the Trice Edney News Wire.

He concluded that during Black Music Month 2026, such songs should be recalled and celebrated as a key to changes for the good across America; especially because such songs successfully encouraged people to deal with the issues that might otherwise denigrate the promises of America, including

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As Juneteenth is celebrated across the US, Obama's presidential center opens in Chicago



Former President Barack Obama holds a baby as he and First Lady Michelle Obama greet community members in the Hope and Change lobby before they walk through the museum at the Obama Presidential Center in Chicago's Jackson Park on Friday, June 19, 2026. EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE VIA AP, POOL

By Jamie Stengle
Associated Press

As people gathered across the U.S. to celebrate Juneteenth on Friday, former President Barack Obama and former First Lady Michelle Obama welcomed the first visitors to his presidential center.

Located on a sprawling campus on Chicago's South Side, the center honoring the nation's first Black president has been designed to inspire people to make the change they want to see in their own communities. It's the kind of contemplation that also comes as Americans gathered for Juneteenth, which celebrates the end of slavery

in the U.S.

The holiday marks June 19, 1865, when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, at the end of the Civil War with an order declaring the state's enslaved people to be free with "absolute equality." By then, 2 1/2 years had passed since the Emancipation Proclamation declared the freedom of enslaved people in the South.

"Juneteenth represents not just a commemoration of the end of slavery but it's also part of the ongoing struggle for absolute equality and that ideal in American life," said W. Caleb McDaniel, a

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Ebola outbreak could be worst in history

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By Christopher Young
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The 2026 Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and neighboring Uganda has rapidly become one of the most serious Ebola crises ever recorded. Caused by the rare Bundibugyo strain of the virus, the outbreak has spread

across multiple provinces and international borders.

As of mid-June 2026, the World Health Organization has reported nearly 700 confirmed cases and more than 130 deaths, with numbers continuing to rise. Speakers discussed the Bundibugyo Ebola virus and its rapid spread. There is currently no vaccine against Bundibugyo. Speakers also discussed armed conflict throughout Central Africa, and how regional warfare hampers aid efforts, including the mistrust of public healthcare settings. Additionally, the discussion included misinformation stemming from the region and the African American diaspora's response to the crisis.



William Schaffner, M.D.
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Dr. William Schaffner, Professor of Preventive Medicine and Infectious Diseases at the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, kicked off the



Rachel Sweet, Ph.D.
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briefing when asked by the moderator – Sunita Sohrabji – for a bit of a primer on this particular virus. "It's part of a group of viruses that are called



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the viral hemorrhagic fever viruses. It is maintained in the wild. Its reservoir, we think, is in fruit bats – and could be getting into humans by hunters

butchering them for bush bait, perhaps cutting themselves along the way. Another theory is that a fruit bat ate a piece of fruit then dropped it and a child picked it up and digested the saliva. Once the virus is introduced to the body it incubates. The interval between exposure and illness can be between days or weeks.

After the incubation period the individual becomes sick – fever is very characteristic, also non-specific symptoms - aches, pains, loss of appetite. The virus continues to multiply within the body over time – nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, sometimes bleeding. As person becomes

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NCBW, Central MS Chapter awards \$11,000 in scholarships

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Central Mississippi Chapter held their annual Scholarship & Awards Program on the campus of Tougaloo College in the historic Woodworth Chapel Monday, May 25, 2026. A total of \$11,000 was awarded in scholarships to eleven graduating high school seniors.

The program featured keynote speakers Miss Jamiyah Cotten and Miss Sydnee Thompson, both former NCBW Central Mississippi scholarship recipients who have excelled academically and professionally since receiving their awards.

Cotten, a Madison native, graduated magna cum laude from Alcorn State University in 2026 with a degree in mass communications. During her time at Alcorn, she distinguished herself as a scholar, student leader, athlete, and campus ambassador.

Thompson, an Edwards native, is a 2025 graduate of Tougaloo College, where she earned a degree in economics with a minor in pre-law. She is currently pursuing her Juris Doctor at Mississippi College School of Law on a full scholarship.

Guests proudly watched as each schol-



Left to right (seated) Celese White, Abigail Myles, Shelbie Walker, Emaleigh Wilson, Shykira Holliday, Calei Gilstrap, Kenley Cropper, Anna Martin, and Londyn Kirkland (not pictured Chelsie Gentry and Ja’Niyah Mazie) Left to right (standing) Jamiyah Cotten and Sydnee Thompson. PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

arship recipient accepted her award, introduced herself, shared the college or university she plans to attend in the fall, and discussed her future aspirations.

Luigia Hodge, President of the NCBW Central Mississippi Chapter, emphasized the organization’s commitment to supporting the educational success of young women throughout the region. “We are honored to assist these

outstanding young ladies with their educational expenses as they begin the next chapter of their academic journeys,” said Hodge. “Supporting students who choose to attend Historically Black Colleges and Universities remains a cornerstone of our mission.”

To date, the chapter has awarded more than \$300,000 in scholarships to deserving young women pursuing higher edu-

cation.

The 2026 scholarship recipients are Kenley Cropper, Terry High School; Chelsie Gentry, Callaway High School; Calei Gilstrap, Northeast Lauderdale High School; Shykira Holliday, Ridgeland High School; Londyn Kirkland, Jim Hill High School; Anna Martin, JPS Tougaloo Early College; Ja’Niyah Mazie, Vicksburg High School; Abigail

Myles, St. Joseph Catholic School; Shelbie Walker, JPS Tougaloo Early College, Emaleigh Wilson, Jim Hill High School, and Celese White, St. Joseph Catholic School.

The scholarship recipients will attend a variety of distinguished institutions, including Alcorn State University, Hinds Community College – Utica Campus, Jackson State University, Southern University and A&M College, Spelman College, Tennessee State University, Tougaloo College, and Tuskegee University.

Members of the Scholarship & Awards Committee include Dr. Jennifer Young Wallace, First Vice President of Programs; Katrina B. Myricks, Chair; Cynthia Armstrong; Tearsanee Davis; Vanessa Edmond; LaVerne Gentry; Ethel Gibson; Melony Braxton Horton; Minnie Jones-Erabor; Erica Reed; and Gaynell Tinsey.

About NCBW Central Mississippi Chapter: Through its annual Scholarship & Awards Program, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Central Mississippi Chapter continues its mission of empowering women and girls through education, leadership development, and community service.

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Rice University professor and author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book “Sweet Taste of Liberty.”

The grand opening of the Obama Presidential Center included days of events following Thursday’s star-studded dedication ceremony. In addition to greeting visitors Friday as the center opened to the public for the first time, the couple also read to children gathered there.

Tyrone Sturgis, 62, said it had been a beautiful experience to see all of the people from different walks of life explore the new presidential center on Friday. “For this center to open on June-

teenth, on the South Side of Chicago, it’s extraordinary, it’s awesome,” he said.

The center’s public opening arrives as a symbolic convergence of legacy and liberation. The nation is deeply divided politically and grappling with renewed questions about the arc of racial progress as the Supreme Court hollowed out the Voting Rights Act, endangering Black political representation in Congress.

The nearly 20-acre (8-hectare) campus includes a museum featuring a life-sized replica of the Oval Office, a garden designed by Michelle Obama complete with lettuce and strawberry plants, a

professional-grade basketball court, a picnic area with grills and a new branch of the Chicago Public Library. Visitors can experience high-tech and hands-on exhibits spanning the campaigns, key moments of Obama’s presidency and life at the White House.

The spaces are designed to bring people together on a campus expected to draw as many as 1 million visitors annually, but the center also aims to encourage personal reflection. Louise Bernard, the museum’s director, has said they are “inviting people to bring change home, however change may be defined, both small or large.”

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the promise that “All men are created equal”, as stated in the Declaration of Independence.

“The rhythms and blues expressed our joys, our sorrows and our fears,” Bailey recalls. “It was those songs and the singing of those songs by our people that attracted us to the campaigns for justice.”

With his life inspired by that song and others, Bailey, now 88, went on to establish and teach a Black Press class at Virginia Commonwealth University. Also, he has since written three

books, including a memoir, Witnessing Brother Malcolm X, the Master Teacher, in which he expounded upon successful principles of social justice, some of which are reflected in “Wake Up Everybody.”

Long before the term “woke” became associated with campaigns for justice, Teddy Pendergrass led the song that reverberated across America and still holds deep meaning.

It concludes:

Wake up all the teachers, time to teach a new

way. Maybe then they’ll listen to what you have to say ‘cause they’re the ones who’s comin’ up and the world is in their hands. When you teach the children, teach ‘em the very best you can.

Wake up, all the doctors, make the old people well. They’re the ones who suffer and who catch all the hell. But they don’t have so very long before their Judgement Day. So won’t you make them happy before they pass away.

Wake up, all the builders, time to build a new land. I know we can do it

if we all lend a hand. The only thing we have to do is put it in our minds.

Surely things will work out, they do it every time.

The world won’t get no better if we just let it be. Naw, naw, naw, naw, naw, naw, naw. The world won’t get no better. We gotta change it, yeah - just you and me.

This article is the first in a four-part series powered by AARP in commemoration of Black Music Month, June 2026.

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progressively ill, coma can ensue, blood pressure drops, and organs begin to shut down.”

He emphasized that spread often occurs with contacts – family and friends – that are serving as caretakers, who get exposed to the extremely dangerous fluids. “We have no direct anti-viral medications for treatment. There is no vaccine currently. The capacity for spreading in local areas is very real, yet the risk for transfer to the rest of the world is relatively low.”

