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## Bonner shedding light on health risks with conventional hairpieces

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Melanie Bonner, a Canton resident and the founder and CEO of MyClynz, is a leader in a



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crucial movement toward safer beauty and elevated professional standards. MyClynz is a Black-owned B2B haircare brand dedicated to removing harmful toxins from styling tools and hair pieces such as wigs, toupees/man-units, extensions/bundles

and braiding hair.

Bonner says that, in response to alarming studies by Consumer Reports revealing hazardous chemicals in synthetic and human braiding hair, she has developed a patent pending solution to protect both consumers and beauty professionals.

MyClynz features an innovative, patent-pending shampoo and haircare line specifically formulated to remove cancer-linked toxins, such as lead and formaldehyde, often used in synthetic and human hairpieces. The product line is uniquely designed for professionals and is sold exclusively in large containers to hair salons and barbershops. By addressing these hidden dangers, Bonner says that MyClynz ensures that individuals no longer have to choose between their beauty and their health. She says this mission is especially critical for vulnerable populations, including

those fighting cancer and/or living with alopecia, who rely on these hair pieces for confidence and normalcy during difficult times.

“Our mission is to actively work to protect and improve public health within our society and for future generations,” said Bonner. “No one—neither the professional stylist nor the client—should ever have to compromise their well-being for their appearance and confidence.”

In recognition of her impactful, groundbreaking and innovative work, Bonner competed and was a top contender and finalist for the Entrepreneur of Impact Award. The competition highlights leaders who are making a significant difference in their fields and communities.

Everyone is encouraged to learn more about the health risks associated with conventional hairpieces and the solutions MyClynz offers. Bonner says MyClynz is committed to improving public health and establishing safer beauty standards for professionals and clients alike, especially those fighting cancer and/or living with alopecia. For more information, visit [www.myclynz.com](http://www.myclynz.com) or email [MyClynz@gmail.com](mailto:MyClynz@gmail.com).



### TOXIC CHEMICALS FOUND IN BRAIDING HAIR PRODUCTS

Consumer Reports tested 30 braiding hair products and found alarming levels of heavy metals and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The findings raise serious public health concerns, particularly for Black women, who are the primary consumers of these products.

Source: Consumer Reports Laboratory Testing

#### HEAVY METAL & VOC CONTAMINATION AT A GLANCE



97% of products (29 out of 30) contained detectable lead, 100% contained VOCs. 50 different VOCs identified, including carcinogens benzene and dichloromethane.

#### WORST OFFENDERS BY CATEGORY

Human Hair Products: All 9 human hair samples had lead concentrations far above safe concern levels — the highest of any category tested.  
Highest Lead & Cadmium: Wigs Water Wave Bulk recorded the highest concentrations of both lead and cadmium across all 30 products.  
Highest VOCs: Gyal Braids and Slayyy Hair had the highest total VOC levels, driven primarily by acetone.



**PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT:** Nearly 72% of Black women wear hair extensions at least once a year, making this a widespread exposure risk. Prolonged contact with products containing heavy metals and VOCs has been linked to neurological damage, cancer risk, and respiratory harm. Experts are calling on the FDA to regulate braiding hair products, which currently fall outside strict cosmetic safety oversight. Consumers are urged to check product labels and seek hypoallergenic, tested alternatives.

Only 1 clean product found: Dosso Beauty Hypoallergenic Kanekalon Fiber Braiding Hair showed NO detectable lead, arsenic, or cadmium.

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# Canton teacher participates in state advisory council



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Ms. Austin, an education teacher with the Canton Public School District, recently attended the Mississippi Teacher Advisory Council meeting.

She was inducted into the council during the 2024-25 school year and has attended each meeting held during the fall and spring semesters. The council aims to empower educators across the state. Recent dis-

cussions have focused on accountability standards, strategic planning and teacher pay raises. Austin said serving on the council is one of her proudest accomplishments during her time with the dis-

trict, citing education and the sharing of knowledge as her top priorities. In a photo from the meeting, Austin is standing in the front row, third from the right.



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# CHS celebrates prom Met Gala Style



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Prom king and queen honors were awarded to Makayla Richardson and Juantarious Green.

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Canton High School students celebrated an unforgettable evening at the junior class's Met Gala Prom 2026, a night marked by laughter, achievement and lasting memories.

Throughout the event, students were recognized for their talents and contributions to the school community. Awards were presented in a variety of categories, highlighting both character and accomplishment.

Prom king and queen honors were awarded to Juantarious Green and Makayla Richardson.