Ms. Sohrabji asked Dr. Schaffner if he believes there is an underreporting of cases. “Always the answer to that question is yes, sometimes there is shame involved and so cases and even deaths are underreported.” Aitana Vargas of the USC Center for Health Journalism asked about the impacts of Trump’s policies and cuts to USAID during a crisis like the one we are seeing right now. “It’s clear that the United States has withdrawn a lot of aid, and I think diagnostic capability, clinical expertise, and communications all contributed to the delays in diagnosis. Also this is a rather remote area, that also likely contributed.

Rachel Sweet, Ph.D., is with The Frontline Observatory organization, and was the next speaker. “I’ll be drawing on five years

of experience on the ground in Democratic Republic of Congo in various capacities, including as an investigator of armed conflict. I’ve also had numerous conversations over the past several weeks with people on the ground from health care workers to community leaders. The starting point is that there is a twilight zone of difference between how these areas are portrayed typically international and what they are like on the ground with the lived experience of being there.”

“Typically, we hear about these areas being reported through journalists who often times aren’t able to be directly on the ground or to get outside of the narrow parameters of compound walls and how to operate with various escorts. The vantage point from the ground is that it’s not the conflict itself that is going to be the key obstacle to containing the virus instead, it’s our cliches about the conflict and about the community that is living under it...the reality is that for decades since the initial Congo wars, the nineteen nineties and early two thousands violence and the state are deeply intertwined and this is the primary security threat to the current response to the Ebola crisis.” The Mississippi Link newspaper asked Dr. Sweet to go a bit deeper about the cliches that become barriers.

“The main cliches I would draw attention to are that people have come to believe that the nature of the conflict is non-state in nature when it actually is. Using that false lens prevents people from seeing how local and national authorities are complicit in the conflict.”

The final speaker was Pamela Asobo-Anchang, Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of Immigrant Magazine. “I’ve spoken to Cameroonians, Ugandans, Nigerians, Tanzanians, and a woman at a conference who had just returned from Uganda, and she acted as if it was no big deal. Within the diaspora there is a mixed bag of responses. People are not paying attention to this outbreak. People are skeptical of what’s being reported. Some people are leaning into superstitions instead of science. Most expressed deep regret in the reductions to USAID. I spoke to a Nigerian attorney who represented a nurse who had worked in Suriname and when she returned to the United States, she lost her job solely based on the stigma of having been there.”

The entire briefing, including all questions and answers, can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZei0t99f6U&t=3005s>.

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The Mississippi Mass Choir honors Co-Founder, David R. Curry at Faith & Freedom Concert



Yolanda Clay-Moore, Dir. External Affairs, Visit Jackson, David Curry, honoree, & Dr. Ricky Thigpen, CEO Visit Jackson



Performers, Family and Friends of David Curry, honoree.



By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

The Mississippi Mass Choir hosted a Faith & Freedom Juneteenth Gospel Concert on Father's Day, Sunday June 21, 2026 at 5:00 PM celebrating their co-founder, David R. Curry. The concert was originally scheduled to be held at LeFleur's Bluff Playground, Riverside Park Circle, but due to the threat of inclement weather, was moved to College Hill Baptist Church, 1600 Florence Avenue, Jackson.

David Curry, producer, composer arranger, musician and minister of music for The Mis-

issippi Mass Choir was the recipient of the inaugural My City JXN Award. The award was presented by Dr. Ricky Thigpen, CEO Visit Jackson and Yolanda Clay Moore, Dir. of External Affairs, Visit Jackson. A video presentation featured gospel groups, The Canton Spirituals, Jackson Southernaires, and The William Brothers, each having started in Mississippi.

There were food trucks and vendors at the church on 'the hill' and everybody seemed to have had a great time.

Sponsors for the event: My City Jackson, MS; Opera Mississippi; Tatum & Wade, PLLC.



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One Million Frontier Trucks: Nissan Canton marks major U.S. milestone

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Nissan has marked a major milestone at its Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant, celebrating the one-millionth Frontier truck assembled in Mississippi, part of more than two million Frontiers assembled in the U.S. to date.

This milestone highlights Nissan's long-term investment in U.S. manufacturing, the strength of its Mississippi workforce and the company's strategy to build more vehicles where customers live.

Frontier has been a core part of Nissan's U.S. manufacturing story for decades and the momentum continues, with May 2026 sales being up 24%.

After launching U.S. production in Smyrna, Tennessee in 1998, assembly moved to Canton in 2012, where the truck has become a cornerstone of the plant's operations. Nissan Canton plant plays a key role in the company's U.S. localization strategy.

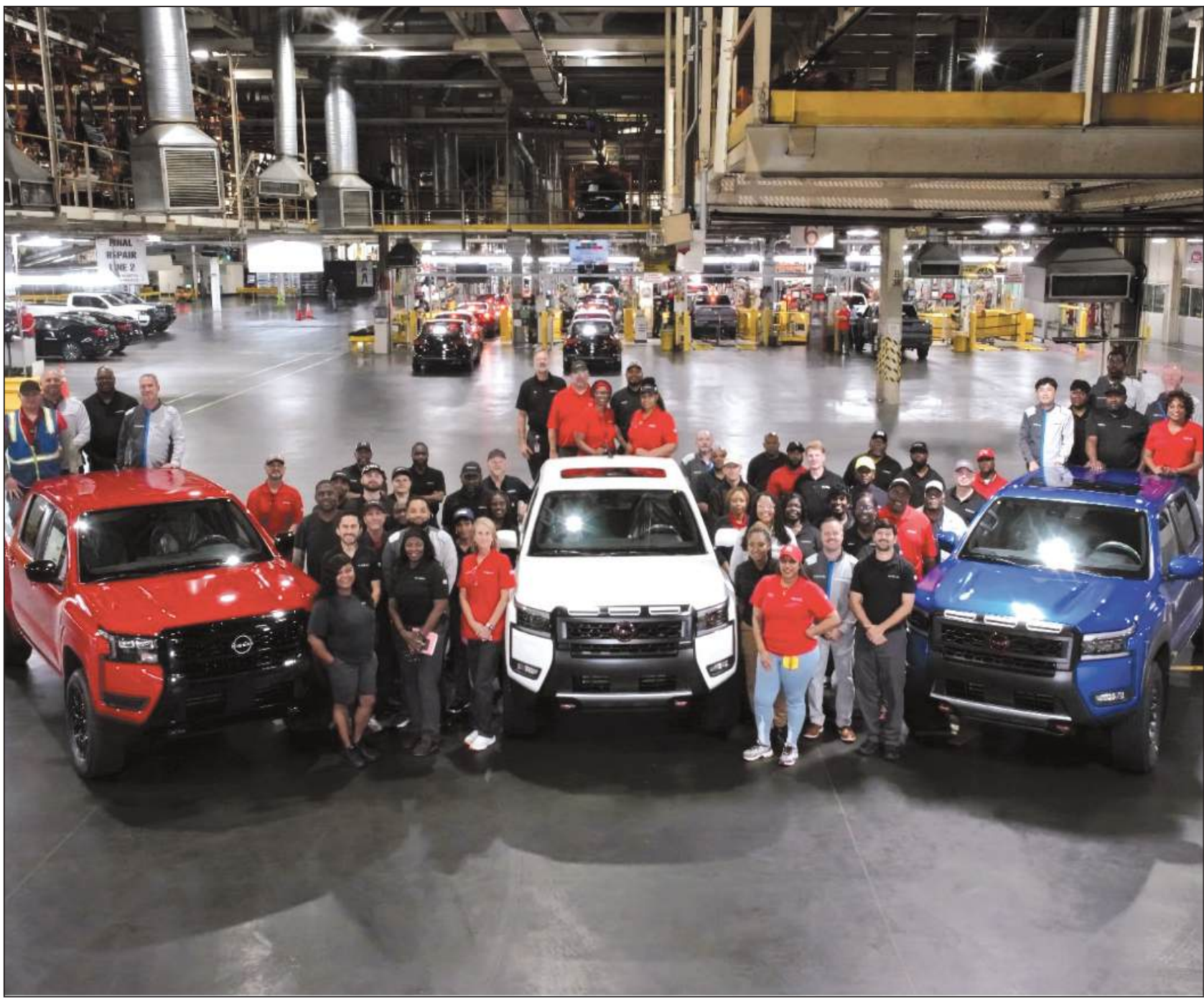
Today, Frontier is powered by a 3.8-liter V6 engine assembled at Nissan's Decherd Powertrain Plant in Tennessee.

"This milestone reflects the skill of our Canton team and the strength of the community behind them," said Victor Taylor, division vice president, U.S. Manufacturing, Supply Chain Management and Production Engineering. "Canton's precision, pride and consistency are in every truck that rolls off the line."

As America's fastest-growing mainstream automotive brand, Nissan is seeing strong momentum across its lineup, including Frontier. In May, Frontier retail sales were up 24% year-over-year, with 6,773 units sold, the model's best May since 2010. Canton plays a key role in Nissan's strategy to increase U.S. production, helping expand localization from 44% to 65% in the last fiscal year.

"Customers want a truck that's proven and capable, backed by a durable V6 engine and assembled with pride - right here in America," said Christian Meunier, chairman, Nissan Americas.

For more information about Nissan's U.S. manufacturing operations, visit nissanmanufacturing.com.



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Black bank card program to steer cash payments to single mothers in government housing

By Corey Williams
The Associated Press

One of the few Black-owned banks in the United States is introducing a debit card aimed at helping single mothers who live in government-subsidized housing escape poverty.

The Bank King Card debit card began Friday, June 19, 2026 in honor of Juneteenth by Redemption Bank, which will make a donation from every account opened to nonprofits that will steer the funding to needy families.

“Bank King Card represents a new regenerative banking model that starts with investing in mothers who are a few hopeful dollars away from breaking out of poverty, and opening up America’s vaults of opportunity that have been closed to too many for too long,” Redemption Holding Co. chair and Chief Executive Ashley Bell said.

A 2026 report by the Urban Institute and the Jeremiah Program says households led by single mothers experience widespread economic and caregiving hardship.

Redemption Bank, based in Holladay, Utah, says it intends to make fixed-amount donations based on new Bank King Card account openings. The amount will be determined annually by the bank’s board of directors and will not be based on the



Bernice A. King facing forward, hugs Siara White after her tribute to Coretta Scott King during the Martin Luther King Jr. commemorative service at Ebenezer Baptist Church Jan. 19, 2026.

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amount of card purchases, according to Redemption Bank.

Nonprofits that provide direct-cash services would apply for grants through a foundation developed to make sure the money gets to those who need it most.

“What we’ve seen is these guaranteed income programs have been a jolt out of poverty for women around the country, including many women of color,” Bell said.

Every dollar helps

Money given directly to needy mothers and children is overwhelmingly spent to cover necessary goods or services, according to Chastity Lord, president and chief executive of the Jeremiah Program, which works to improve economic mobility for single mothers.

But it also does so much more, she said. “It provides dignity,” Lord continued. “It ensures summer learning, not leaving kids at home. It increases nutrition. It allows the mom

to make powerful decisions that benefit their children and their families instead of making decisions to just get by.”

A pilot program through the Ohio Mother’s Trust funneled \$500 each month for a year to 32 single mothers in the Columbus, Ohio, area.

For Juanita Amakor of Columbus, the cash she received through the Ohio Mother’s Trust allowed her to catch up on bills and pay rent. “It’s the breathing room it gives you,

knowing there is something extra coming in. It relieves a lot of anxiety,” said Amakor, 36, who has a 7-year-old daughter. “This help goes a long way, even if it was for something as little as being able to take my child to the grocery store, to the clothing store.”

In Michigan, Rx Kids gives women a one-time allocation of \$1,500 during pregnancy, followed by \$500 per month throughout the child’s first months. The \$1,500 can be used on food, prenatal care, rent, cribs or other needs. The \$500 monthly stipend can be spent on formula, diapers or childcare.

Kinea Wright and her family received funding through the Rx Kids program in Flint. It helped with some bills, diapers for her newborn daughter and other needs, especially after her husband was injured in a forklift accident.

“Initially, (the money) was put up for a rainy day,” said Wright, 46. “I didn’t know the rainy day would come sooner than we thought. It was a blessing in disguise.”

Juneteenth connection

A year ago, Redemption Holding Co. completed its acquisition of Utah-based Holladay Bank & Trust, making it the first time a bank has been owned by a Black-led investment group in the Western U.S.

At the time, Redemption

Bank had roughly \$65 million in assets. It primarily focuses on commercial lending and small business loans. Bernice A. King, the youngest child of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., is a co-founder and senior vice president of the bank.

“Economic opportunity must be practical, accessible and rooted in the needs of families,” King said. “Bank King Card is an innovative way to support that work. It creates a practical opportunity for people to align their financial choices with their values while supporting mothers, children and families working toward long-term stability.”

A Bank King Card credit card is expected to be introduced later with interest rates capped at 12%.

The announcement of the Bank King Card coincides with Juneteenth, which also is the one-year anniversary of Redemption’s acquisition of Holladay Bank & Trust.

Juneteenth — which combines “June” and “nineteenth” — represents the date in 1865 when enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, learned they had been freed. It came two years after President Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation. In 2021, President Joe Biden designated it a federal holiday.

Corey Williams is a member of AP’s Race & Ethnicity team.

Protestors in Geneva clash with police ahead of the G7 summit in nearby France



A protestor kicks at a window during a “No G7” demonstration in Geneva June 14, 2026. AP PHOTO/BAZ RATNER



Writing on Building: Trump CASSE-TOI! (Trump Get Lost!) PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER TERRY, JACKSON, MS NATIVE LIVING IN GENEVA

By Jamey Keaten
The Associated Press

Riot police fired tear gas and water cannons in clashes with stone-throwing youths during a protest on Sunday in Geneva, Switzerland against the G7 group of wealthy nations, a day before its leaders including U.S. President Donald Trump hold a summit in nearby France.

A violent standoff extended into the evening after a series of incidents — including a car set ablaze and a bank’s windows smashed — along the route of an afternoon march that drew an estimated 20,000 people, including some 600 so-called “Black Bloc” militants, according to figures from Geneva police spokesman Alexandre Brahier.

The demonstration, which had been previously organized by a hodgepodge of activist groups after weeks of negotiations with local authorities, was otherwise peaceful — with environmentalists, women’s rights advocates, supporters of Palestinians and foes of imperialism, fascism and capitalism.

Early on during the march, firefighters extinguished a Tesla that was set ablaze next to the central bus stop and a phalanx of riot police cordoned off a secure area as a crowd congregated nearby.



Police fire a tear gas canister during a “No G7” demonstration June 14th. AP PHOTO/BAZ RATNER

A handful of demonstrators ripped down wooden barriers that were previously erected to protect a Banque du Leman and smashed its windows.

Several groups of dozens of youths wearing black hoodies, masks and goggles were mixed in among the other marchers — including behind an anti-Trump banner. Two with their faces totally covered refused to speak with The Associated Press and silently waved off questions before the protest began.

Some protesters fired flares toward officers or tore up chunks of asphalt and chucked them toward police in shields and riot gear.

The clashes continued even after police ordered the demonstrators to disperse.

The vast majority of marchers at the front were advocates of women’s rights, many wearing purple T-shirts and holding up banners and posters that decried the “patriarchy,” a lack of women in executive positions and inequality in pay and executive jobs in the workplace.

Other marchers held signs that showed sympathy for Palestinians in Gaza, carried slogans like “Antisemitic never; anti-Zionist always” and criticized Trump — often with expletives — among other sharply worded messages.

Organizers of the protest printed a handbook for demonstrators that included a map of the security perimeter, tips on how to gear up for the march, and advice on how to behave if detained by police.

Black Alliance for Just Immigration supports Black Voting Rights

By Norman Rich
Oakland Post

The Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI) condemns the continued gutting of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) and the broader assault on Black political power unfolding across the United States.

Black immigrants in the United States — whether citizens or not — share a common condition with Black Americans. Our ability to access housing, healthcare, education, labor protections, safety, and political representation is deeply tied to the political power of Black communities in this country.

When Black communities lose political power, all Black people across the diaspora become more vulnerable to displacement, criminalization, disenfranchisement, and state violence.

The U.S. cannot claim to be a multiracial democracy while systematically dismantling Black political representation and participation. An attack on Black voting power is an attack on all Black people across the diaspora and on the very possibility of a just democracy.

Voting is more than a civic exercise. Voting is about representation, access to resources, and the ability of communities to shape policies that determine whether we survive, thrive, or are left vulnerable to harm. It is both a right and an expectation of participation in public life.

For generations, however, Black people in the United States were systematically excluded from that right through both legal and extralegal violence — especially across the Deep South. The Voting Rights Act (VRA) of 1965 was won through bloodshed, sacrifice, organizing, and mass resistance led by Black communities demanding full participation in democracy.

The VRA sought to remedy generations of racial exclusion by requiring states with histories of racist voter suppression to receive federal approval before changing election laws or voting procedures,



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a process known as preclearance. Section 2 of the VRA also created protections to ensure that Black voters and other historically marginalized communities could elect candidates who would represent their interests.

Historically, white conservative forces have sought to suppress Black political participation because Black communities have consistently organized, voted, and fought for policies rooted in justice, equity, and collective survival.

For more than a decade, the Supreme Court has steadily dismantled the VRA protections.

In 2013, the Court’s Shelby v. Holder decision removed the federal preclearance requirement, opening the floodgates for states to pass voter suppression laws and redraw districts designed to dilute Black political power.

On April 29, the Supreme Court ruled that Louisiana’s congressional map was unconstitutional because it included two majority-Black districts. In a state where more than one-third of the population is Black, the Court has effectively declared that Black political representation itself is suspect.

This is not simply about maps or district lines. Gerrymandering is one tactic in a much larger project to weaken Black political power, undermine multiracial democracy, and consolidate power away from working-class communities and communities of color.

What the Supreme Court has done is allow racial gerrymandering to exclude Black people from political power, while the effort to ensure Black communities have representation is now considered unconstitutional. Gutting of the VRA is simply the latest chapter in a long history of efforts to silence Black voices and roll back the gains of the Civil Rights Movement.

At the same time, the rise of authoritarian, xenophobic politics under Pres. Donald Trump and the broader far right seeks to codify anti-Blackness, anti-immigrant policies, attacks on women, LGBTQ+ communities, and other marginalized groups into law. These attacks are interconnected.