Other award recipients included:

- **Most Likely to Succeed:** Henser Vicente and Alexandria Lockett
- **Friendliest:** Jaylen Garland and Ta'merious Williams
- **Most Spirited:** Malachi Porter and Rozylan McDonald
- **Best Comedian:** Kenderious Carson and Myunna Ross
- **Best Dancer:** Jamarian Worthy

and Maryah Dorsey

- **Best Performer:** Dakota Myers and Jalynn Dunigan
- **Most Athletic:** Braylen Reaves and Journee Brown
- **Best All-Around:** Derrick Huntley and Za'nyriah Prophet
- **Best Dressed:** Kaleb Parker and Janyla Williamson

The evening celebrated not only individual achievements but also the strong sense of community among Canton High School students.



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# CHS Baby Boom earns top honors at final competition

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The Canton High School Baby Boom ended its battle season at Humphreys County High School, earning first place in the medium division and first place in auxiliaries.

During the event, students also had the opportunity to meet and greet Famous Amos.

The group finished the season with a total of four first-place trophies and one grand trophy.

School officials credited the program's success to the leadership of Mr. Muhammad and praised the team's accomplishments throughout the year.



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# Canton High School standout signs with Northwest Mississippi



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Canton High School Lady Tiger Dekendra Mitchell has signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Northwest Mississippi Community College.

Mitchell, a student-athlete, earned the opportunity through her hard work and commitment on the court. She will continue her basketball career at the collegiate level following her graduation.

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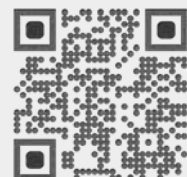
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# A bit of history: Who was Peter Saab and the Saab family?

Courtesy of the Canton-Madison County Historical Society

Keep Canton Beautiful recently hosted a community clean-up at the eponymous Saab Park.

The Saab family's roots extended back nearly a century and a half through the record books of Canton, with the family immigrating in the late 1800s to Mississippi by way of New Orleans.

Pictured were family patriarch Anton Saab and his wife, Lizzie Messih Saab.

The following history of the Saab family was transcribed from the archives of the Madison County Library System:

Anton Saab was born around 1865 in Jounieh, Lebanon. Lizzie Meeshil was born in Sahel Alma, Lebanon, in 1870. The two met and married in Lebanon around 1888.

They moved to New Orleans in 1895 with their first child, Freida, who was three years old at the time. Saab purchased small quantities of household goods, such as lace, doilies and tablecloths, and sold them door to door.

Additional children born in New Orleans included Amelia (1896-1914), Louis (1897-1918), George (1902-1936), Marie (1904-?), Rosalie

(1909-1975) and Alice (1911-1962).

The family later moved to Canton, where the rest of their children were born beginning in 1912: Peter (1912-1953), Albert (1914-1959), Lucille (1916-1964) and Martha Louise (1918-1918).

In Canton, Anton and Lizzie Saab started a small family dry goods store on the north corner of the square at North Liberty and Center Street around 1910. All of the children contributed, either working in the store or helping at home.

In 1930, Peter Saab and his wife, Genevieve, opened a grocery store next door to the dry goods store. In 1933, both stores were sold, and the family relocated to a new site on the east side of the square.

There, they established a family-owned and operated department store. The business was led by Alice, Peter and Albert Saab, as other family members had moved away to establish businesses of their own.

Freida Saab married David Butross and had six sons and two daughters. George Saab married Pamela Dunn and had no children. Marie Saab married William Kelley and had no children. Rosalie Saab married Sam Mohr and had three sons and one daughter. Alice Saab married Mi-



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chael Tupe and had no children. Peter Saab married Genevieve John and had three sons and two daughters. Albert Saab married Emily Moses and had two sons. Lucille Saab married Fred Maroon and had one son and two daughters. Martha Louise died as an infant.

Anton Saab died of heart failure in Canton in 1929. Lizzie Saab died at

Madison General Hospital in Canton on July 19, 1956, also of heart failure.

A. Saab's Department Store operated as a family-owned ladies shop, managed by Mrs. Albert Saab and her sons, Albert and Joseph Girard.

Saab family history was courtesy of the Madison County Library System.

## Gilmore wins first at State Chess Tournament



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Canton Academy sixth-grader Dylan Gilmore earned first place in the K-6 division at the Mississippi Children's Museum Spring Chess Tournament.

Gilmore finished the competition undefeated with a 5-0 record, securing the top spot among participants.

School officials praised Gilmore for his achievement and for representing Canton Academy with excellence.