“The United States cannot claim to be a multiracial democracy while systematically dismantling Black political power,” said Nana Gyamfi, executive director of BAJI. “Black immigrants understand that our conditions are tied to the conditions of Black Americans; together then, together now. When Black communities lose political power, all Black people become more vulnerable to displacement, criminalization, disenfranchisement, and state violence. Protecting Black voting rights is not just about elections. It is about protecting the possibility of collective freedom and self-determination for our communities.”

BAJI remains committed to defending Black political power, strengthening Black migrant participation, and building a future rooted in Black freedom, dignity, and collective liberation.

What are the roles and responsibilities of fathers in our communities today?

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



There are times when life-altering decisions must be made. We know some of them. If you have lived as long as I have, you probably know all of them. In making the decisions, we wrestle with our conscious. It is a tug of war and sometimes it involves life and death. At other times, it will involve right and wrong. Leaders must make decisions based upon the people they represent. The environment they work in also plays a role. The question is if it is a toxic atmosphere, will they

succumb to it? Simply put, some do and some don't.

Those that do go along to get along. They are a bit nervous and on edge afraid they will no longer be a part of the in crowd. They'll be ostracized and will go from the A list to the Z list.

Those that don't garner the admiration and respect of their constituents and the electorate. Behind closed doors, the weak hearted also applaud their courage and resolve.

Standing strong in right when the majority is sitting in wrong takes gumption and fortitude.

For the past several months healthcare for Americans has been a topic for lawmakers. The conversations were tense,

and heated. At issue is the Affordable Care Act, commonly referred to as Obamacare. The very name "Obamacare" has rattled some in political office. They don't like it however those who put them in office love it. Their reluctance is also because of their relationships with drug companies. They are receiving large donations for their campaigns.

According to an ABC News report, "An estimated 22 million of the 24 million ACA marketplace enrollees are currently receiving enhanced premium tax credits to lower their monthly premiums, and many are preparing to see their premiums soar in 2026."

Rep. Ami Bera (D-Calif.) said, "The public now gets that

the subsidies are what's keeping health care costs down. So I think they will blame the party in charge." I agree with those comments. Rep. Bera is a medical doctor.

However, I don't think the other side as currently constructed cares. Their votes and actions signify that they fall short on compassion.

Healthcare is a necessity in our lives. No matter what our age, we need it from the youngest to the oldest. When we were young, we didn't know we had it because our parents paid for it. Having a job as adults gives us health insurance at a cost. It's not free.

Some countries like Canada and France provide its citizens with free or reduced health

care. There are flaws in their healthcare systems, however the conversations about it have not been contentious and cantankerous.

Will this country ever have similar systems? Probably not because of the billions made by the insurance companies. It is my opinion that paying for it is imbedded in the American way of life. We don't have a willingness to change it so tweaking the current system is about the best that we are going to do.

Fox News has an online headline that reads, "Expired Obamacare subsidy deal inches toward Senate floor vote amid bipartisan talks." A group of senators from both sides have been meeting to solve this

healthcare problem.

More specifically, Senators Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Bernie Moreno (R-Ohio) are spearheading this effort. Senator Collins said, "Parts of the bill are similar to what Senator Moreno, and I proposed originally with a two-year extension with some reforms in the first year and then more substantial reforms in the second year."

Let's stay tuned to this proposal as it may signal that some of our elected officials really want to help us. It is clear and not cloudy that our healthcare system is broken and needs a fix now. People are hurting because our healthcare is being compromised. Elected leaders, we know that you know a lot so now we want you to care a lot.

Hey, Cousin: What I Saw on Juneteenth at Andrew Jackson's Plantation

Neighbors of all colors gathered on sacred and stained ground, called each other cousin, and reminded a nation that freedom belongs to everyone.

By Ben Jealous
People For the American Way



On Juneteenth, I traveled to the Hermitage, President Andrew Jackson's plantation outside Nashville, to celebrate Black music. Neither Juneteenth nor Black music had ever been celebrated there before.

Lela Harris flew in from Maryland. She descends from Alfred, born enslaved on that land. When freedom came, he chose the name Jackson for himself. He asked to be buried beside the president, and he was.

She stood on that same ground and spoke. Other descendants of the enslaved came too. Hundreds of Black folks. Hundreds of White folks. Likely the largest gathering of Black people there since slavery ended.

Lela grew up with a tradition. Her family believes they descend from Andrew Jackson himself. Others say that cannot be, that Jackson fathered no children. The family carries the story. The records carry a silence.

My cousins are the Hemingses of Monticello. For centuries they said they descend from Thomas Jefferson, through Sally Hemings, the enslaved half-sister of his wife. They were told it was impossible. Then the science proved them right.

I told the crowd to call each other cousin, and I meant it plainly. If your family has been in Tennessee or Virginia a long time, the odds are good that -- Black, White, or Native -- you are kin to people who do not look like you. All afternoon you could hear it across that lawn. "Hey, Cousin!"

Cris Corley is an eighth-generation Tennessee farmer. His family included soldiers who fought alongside Andrew Jackson, and he grew up proud of that. Cris has

fought for racial justice in Tennessee. He teared up that day.

Cris remembers when his elementary school in Alexandria, Tennessee, was desegregated.

A White father stormed in, using a slur for the Black children and swearing his kids would never sit beside them. The principal knocked him down where he stood. He decided that was better than letting a man block the schoolhouse door. Young Cris agreed.

The good people won that day.

Cris has a friend, Charlie High, who fights beside him today. Charlie remembers his own father coming home from the courthouse one day, excited. He had watched Diane Nash and the students from Fisk stand their ground. His dad then marched his young White children around the living room, the way Nash had marched, and praised them.

I am proud of the Hermitage team for not flinching, for digging into the hard questions instead of hiding from them. It is why I tell people we must step into the gray. We have always been more connected, and more human, than the history books let us believe.

Juneteenth was the right day to remember all of it. In a single instant, the government stopped calling human beings property and started calling them the political equals of the men who had owned them. There may be no other holiday that marks a turn so complete and so sudden.

So we stood on sacred and stained ground, and we sang, and we called each other cousin. We cannot control what was done to us, or for us. We control only what we build now.

Ghosts cannot heal us. Only we can do that.

The oldest truth my grandmother, Mamie Bland Todd, ever taught me was this: our people were always free. Strange, from

a woman with three grandparents born into slavery. But it is both a basic Christian principle and a law of nature.

Her third great-grandfather carried that same fire. His name was Richard Bland. In 1766, he published a pamphlet asserting that very point against the British crown: under English government, all men are born free, regardless of what the King said.

Richard owned people even as he wrote it. His blood runs on both sides of the line. Two of his grandsons were half-brothers. They shared a father. One was born free. The other, Frederick, was born enslaved, six years the elder. Two brothers. One father. One owned the other.

That is my family. That is the country.

Our cousin, President Thomas Jefferson, had a word for that freedom. He wrote that we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights. Among them: liberty.

Unalienable. It cannot be sold, surrendered, taken away, or even granted. And like the Blands, his family owned their own kin. His words outran him too.

From the Revolutionary War to the Civil War to the civil rights movement, the fight was never to "win" our freedom. It was to make a nation finally recognize what was already true: freedom is a right of all humanity. Period. Full stop.

As we mark 250 years as a nation, that is still the work. To finally defend the freedom of every last one of our cousins. Because that is what we all are.

Hey, Cousin!
This is the third and final installment of a series on the first Juneteenth celebrated at Andrew Jackson's Hermitage. Ben Jealous is a professor of practice at the University of Pennsylvania and former president and CEO of the NAACP.

For worse is coming

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



I know from my experience of meeting my soulmate, being in love with every fiber of my being, dating my husband, getting engaged, and planning a big Christmas wedding, the joy we had on our wedding day, and our seven day honeymoon to the smoky mountains – I never envisioned the for worse days for us. I thought that we had a love so magical that we only expressed the vows, for better, for worse just to align with tradition. I only anticipated the for better. I know you may think I am exaggerating these sentiments, but I was ignorant, naïve, and simply in love.

Both my husband and I know now after being married for twenty years that for worse is for real and it is coming-you can't bypass it – it's just a matter of time sweethearts!

I don't care how in love you are, when you get married, how long you have been married, what type of wedding you have and the accomplishments you have made, for worse occurrences in marriages are inevitable. In other words, most if not all married couples will experience some type of challenge that will shake the foundation of your marriage – even the ones that have been married for a decade or more and even the perfect marriages. Yes, your perfect marriage will be tried, tested, and flattened like the sifting of cake flour (removing lumps, etc.) Some of you don't know anything about sifting cake flour due to Mrs. Betty Crocker and Mrs. Duncan Hines.

What are the for worse occurrences that can possibly shake the foundation of your marriage? Some of these include the following:

- Childhood trauma – unresolved childhood trauma can be detrimental to your marriage – please seek professional counsel and godly counsel before marriage – you need restoration and healing before becoming one with someone.
- Family trauma – interfering in your marriage – remember you married each other not family
- Unexpected financial woes – job loss, etc.
- Financial disputes
- Lack of communication
- The m&m's – misunderstandings, miscommunication, and misinterpretations
- Presumptions
- Lack of appreciation
- Not navigating/coping with the unexpected
- Not spending quality time together
- Read this slowly – men-o-pause – this is real like pms! Have you been irritable, moody, sweating, too cold, too hot, on edge, emotional changes, less desire to be intimate (do not have a mind to fulfill your

man's needs – they're on pause), not sleeping, can't focus, physical changes with hair, skin, itching, need depends, etc.? You are not crazy – you are in a season – your body is changing, etc. If you are not coping with this (I dreamed that many women are not coping) – please seek immediate help before the irreversible happens.

• Mid-life crisis – men become an emotional roller coaster living in regret and sadness, seek new hobbies – good and bad, reflect on what was, – they desire a redo in life. They question everything that leads to them seeking a new look, new wardrobe, new wife/sidepiece – want a chick and not a chicken (you'll understand chick and chicken later), new home, new car, new career, new child, etc. You are not crazy either – this is a major life transition. If you are not coping with this – please seek immediate help before the irreversible happens.

- Addictions
- Spouse illnesses – this can cause anxiety, fear, stress, - you do not want to lose your spouse and you even question why my spouse and why me?
- Parenting – you two may have various parenting lifestyles that is creating division, etc.
- Troubled teens – this right here can be very detrimental to your marriage but pray together for your children, let love rule and you both work in unity to save your child – remember your child is not your enemy – you will gain your child if you both fight the enemy together
- Sick child/death of a child
- Sick parents/death of parents
- Growing in isolation
- Anything that causes marriage to be in trouble

In conclusion, for worse is coming! If my husband and I understood life more (we were clueless) – we would have approached marriage differently. But we cannot change anything, however, we have become intentional about considering the for worse, loving each other and helping others. If any of the above applies to you, please seek immediate help for you and your spouse for the sake of your marriage. If for the worse occurrences are not properly managed it can be detrimental to your marriage resulting in separation, divorce, and worse. It is not for worse that destroys one's marriage – it is how you respond to the for worse occurrences.

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 REZONING ZONING CASE NO. 4334

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Jackson will receive unpriced proposals for prequalification until 10:00 AM on July 9, 2026, to furnish the City of Jackson's requirements for the following:

POLICE VEHICLE UPGITS

Copies of the Bid Package are available for free download at www.jacksonsmbids.com. Documents must be downloaded through the website to be on the official plan holders list. For questions regarding website accessibility or obtaining bid documents, please contact PH Bidding Group at 662-407-0195 or via email at bids@phbidding.com.

Unpriced proposals shall be submitted through the bid site. Responses will be reviewed, and vendors meeting the requirements in the bid package will be invited to participate in the online reverse auction, which will be held on July 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Pricing will only be received by approved bidders through the online reverse auction.

Bid preparation will be in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders bound in the Documents. The City of Jackson reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any and/or all bids.

Minority and women's business enterprises are solicited to bid on this contract as prime bidders and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities and equipment, material, and/or supply needs.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids are expected to be funded in whole by the City of Jackson. This procurement will be subject to the provisions of Section 31-7-13 of the Mississippi Code of 1972.

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Monica Oliver, Purchasing Manager

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE

JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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

APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

OLD BUSINESS

CASE NO. HPNC-26-7
LOCATION: 1203 PINEHURST PL (PARCEL 15-42)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: DONALD JORDAN
REQUEST: NEW CONSTRUCTION HOME

NEW BUSINESS
CASE NO. HPNC-26-17
LOCATION: 1027 RIVERVIEW PL (PARCEL 18-208)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN HEIGHTS APPLICANT: JENNIFER NEGRETE
AMENDED REQUEST: EXTEND FRONT PORCH; EXTERIOR ALTERATION

CASE NO. HPNC-26-18
LOCATION: 1003 ARLINGTON ST (PARCEL 11-61)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: KENNA SCHWIRIAN
AMENDED REQUEST: REPLACE ROOF & REPAIR ATTIC WINDOW

CASE NO. HPNC-26-19
LOCATION: 1013 ARLINGTON ST (PARCEL 11-62)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: CARLEY DUNAWAY
AMENDED REQUEST: NEW CONSTRUCTION & EXPANSION

CASE NO. HPNC-26-20
LOCATION: 1503 ST ANN ST (PARCEL 15-153)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: BRYANT MILLER
AMENDED REQUEST: CONSTRUCT NEW REAR PORCH

CASE NO. HPNC-26-21
LOCATION: 902 EUCLID AVE (PARCEL 11-2)
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: CAROLYN SACHS
AMENDED REQUEST: REPLACE REAR DECK.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

OTHER

ADJOURNMENT

6/18/2026, 6/25/2026

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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 5th day of May, 2026.

Ann James, Exccatrix
Ann James

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

Al M. Shamsiddien
NOTARY

7-10-2029
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES

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ORDINANCE GRANTING CHRISTOPHER JONES A REZONING FROM C80-MU (MIXED-USE) SUBDISTRICT TO C80-II (LIGHT) INDUSTRIAL SUBDISTRICT TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LIGHT INDUSTRIAL FACILITY FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT PARCELS 824-561, 824-565 & 824-567 ON JR LYNCH ST. EXT. CASE NO. 4320.

WHEREAS, Christopher Jones has filed a petition to rezone the properties located at Parcels 824-561, 824-565 & 824-567 on JR Lynch St. Ext., in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi from C80-MU (Mixed-Use) Subdistrict to C80-II (Light) Industrial Subdistrict to allow for the construction of a light industrial facility; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the property from C80-MU (Mixed-Use) Subdistrict to C80-II (Light) Industrial Subdistrict to allow for the construction of a light industrial facility; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, March 16, 2026, to consider said change based upon the record of the case as developed before the Jackson City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Jackson City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on February 5, 2026 and February 19, 2026 that a hearing would be held by the Jackson City Planning Board on February 25, 2026, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board has offered the recommendation to rezone the above described property from C80-MU (Mixed-Use) Subdistrict to C80-II (Light) Industrial Subdistrict to allow for the construction of a light industrial facility; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practices and to the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area that justifies rezoning the property and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with the request in said application since any previous Jackson City Council action.

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

SECTION 1. That the property located in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows:

Parcel 824-561

BEGINNING at a point 1,680.58 feet South and 652.57 feet East of the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 5 North, Range 1 West; thence Southwesterly 247.62 feet; thence Westerly 404.17 feet; thence Northerly along a curve 34.44 feet; thence Northeasterly 168.08 feet; thence Northeasterly along a curve 118.77 feet; thence Easterly

376.97 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Being situated in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 12, Township 5 North. Containing 2,7043 acres, more or less.

Parcel 824-565

BEGINNING at a point 1,138.52 feet East of the Southwest corner of Lot 1, Block B, Farmington eights Part 2; thence Southeast 386.61 feet; thence South 342.23 feet; thence West 148.0 feet; thence South 10 feet; thence West 490.16 feet; thence Northwest 133.87 feet; thence North 141.57 feet; thence Northeast 367.32 feet; thence West 20.21 feet; thence Northeast 190.67 feet; thence Southeast to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Being situated in the North Half of the North Half of Section 12, and in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 5 North, Range 1 West, Hinds County, Mississippi.

Parcel 824-567

BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of Lot 9, Block B, Farmington Heights Part 2; thence East

8.77 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING; thence Northeast 156.39 feet; thence Northeast 77.0 feet; thence Southeast 299.98 feet; thence Southwest 190.21 feet; thence East 20.21 feet; thence Southwest 367.32 feet; thence Southwest 141.57 feet; thence West on the North line of Lynch Street 331.13 feet; thence Northeast 310.93 feet; thence West 31.75 feet; thence Northeast 208.81 feet; thence East 24.25 feet; thence Northeast 69.65 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

Being a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, and the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 5 North, Range 1 West, Hinds County, Mississippi.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the of the properties located at Parcels 824-561, 824-565 & 824-567 on JR Lynch St. Ext. from C80-MU (Mixed-Use) Subdistrict to C80-II (Light) Industrial Subdistrict to allow for the construction of a light industrial facility. However, that before any structure is erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

SECTION 2. That the cost of publication of this Ordinance shall be borne by the petitioner.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and after publication of same by the petitioner.

Council Member Brown-Thomas moved adoption; Council Member Clay seconded. Yeas - Brown-Thomas, Clay, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley and Parkinson. Nays-None. Absent - Stokes.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Zooning Council Meeting March 16, 2026 and recorded in Minute Book "7C, Pgs. 1281-1282".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 22nd day of June 2026.

6/25/2026

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RULE 81 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

DECEASED

PETITIONER: APRIL KING

SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MARLIN BENNETT KING SR., DECEASED

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Ann James Petitioner, seeking the adjudication of heirs of Marlin Bennett King, Sr., Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. o'clock, on the 24th day of August 2026, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hinds County before Honorable Crystal Wise Martin, Chancellor. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

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

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the ___ day of June, 2026.

EDDIE JEAN CARR
CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY,
MISSISSIPPI

6/18/2026, 6/25/2026

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SECTION 901

ADVERTISEMENT

CITY OF JACKSON, HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

MONUMENT STREET
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
STP-7262-00(007)LPA / 109279-701000

The City Clerk of the City of Jackson will receive bids for the replacement of bridge located on Warren Monument Street, no later than 10 A.M., Local Prevailing Time, **July 28, 2026** in the Municipal Clerk Office located at 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi. All bids so received will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work shall consist essentially of the following items:

1) Removal/Replacement of the Monument Street Bridge in its entirety plus related approach work.