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# Career center hosts middle school students for campus visit



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The Canton Career Center recently welcomed eighth grade students from Porter Middle School for a campus visit. During the visit, students met with

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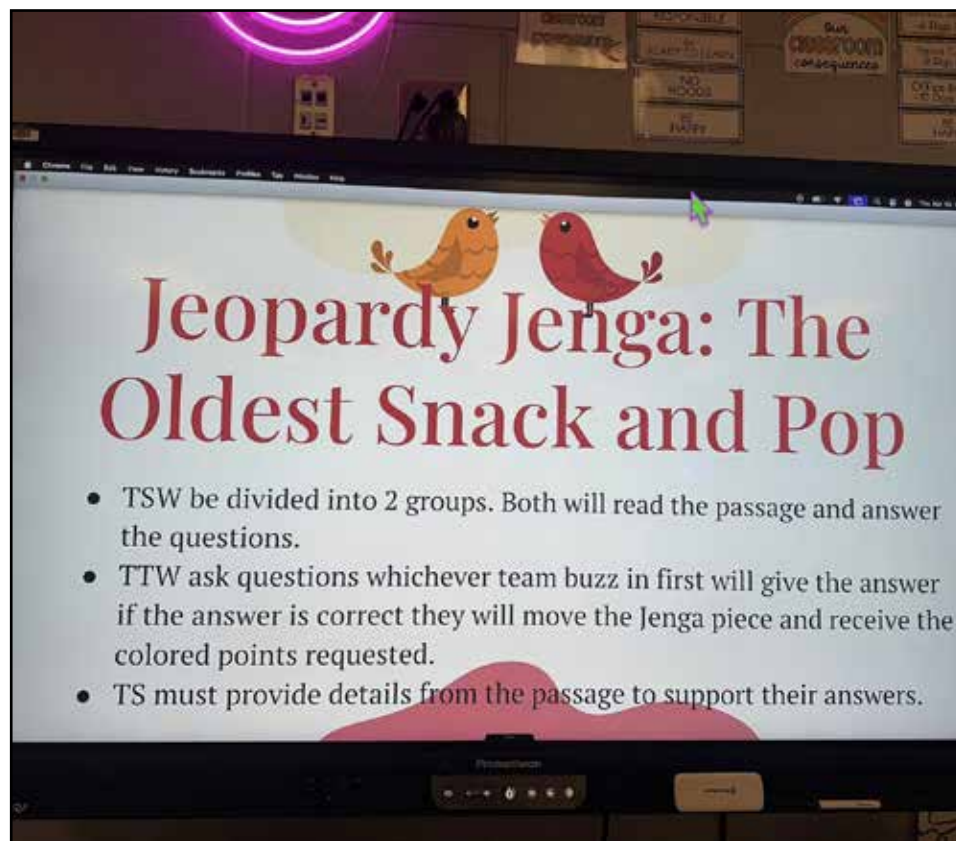


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# Canton Elementary fifth graders engage in interactive review activity



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Students in Mrs. Burroughs' fifth-grade class at Canton El-

ementary participated in a Jenga Jeopardy activity to review key test-taking strategies. Working in teams, students

practiced going back to passages for evidence, using the process of elimination and collaborating to answer ques-

tions. Teachers reported high engagement and strong participation throughout the activity.

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# Mississippi funeral director follows calling to service

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Growing up in Canton, Dexter L. Ritter planned to become an architect. In his junior year of high school, he felt called to become a licensed funeral director and mortician instead.

A guidance counselor told him he would never enter the field, noting his family worked in education and did not own a funeral home. Ritter remained committed to his calling.

At the start of his senior year, he began working as a student intern at a local funeral home. After graduating with honors from Canton High School in 1997, he attended East Mississippi Community College in Scooba, Mississippi, earning an associate degree in mortuary science in 2000.

During his internship, Ritter passed the National Board Exam on his first attempt and became a licensed funeral director and mortician in 2002. He then moved to Memphis, where he worked at M.J. Edwards Funeral Home, gaining experience in funeral service, embalming and restorative art.

He later returned to Mississippi to work as a pathology assistant at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson. During that time, he also worked at Jackson Memorial Funeral Service and provided trade embalming for funeral homes across



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the state.

Ritter continued his education, earning a bachelor's degree in business administration from Belhaven University. In 2017, he became a Certified Funeral Service Practitioner through the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice.