The above general outline of features of the work does not in any way limit the responsibility of the Contractor to perform all work and furnish all plant, labor, equipment and materials required by the specifications and the drawings referred to therein. Contract time shall be 90 working days from the effective date shown in the Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed for each consecutive calendar day the Work has not achieved Final Completion. The amount of liquidated damages per day will be \$500.00 plus any additional actual costs above \$500.00 incurred by the Owner. These actual costs include, but are not limited to, engineering, inspection, and other construction related costs resulting from the Contractor's failure to complete the work on schedule.

The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson") is committed to cultivating and ensuring the quality of life of its citizens, through various programs, employment, initiatives, and assistance. The City encourages all persons, corporations, and/or entities doing business within the City, as well as those who seek to contract with the City on various projects and/or conduct business in the City to assist the City in achieving its goal by strongly considering City residents for employment opportunities.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all bidders that in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 that all bidders 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, national origin, sex, or disability in consideration for an award.

Bids shall be made out on the bid proposal form to be provided, sealed in an envelope and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Bid for CITY OF JACKSON MONUMENT STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT, FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. STP-7262-00(007)LPA/109279-701000". Each bidder shall write his Certificate of Responsibility Number on the outside of the sealed envelope containing his proposal. Bids shall be submitted in triplicate, sealed and deposited with the City Clerk Office, City Hall - 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi prior to the hour and date hereinafter designated. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

A pre-bid conference will be held on **July 16, 2026 at 10 am**, in the Public Works Department 5th floor conference room of the Warren Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, MS 39201. All potential contractors, subcontractors, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend.

The Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the following locations:
1. City of Jackson - Public Works - Warren Hood Bldg. 4th Floor; Engineering Manager Office, 200 South President St., Jackson, Mississippi 39201.
2. CIVILTech, Inc., 5420 Executive Place, Jackson, Mississippi, 39206

Copies of the Contract Documents, Contract Drawings and Contract Specifications maybe procured through the following:

- All documents required for bidding purposes may be obtained from CIVILTech, Inc., located at 5420 Executive Place Jackson, MS 39206 (Mailing address: P.O. Box 12852 Jackson, MS 39236-2852) upon payment of \$100.00 for each set, which will not be refunded.
- All documents required for bidding purposes may be obtained through PH Bidding at www.jacksonsmbid.com, upon payment for each set, which will not be refunded. Electronic Bids may be submitted at www.jacksonsmbid.com. For any questions related to electronic bidding, please call PH Bidding at 662-407-0195

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check on a solvent bank or a Bidder's Bond issued by a surety Company licensed to operate in the State of Mississippi, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid price, payable to the City of Jackson as bid surety. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested by the City. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount.

Work to be performed shall be in accordance with the "Mississippi Road and Bridge Construction, 2017", together with all amendments and/or special provisions and/or addenda to the standards duly approved and adopted, unless otherwise noted in these specifications.

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TOYOTA/OTHER/BLUE •
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8840245 • 2008/INFINITI/G37/
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WHITE • 2FMPK3J98GBB78895

8840515 • 2003/GMC/ENVOY/
GOLD • 1GKDS13S32156383

8841207 • 2006/
NISSAN/ALTIMA/RED •
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8843516 • 2003/FORD/
CROWN VICT/WHITE •
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8843609 • 2009/LAND ROVER/
RANGE ROVER SPORT/WHITE
• SALS25469A207115

8843742 • 2002/FORD/F150/
WHITE • 1FTRF18272NA76242

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BLACK • 19UUA8F55CA034581

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BLACK • 1GKDS13S652128404

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CAMRY/BLACK •
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MALIBU/WHITE •
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MAXIMA/BLACK •
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8847436 • 2010/
CHEVROLET/HHR/WHITE •
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8847466 • 2004/CHEVROLET/
MALIBU/WHITE •
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ELANTRA/BLACK •
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ELANTRA/SILVER •
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8847578 • 2012/HYUNDAI/
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ACCORD/BLUE •
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WHITE • 3FAFP07196R185801

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TAHOE/WHITE •
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8852087 • 2004/CHEVROLET/
TAHOE/WHITE •
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SILVER • JT8BD69S610137755

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CHRYSLER/200/RED •
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INFINITI/Q50/OTHER •
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SEBRING/BLUE •
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RANGER/WHITE •
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TAHOE/WHITE •
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GRAY • 2HKYF18554H540248

8861559 • 1999/
OLDSMOBILE/OTHER/GOLD •
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8861574 • 2020/HYUNDAI/
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GRAND PRIX/WHITE •
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SILVERADO/BLACK •
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VERSA/WHITE •
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ESCALADE/GRAY •
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ACCORD/WHITE •
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GRAND MARQUIS/BLACK •
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BLACK • 1C6SRFFT8LN241094

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OTHER/GREEN •
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SILVERADO/GRAY •
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MOUNTAINEER/TAN •
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RAM 1500/BLACK •
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GRAY • 1GKS1DKL8MR340068

9180298 • 2012/HONDA/
ACCORD/BLACK •
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LEGAL

ORDINANCE GRANTING ERIN JACKSON EARLS A REZONING FROM R-4 (LIMITED MULTI-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) DISTRICT TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND REVITALIZATION OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS FOR THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1110 PROSE AVE. (PARCEL 164-23), 1222 W. SILAS BROWN ST. (PARCEL 164-22-14) AND 1218 -1220 W. SILAS BROWN ST. (PARCEL 164-25-5).

CASE NO. 4323.

WHEREAS, Angela Stamps has filed a petition for a Use Permit to allow for an accessory structure to be used as living quarters for family members, temporary guests, or domestic help subordinate to the principal residence on the same lot within a R-IA (Single-Family) Residential District for the property located at 808 Colonial Cir. (Parcel 552-196) in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has recommended approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow for an accessory structure to be used as living quarters for family members, temporary guests, or domestic help subordinate to the principal residence on the same lot within a R-IA (Single-Family) Residential District for the property located at 808 Colonial Cir. (Parcel 552-196); and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, April 20, 2026 to consider said change, based upon the record of the case as developed before the Jackson City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Jackson City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on March 5, 2026 and March 19, 2026 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on March 25, 2026, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board had recommended approval of a Conditional Use Permit within the existing R-IA (Single-Family) Residential District of the City of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council, after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that proposed use would not be hazardous, detrimental, or disturbing to present surrounding land uses due to noises, glare, smoke, dust, odor, fumes, water pollution, vibration, electrical interference, or other nuisances and that a Conditional Use Permit be granted to allow for an accessory structure to be used as living quarters for family members, temporary guests, or domestic help subordinate to the principal residence on the same lot for the property located at 808 Colonial Cir. (Parcel 552-196) within the existing R-IA (Single-Family) Residential District of the City of Jackson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

That the property located in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, more particular described as follows:

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

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

Beginning at an iron bar marking the Northeast corner of aforesaid Lot 15, 33.0 feet to an iron bar; thence through an interior angle of 128 degrees 31 minutes 30 seconds and run Southwesterly, 345.71 feet to an iron bar on Northern right of way line of Colonial Circle; run thence Southeasterly, clockwise, along the arc of a curve in the Northern right of way line of Colonial Circle, 19.02 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 15; said curve having radius of 302.62 feet and a central angle of 03 degrees 36 minutes; run thence Northeasterly along the Eastern boundary of Lot 15, 366.51 feet to the point of beginning

be and is hereby modified so as to approve a Conditional Use Permit to allow for an accessory structure to be used as living quarters for family members, temporary guests, or domestic help subordinate to the principal residence on the same lot within a R-IA (Single-Family) Residential District for the property located at 808 Colonial Cir. (Parcel 552-196). The Conditions of the Use Permit shall be that it is granted on an annual basis; that it be granted to Angela Stamps, the owner/operator of the accessory structure that is to be used as a living quarter for family members, temporary guests, or domestic help subordinate to the principal residence on the same lot, that subsequent owners or operators of an accessory structure that is to be used as a living quarter for family members, temporary guests, or domestic help subordinate to the principal residence on the same lot at the location must apply for and receive a new Use Permit and that compliance with adopted Property Maintenance, Building, Fire, Law Enforcement and Zoning codes be maintained at all times. However, that before a Use Permit is issued for any structure to be erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process.

Vice President Hartley moved adoption; Council Member Brown-Thomas seconded. Yeas - Brown-Thomas, Clay, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley and Parkinson. Nays-None. Absent - Stokes.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Zoning Council Meeting May 18, 2026 and recorded in Minute Book "7D, Pgs. 244-246".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 15th day of May 2026.

6/25/2026

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- DOLLAR GENERAL**
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- DOLLAR GENERAL**
2030 N Siwell Rd
- DOLLAR GENERAL**
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- DOLLAR GENERAL**
5990 Medgar Evers Blvd
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1214 Capitol St (Downtown Jackson)
- DOLLAR GENERAL**
304 Briarwood Dr
- DOLLAR GENERAL**
2855 McDowell Rd
- DOLLAR GENERAL**
104 Terry Rd
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3249 Medgar Evers Blvd.
- LIBERTY BANK AND TRUST**
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Northside Drive
- MCDADDE'S MARKET #2**
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Jackson Medical Mall
- SHELL FOOD MART**
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- BULLY'S STORE**
Church Street - Canton, MS
- COMMUNITY MART**
743 Ruby Street - Canton, MS
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- HAMLIN FLORAL DESIGN**
285 Peace Street - Canton, MS
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507 Church Street - Canton, MS
- K & K ONE STOP**
110 West Fulton Street - Canton, MS
- LACY'S INSURANCE**
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BYRAM

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VOWELL'S MARKET PLACE

- 5777 Terry Road
- CITY HALL**
Terry Road

CLINTON

- DOLLAR GENERAL**
807 Berkshire St - Clinton, MS

TERRY

- SERVICE STATION**
at Exit 78
- CITY HALL**
West Cunningham Avenue

RAYMOND

- HINDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE WELCOME CENTER**
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- SUNFLOWER GROCERY**
122 Old Port Gibson Street, Raymond, MS
- LOVE FOOD MART**
120 E. Main Street, Raymond, MS
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126 W. Court Street, Raymond, MS
- RAYMOND CITY HALL**
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How to prevent, recognize & respond to heat illness

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AMR paramedics are cautioning the public: Soaring temperatures and high humidity can kill.