Since 2012, he has worked at Col-

lins Funeral Home in Jackson and continues to provide trade embalming services for multiple funeral homes across Mississippi. In 2025, he was inducted into Epsilon Nu Delta, a mortuary fraternity for professional embalmers affiliated with the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, of which he is also a

member.

In his spare time, Ritter enjoys fishing, chess, golf, working out, reading, traveling and trying new restaurants. He is a member of Word of Life Church in Ridgeland and has served on several professional and civic boards. He said he hopes his service reflects God's excellence.

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# Prophet recognized by MCBL&F



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Pictured (l to r) are Jan Collins, MCBL&F; Charley Jones, WLBT news director; Za'Nyriah Prophet; instructor Juandria Brown; and director Michael Ellis.

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Madison County Business League & Foundation member Charley Jones, who serves as the news director with WLBT, presented the Canton Career Center March Student of the Month award to Za'Nyriah Prophet. Prophet

is enrolled in the digital media program and aspires to be a journalist. The purpose of the Student of the Month program is to connect businesses and industries with students while promoting the skills needed to strengthen Madison County's workforce.



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# Chapel, Field Day highlight spirit of Canton Academy community



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By Courtney Warren

Canton Academy students and families experienced a day of worship and celebration as fifth-grade students led chapel, setting a meaningful tone for the day. Activities continued with Field Day, where students participated in games that em-

phasized teamwork and school spirit. Parents played a key role in the event, volunteering their time and effort to help create a memorable experience for students. The day concluded with a visit from the local fire department, providing a refreshing finale.

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# The Best of Canton announces inaugural Weeklong Awards Celebration



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The Canton Mayor and Board of The City of Canton will shine brightly in August 2026 as “The Best of Canton” launches its inaugural Weeklong Awards Celebration, honoring excellence, legacy and community impact. This historic event is hosted by “The Best of Mississippi Awards” in partnership with the City of Canton Board of Aldermen and the Honorable Mayor Tim Taylor.

The celebration will begin on Sun-

day, August 2, with “Pray Canton,” a community prayer walk around the Canton Square from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. The week will continue with a virtual spotlight series recognizing outstanding individuals, businesses and organizations whose contributions reflect the heart and progress of Canton, proudly known as the “City of Lights.”

On Friday, August 7, the community is invited to attend the “Best of Canton Fest,” featuring local vendors, family-friendly activities and a vibrant at-

mosphere celebrating the city’s culture and spirit.

The weeklong celebration will culminate on Saturday, August 8, with the “Best of Canton Awards Gala,” where honorees will be formally recognized for their outstanding contributions. The official venue will be announced soon.

“The Best of Canton” was created to restore honor, celebrate legacy and spotlight excellence across generations. This annual celebration is de-

signed to become a lasting tradition that strengthens civic pride, unity and community connection.

Additional details, including nominations, sponsorship opportunities, event schedules and venue announcements, will be released in the coming months.

For updates and announcements, follow The Best of Canton on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/thebestofcanton](http://www.facebook.com/thebestofcanton), where residents can also access the Best of Canton app.

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Heritage Life Insurance Co. 227 West Monroe Street, Suite 3775 Chicago, IL 60606 Total Assets \$ 14,720,264,210 Total Liabilities \$ 13,033,359,437 Capital Stock \$2,500,000 Surplus Funds \$ 1,684,404,773 Total Capital & Surplus \$ 1,686,904,773 Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds \$ 14,720,264,210

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HM Life Insurance Co. P. O. Box 535061 Pittsburgh, PA 15253-5061 Total Assets \$ 1,071,305,255 Total Liabilities \$ 595,131,714 Capital Stock \$3,000,000 Surplus Funds \$ 473,173,541 Total Capital & Surplus \$ 476,173,541 Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds \$ 1,071,305,255

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Homesteaders Life Co. P. O. Box 1756 Des Moines, IA 50305-1756 Total Assets \$ 4,379,664,303 Total Liabilities \$ 4,046,191,841 Capital Stock \$20,000,000 Surplus Funds \$ 313,472,462 Total Capital & Surplus \$ 333,472,462 Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds \$ 4,379,664,303

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Horace Mann Life Insurance Co. 1 Horace Mann Plaza Springfield, IL 62715 Total Assets \$ 9,927,341,543 Total Liabilities \$ 9,540,037,917 Capital Stock \$2,500,000 Surplus Funds \$ 384,803,626 Total Capital & Surplus \$ 387,303,626 Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds \$ 9,927,341,543