Ryan Wilson, operations manager for American Medical Response said, "Even the healthiest among us can suffer heat exhaustion or heat stroke but there is greater risk for elders, children up to four years old, chronically ill individuals, obese people, those who are pregnant, persons exerting themselves in the heat such as athletes, homeless people and substance abusers."

Wilson said, "There are specific ways to prevent heat illness, and, when prevention fails, we all need to recognize heat illness quickly and help the victim fast." Wilson advised:

Heat illness is sometimes called "sun stroke," but that term is misleading. Heat illness can occur indoors as well as outdoors, especially in buildings with no air conditioning or poor ventilation.

Prevention: A major part of avoiding heat illness is drinking lots of non-alcoholic fluids continuously. Water and commercial "sports drinks" are best. Drink no alcohol and avoid energy drinks and large quantities of coffee, since alcohol and, to a lesser extent, caffeine make the body lose fluid, not retain it. If you have no salt restrictions in your diet, mix a pinch of salt in each quart of water you drink.

Start drinking those correct fluids



hours before starting any strenuous effort. Keep taking in the fluids throughout the day and evening. Beware: It is possible to get ill from drinking too much water or sports drinks, so don't drink huge quantities.

Work outside only in the cooler morning and evening hours, if possible. Take frequent breaks and stay in the shade as much as you can. Wear loose fitting,

light colored clothing made of fabric that "breathes" such as cotton. Wear a broad-brimmed, loose weave hat and take it off from time to time. If you're out walking, use an umbrella or parasol. Consider keeping a cool wet cloth loosely around your neck.

Indoors, close your curtains to block some of the sun's heat. Concentrate cooler air in one room of your home by stuffing towels or sheets in the space between the floor and the bottom of doors. If your home has no air conditioning, spend the hottest hours of the day in a library, shopping mall, senior

center or other public facility that is air conditioned. In a heat wave, friends and family of elderly, ill and disabled people should check on them frequently.

An early symptom of heat exhaustion is feeling light-headed or dizzy. Heat exhaustion also includes heavy sweating with cool, clammy sometimes pale skin. Heat exhaustion sometimes brings on headache, nausea, vomiting, irritability, weak pulse and rapid but shallow breathing. Body temperature is usually normal or only slightly elevated.

First aid for heat exhaustion: Some emergency physicians recommend calling 911 anytime a person gets dizzy, light-headed or disoriented. Move the person to a nearby cooler place. Do not cool heat exhaustion or heat stroke victims to the point of shivering. Shivering keeps heat inside

HEAT ILLNESS ADVICE FROM AMR MEDICS, 6-22-2026, pg. 2 of 2:

the body. Have the person lie down and elevate the feet eight to 12 inches. Loosen clothing and fan the victim

without chilling him or her. If, and only if the person is fully alert, give sips of water. Gently massage cramps. Watch the person because heat exhaustion can quickly turn into heat stroke. Full recovery usually takes several hours.

Heat stroke is the potentially fatal form of heat illness: The key to identifying heat stroke is high body temperature. Signs of heat stroke are hot, dry, sometimes red or mottled skin, deep breathing followed by shallow breathing and large, dilated pupils. The victim may lose consciousness and have seizures. Fit people suffering heat stroke might still be sweating profusely. If humidity is high, sweat evaporates slower so a heat stroke victim may still be sweaty.

First aid for heat stroke: Immediately move the victim from the source of the heat and start cooling him or her. The body loses heat 25 times faster in water than in air, so, if possible, give a cool – but not cold – bath or put cool wet cloths on the body and continuously fan the victim. If an electric fan is available, blow it across the victim or use a stiff piece of paper to create a fan. Keep the cloths cool and wet. Do not cover the face with the cloths.

If manufactured cold packs are available, use those while following the printed directions. Homemade ice packs can help lower the heat exhaustion or heat stroke victim's tem-

perature. Do not put ice directly on the patient's skin. Put the ice in zip lock bags and wrap each bag in a thin towel. Place a bag on the parts of the body where veins are close to the surface: one on each side of the neck, under each armpit, one on the palm side of each wrist, just above the top of the foot and on each side of the groin. Be careful using a water hose to cool the victim. Explain what you're going to do and do not spray the face directly.

Heat stroke can damage organs and cause death. If you suspect heat stroke, immediately call 911 for your local paramedics. Be certain someone has called for an ambulance. Emergency medical responders have the training, equipment and supplies to start reducing high body temperature.

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New Report finds most Americans don't know how to protect Brain Health

StatePoint

Americans overwhelmingly say brain health matters deeply as they age, ranking it on par with — or even above — physical health. Yet despite this concern, most adults acknowledge they do not know how to protect or maintain their cognitive health, according to the 2026 "Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures" report and a new nationwide survey released by the Alzheimer's Association.

Eighty-eight percent of U.S. adults say maintaining brain health is very important, and almost all adults ages 40 and older surveyed (99%) say it is at least as important as physical health. However, only 9% say they know "a lot" about how to maintain their brain health. More than two-thirds say they worry about their brain health and about developing Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia.

"Americans care deeply about their brain health and say that midlife is the key time to start taking steps to support it," said Heather M. Snyder, Ph.D., senior vice president of Medical and Scientific Relations for the Alzheimer's Association. "But many don't know where to start and are looking for clear guidance on actions they can take."

The report comes as the impact of Alzheimer's disease continues to expand nationwide. An estimated 7.4 million Americans age 65 and older are currently living with clinical Alzheimer's dementia. Total annual costs of caring for people living with dementia nationwide — excluding unpaid care — are projected to reach \$409 billion this year, an increase of \$25 billion from 2025. Since 2000, deaths from Alzheimer's disease in the United States have increased 134%.



Carolyn Amerson exercises daily.

Despite broad awareness that lifestyle behaviors influence brain health, the survey reveals a significant disconnect between belief and action — and between brain health and dementia risk. While 75% of respondents say lifestyle behaviors such as diet, physical activity and sleep are very important for maintaining brain health, only 46% say those same behaviors are very important for reducing the risk of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

Only 50% report getting at least seven hours of sleep daily or most days, 39% say they eat a healthy, balanced diet regularly, 42% engage in mentally stimulating activities such as reading or puzzles, and just 34% report regular physical activity. Nearly one-third say they exercise less than weekly or not at all.

At the same time, Americans express strong interest in programs designed to support brain health. Seventy-three percent say they would consider participating in such programs, particularly those focused on cognitive exercises (57%), health monitoring (46%), nutrition (36%) and physical activity (26%).

Many adults view midlife — ages 35 to 64 — as a critical window for protecting brain health. Nearly two in five (38%) believe people should begin taking steps during midlife, and 46% say formal brain health programs are most appropriate during this stage. At the same time, about one-third view brain health as a lifelong priority.

Health care providers are seen as trusted sources of guidance, but conversations about brain health rarely occur. Eighty-six percent of adults would welcome these discussions during routine visits. Yet only 14% report ever discussing how to maintain brain health with their provider, and just 11% say they have talked about reducing dementia risk.

"These findings highlight an opportunity to better integrate brain health into routine health care," Snyder said. "People are motivated to protect their brain health, and actionable guidance can support those efforts."

To address these gaps, the Alzheimer's Association is working with partners across communities, workplaces and health care systems to deliver research-backed resources and programs. These efforts are informed by the landmark U.S. POINTER study, which found that combining multiple healthy lifestyle habits can help protect cognitive function.

Learn more at alz.org/facts. "The takeaway from this report is clear: brain health is a lifelong priority, not an issue limited to older age," Snyder said. "By connecting individuals, communities, workplaces and health care, we can build a more equitable framework to support cognitive health and help reduce dementia risk for everyone."

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JXN FILM FESTIVAL™ announces official 'Press Conference' at Tougaloo College

Mississippi Link Newswire

The JXN FILM FESTIVAL™ is pleased to announce that its official press conference for the 2026 season will take place Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. in the Bennie G. Thompson Auditorium at Tougaloo College.

The JXN Film Festival celebrates independent filmmaking and the 50th anniversary of Rocky. The Festival returns to Tougaloo College and the Two Mississippi Museums for its 6th season of celebration and transformation July 26-31, 2026.

The press conference will unveil this year's full schedule, community partnerships and the 2026 festival theme.

Festival organizers, elected officials, artists, and community partners will be in attendance to share what's ahead for another milestone year. Media outlets, film lovers, and the general public are encouraged to attend and be among the first to hear exclusive announcements.