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Humana Insurance Co. of Kentucky PO Box 740036 Louisville, KY 40202 Total Assets \$ 305,995,641 Total Liabilities \$ 167,042,871 Capital Stock \$2,000,000 Surplus Funds \$ 136,952,770 Total Capital & Surplus \$ 138,952,770 Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds \$ 305,995,641

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IA American Life Insurance Co. PO Box 2549 Waco, TX 76702-2549 Total Assets \$ 316,278,907 Total Liabilities \$ 197,242,873 Capital Stock \$11,640,370 Surplus Funds \$ 107,395,664 Total Capital & Surplus \$ 119,036,034 Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds \$ 316,278,907

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Ibexis Life & Annuity Insurance Co. 250 S. Australian Avenue, Suite 1525 West Palm Beach, FL 33401 Total Assets \$ 3,292,024,648 Total Liabilities \$ 3,149,147,268 Capital Stock \$5,320,000 Surplus Funds \$ 137,557,380 Total Capital & Surplus \$ 142,877,380 Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds \$ 3,292,024,648

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Idealife Insurance Co. 400 Atlantic Street, 9th Floor Stamford, CT 06901 Total Assets \$ 21,379,358 Total Liabilities \$ 1,608,183 Capital Stock \$2,500,000 Surplus Funds \$ 17,271,175 Total Capital & Surplus \$ 19,771,175 Total Liabilities, Surplus & Other Funds \$ 21,379,358

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# On the Shelf: Big fantasy releases on the horizon

By Courtney Warren

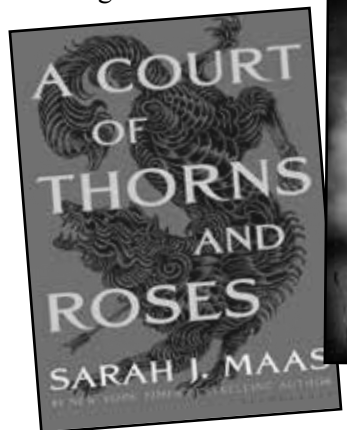
Fantasy readers, this is our moment. When I saw that all of these are coming in the fall, I honestly had a small moment of panic, because what do you mean I need to reread every one of these to prep?! I'm going to.

If your bookshelf has been feeling a little quiet lately, that's about to change in a big way. Some of the most talked-about names in modern fantasy are preparing to release new stories, making this the perfect time to dive in, or dive back in, to some unforgettable series. Now, this is by no means a complete list of the new releases, but it's like a line up of our heavy hitters. These are the books that have taken over social media, and some of these books have even gotten people back into reading. I will make a note here - none of these are YA or for younger audiences.

Fans of "A Court of Thorns and Roses" have a lot to anticipate. Sarah J. Maas is continuing her bestselling saga with *ACOTAR 6* and *ACOTAR 7*. She announced this on a podcast recently, and people (me, I am people) were absolutely losing their minds at the hints she made towards this series. I have already started rereading it.

About the series: This series follows Feyre, a young woman pulled into a

dangerous Fae world after a single mistake changes her life. What begins as a loose retelling of "Beauty and the Beast" quickly expands into a sweeping story filled with political alliances, powerful mag-



ic, romance and war across richly imagined courts.

This series is so much more than just magical Fae. It tackles ideas about doing the right thing even when it's hard, standing up for yourself, and finding your purpose after losing everything you thought you were.

Another exciting release is *Burn of the Everflame*, by Penn Cole.

About the series: The Everflame series centers on a world divided by power, rebellion and destiny. With a

strong female lead at its core, the story blends romance and action as characters navigate dangerous secrets, shifting loyalties and the fight for freedom in a land shaped by magic and conflict.

This

was a new series for me this year! I read the first three books in a matter of days and regret nothing. The world created by Cole is something fun and new, but the need for justice and taking down the bad guy still remains at the core of this one. It's plot twist after plot twist, and I already have the preorder ready.

And, in a surprise announcement, Rebecca Yarros is releasing a new, untitled novella set in the Emphyrean series universe—the same world as

*Fourth Wing*. The 176-page story is set to release on September 29, 2026.

About the series: The Emphyrean series follows Violet Sorrengail, a student forced into a brutal dragon rider training program where survival is never guaranteed. Packed with high-stakes trials, fierce competition and slow-burn romance, the series combines military fantasy with emotional depth and nonstop tension.

I have many thoughts about our girl Rebecca. First of all, she didn't announce this book until Maas announced hers and took over the internet. Part of me wonders if it's an attention grab. There were many reviews that said she wrote book two of this series way too fast because the fame went to her head. It was a very rushed story and left many readers dissatisfied (including myself). That being said, I will still read the novella, but I wish someone would tell her to relax and take her time. Good stories are worth waiting for. Look at how long we waited for Maas to give us her next *ACOTAR* book!

All signs point to one thing: fantasy is having a major moment. Whether you're revisiting a favorite series or starting one for the first time, now is the perfect opportunity to catch up before these highly-anticipated releases hit shelves.

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# Dining etiquette lesson teaches students proper table manners



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Canton Academy students in Mrs. Pam Reeves' class learned the basics of dining etiquette during a lesson focused on proper behavior at restaurants and in others' homes.

Instruction included identifying the difference between a salad fork and a pastry fork, the correct placement of a dinner napkin, and the proper direction for passing dishes at the table.

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# Nissan donates \$225,000 to Mississippi HBCUs to strengthen STEM education



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Demonstrating its continued commitment to Mississippi's future workforce, Nissan has donated \$225,000 to support STEM education at state's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The contribution extends the company's twelve-year tradition of investing in Mississippi HBCUs. This year's contribution will help

expand hands-on learning opportunities, enhance laboratory and classroom technology, and provide scholarships for students pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The initiative is part of Nissan's broader effort to build a more diverse and inclusive talent pipeline in high-demand technical fields. "Nissan is proud to continue our partnership with Mississippi's HB-

CU and to support the students who will shape the future of innovation," said Ali Tonn, Senior Manager, Philanthropy, Nissan Americas. "For more than a decade, we've invested in STEM education because we believe in the power of opportunity and the importance of preparing students for the careers of tomorrow." Since launching its Mississippi HBCU partnership, Nissan has

contributed nearly \$4 million to the program to strengthen academics, student development and community engagement across the state. Representatives from each institution expressed appreciation for Nissan's ongoing commitment, noting that the company's support has played a meaningful role in expanding access to high-quality STEM education and empowering students to pursue competitive career paths.

### Build Mississippi investment expands skilled trades opportunities at CA



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Canton Academy recently received an investment from Build Mississippi aimed at expanding hands-on learning opportunities for students interested in skilled trades.

The initiative will provide students with practical experience and training in fields such as carpentry, construction and HVAC, helping prepare them for career pathways after graduation.

Build Mississippi works to increase

awareness and access to careers in the skilled trades, equipping students with knowledge and industry-relevant skills.

School officials said the program will allow students to gain valuable experience that can lead to future employment opportunities.

Pictured are Coach Jimmy Nix, head of school; Gary Beeland, Mississippi Construction Education Foundation central area director; and Michele Carter, counselor.

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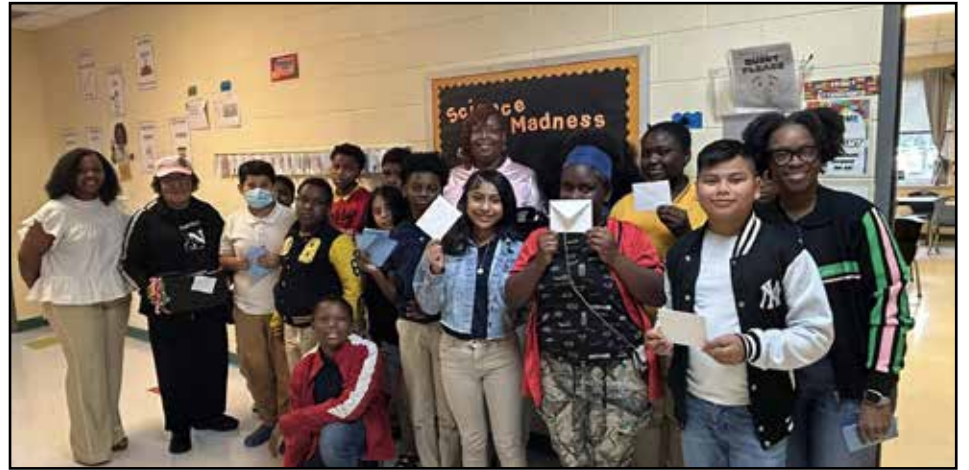
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# Community group encourages students ahead of testing at Goodloe Elementary



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By Courtney Warren

Students at Goodloe Elementary School received encouragement

ahead of testing from members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Beta Delta Omega Chapter. The group visited campus to share

positive messages and support, helping boost students' confidence as they prepare for exams. School leaders expressed apprecia-

tion for the visit, noting the impact of community involvement in reminding students of their value and potential.

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