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IAMH, H.E.A.L. Mississippi, and UMMC Unite to Advance Law Enforcement Health and Wellness

Mississippi Link Newswire

Approximately 30 local law enforcement officers received free health screenings and health education during the Serve Day Health Fair held June 12 at the Capitol Police Command Center in Jackson, MS.

Hosted by H.E.A.L. Mississippi, the Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health (IAMH) and the University of Mississippi Medical Center's MIND Center, the event brought critical health services directly to first responders while emphasizing the importance of preventive care and early detection.

H.E.A.L. Mississippi provided blood pressure and glucose screenings. These screenings revealed several elevated readings that highlighted the need for follow-up care. Some officers were surprised by their screening results. The findings highlighted the importance of routine health screenings and regular medical checkups.

The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health engaged participants through its men's health education exhibit and sparked conversations about chronic disease prevention and overall wellness. Representatives from UMMC's MIND Center shared information on Alzheimer's disease, brain health, and the early warning signs of cognitive decline.

Organized by Chris Fields, executive director of H.E.A.L. Mississippi, Serve Day supported the



Law enforcement officers participate received health screenings and educational materials during the Serve Day Health Fair at the Capitol Police Command Center.

health and wellness of all law enforcement officers.

The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health was established in 2019 to reduce health disparities among disadvantaged and underserved minority popu-

lations 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.

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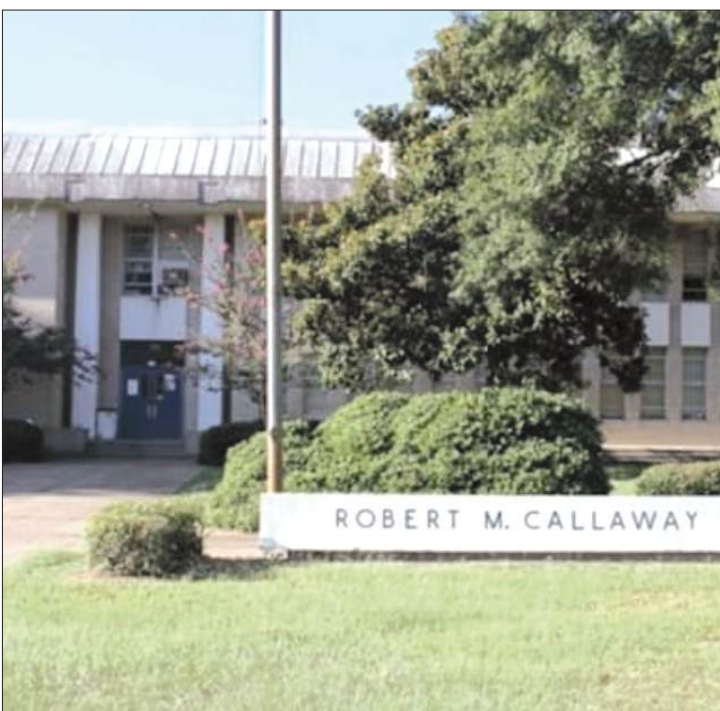
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Jackson Public Schools earns Military Star Recognition



Callaway High School designated as Military Star School

JPS Newswire

Jackson Public Schools continues to demonstrate its strong commitment to supporting military-connected students and families, with two high schools, Callaway and Jim Hill, earning designation as Military Star Schools for 2026–2028 by the Mississippi Department of Education (MDE).

This prestigious designation recognizes schools that go above and beyond to meet the unique academic and social-emotional needs of children of service members. With this honor, JPS reinforces its role as a Military School District dedicated to ensuring that every military-connected student receives the support needed to thrive.

Military Star Schools are required to implement a range of targeted supports, including

appointing a dedicated liaison for military families, providing student-led transition and peer support programs, offering professional development for staff, and publicly recognizing the service and sacrifice of military members and their families.

All JPS high schools are now designated as Military Star Schools. Statewide, 103 schools now hold the Military Star designation, with eight new schools added for the 2026–2028 cycle. The program, established in 2022 through Executive Order 1561, highlights Mississippi's leadership in supporting military-connected students.

The Military Star School designation is awarded for two years, with schools eligible to reapply to maintain their sta-



Jim Hill High School designated as Military Star School

Alcorn State students present AI research at HBCU biology symposium

ASU Newswire

The future of biology may be written in code. Alcorn State University students are already learning the language.

A delegation of 37 students and three faculty members from the university's Department of Biological Sciences presented research April 24 at the Second Undergraduate Research Symposium on AI and Machine Learning in Biology at Grambling State University.

The students delivered oral presentations on their work.

Their mentors, Dr. Jameka Grigsby, associate professor of biology and the project's principal investigator; Dr. Elena Kostyleva, assistant professor; and Dr. Debarshi Roy, associate professor, also took the stage as featured speakers, sharing what they have learned about where artificial intelligence (AI) meets biological research.

"The Research Symposium aims to showcase innovative ideas, emerging advancements, and effective implementation strategies for integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) into the biology curriculum," said Grigsby. "The event brought together data scientists, biology faculty, education experts, and STEM students from four Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)—Alcorn State University, Florida A&M University, Grambling State University, and Jackson State University, along with Stephen F. Austin State University as a key networking partner, to foster interdisciplinary collaboration at the intersection of biological data science, artificial



intelligence (AI), and machine learning (ML) systems."

The symposium had a clear purpose showing how AI and machine learning (ML) can move from concept to classroom.

The aim was collaboration across disciplines that rarely share a room — biological data science, AI and machine learning.

"This research Symposium was sponsored by the Nation-

al Science Foundation, NSF/RCN-UBE Program, Award #2417643, to Alcorn State University, Florida A&M University, lead institution; Grambling State University, and Jackson State University," said Grigsby.

During the 2025-26 academic year, the five institutions folded a genetics module powered by AI and machine learning into their biology curricula. It is already changing how students analyze, interpret and apply bio-

logical data.

High-throughput technologies now generate enormous genomic datasets — DNA sequences, gene expression profiles, epigenetic modifications — far more than any researcher could sort by hand.

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Columnist

Seven thousand steps. That's what researchers say you need each day for optimum health. That's a little over three miles of walking, stair-climbing, and running, and it's a lot, but you do what you can to stay healthy, right? So maybe it's time to check out these great books about health and well-being for African American readers...

At some point in the near future, in a month or twelve, you'll probably need to make

your annual appointment with your physician. But what does he or she look like? In "The Price of Exclusion: The Pursuit of Healthcare in a Segregated Nation" by Nicole Carr (Dey Street, \$30.00), you'll see why that matters, why America needs more Black doctors, and how the lack could affect your health.

During the pandemic, says Carr, African American Covid-19 patients died at a much higher rate than did white sufferers. That may come as no surprise, but other information that Carr uncovers might shock you.

Systemic racism has been an unfortunate fact throughout the last 170 years in medical facilities and medical schools. Efforts of Black researchers have been ignored, denied, or seized and subsumed by others. Patients have gotten sub-par care. Black doctors have tried to fight back, both for themselves and for their patients; HBCUs and Black institutions offered medical education, but things were still slow to change.

Told alongside the story of her great-grandfather, a physician who worked as a doctor in the

early years of the last century, this is a lively, very interesting book, and it's must-read for anyone who thinks about their health and longevity.

For Black women looking for healthcare, the struggle is different. And more urgent. In "A Terrible Strength: The Hidden Crisis of the Black Womb & Your Survival Guide to Healing" by Kemi Doll, MD, MSCR (Harmony Books, \$28.99), you'll see why.



When Dr. Doll was in medical school, preparing to become a gynecologic cancer surgeon, she

saw something unfathomable: even today, in supposedly modern times, racism runs rampant in health care for Black women, from charting to pain control to cancer treatments. It's especially insidious in gynecology, pregnancy, and other reproductive health issues.

Doll uses stories to illustrate her points, but this book also includes advice, charts to explore, cautions and things to watch out for, and lots of ways for a Black woman to be her own best advocate. Read this book, take it with you to your next doctor's visit.

It's probably true that these books won't be enough, once you get started on reading the new information available to patients and their loved ones. There are lots of books on shelves that will give you more direction, more advice, and more ways to find the right doctor for you. All you need to do is to head to your favorite bookstore or library and ask for assistance. The staff can help you find what you need – and more – so you can stay well.

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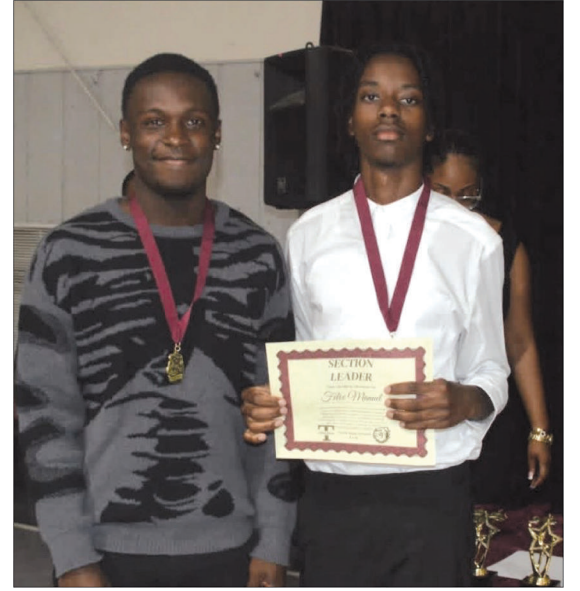
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