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## THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION AND MISSISSIPPI MUTTS BRING PUPPIES TO THE PEOPLE

Shimba Ochiai holds a puppy outside the student union as part of the Welcome Week festivities.

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## ICE WORKING LOCALLY

Since 2012, the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department and other surrounding police departments have worked in conjunction with ICE, removing 56 individuals over a 7 year span.

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## Soccer leaning on young talent

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The Ole Miss soccer team is back in action in the new semester, looking to return to the NCAA Tournament after a second-round exit last season.

The Rebels were predicted to finish eighth in the SEC this season but are hoping to have a repeat of their unexpected success last season. The squad was predicted to finish seventh a year ago and rounded out the regular season tied for third in the SEC.

A similar finish to last season could be possible with 14 returning players on the squad this year. In addition to those 14, there are a group of 10 talented freshmen on campus campaigning for minutes on the field for Ole Miss.

The Rebel's leading return

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# For Ronzo



COURTESY: TOM RANKIN

Ron "Ronzo" Shapiro, known for his influence in the formation of Oxford's modern culture, died on August 19, 2019. After studying at Washington University and serving in the Army during the Vietnam War, Ronzo moved to Oxford in 1975 to establish the Hoka Theatre and Moonlight Cafe. Many people in Oxford considered him to be an unofficial "cultural ambassador," as he celebrated the arts throughout his life. Melanie Addington, executive director of the Oxford Film Festival, met Ronzo when she was only 15 and said that the 2020 film festival will honor Ronzo by naming an award after him.

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## Oxford voting machine malfunctions

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A report of votes being changed by a malfunctioning voting machine in Oxford on Tuesday's Republican gubernatorial runoff has been confirmed by Circuit Clerk Baretta Mosley.

The malfunction happened at the Oasis Church polling location in Oxford's fourth precinct.

"As soon as the poll worker was notified, the machine was taken out of service," Mosley said. "We then dispatched a

technician, who has since gone out there and the machine has been repaired."

She added that the voting machines were inspected by election commissioners Friday, but that a calibration issue like this is "not anything new," and that something like a worker dropping a machine while moving it to its precinct can cause issues.

In a post from early Tuesday morning, Facebook user Sally Kate Walker shared a video in which a voter attempts to select Bill Waller Jr. for governor, but the machine responds

with a vote for Tate Reeves. The voter unsuccessfully attempts to select Waller nine different times. Walker's video has been viewed over 54,000 times.

The Mississippi Secretary of State's office confirmed to Mississippi Today that 19 individuals voted using the defunct machine before the error was caught.

Reeves, the former Lt. Governor of Mississippi, won the primary runoff on Tuesday night after nearly reaching the 50% threshold on August 6's GOP primary. He will face Jim Hood in the November election.



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## Alcohol decision expected next week

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The wait for a stance on alcohol sales in Vaught-Hemingway Stadium during the 2019 season could soon be over.

Ole Miss Interim Athletic Director Keith Carter says the administration will meet later this week with hopes of reaching a consensus for the upcoming football season. Carter expects an official announcement sometime next week before the Rebels' home opener against Arkansas on Sep. 7.

Six SEC schools have confirmed they will sell beer and wine to fans in general seating of their football stadiums since the conference lifted its ban early this summer. Multiple schools have also already announced that alcohol will not be sold in 2019, but Ole Miss has yet to make a statement in either direction.

"It's taken a little longer than we hoped, but I think we're nearing the finish line and hopefully we can make that announcement in the near future," Carter said.

The university's three-month silence on the issue was amplified by an announcement from Southern Mississippi last week that they will begin to sell alcohol in M.M. Roberts Stadium this season, disgruntling most fans and boosters.

"We know that alcohol sales in our athletic venues is something that's going to happen at some point. I think everybody on campus feels that way," Carter said. "We just want to make sure that whether it be for football or basketball or baseball, we have all the resources and have done our due diligence to make sure we can handle that."

The athletics department has made several moves this offseason in an effort to improve ticket sales and fan experience with additional ticket purchasing options, party decks and upgraded concessions. Carter said season ticket sales are still not where they would like them to be.

"At the end of day, we'd love to sell out from a season ticket standpoint, but I think our industry is changing. The way people are getting tickets and consuming our games has changed. For us, it really doesn't matter if you bought your ticket as a season ticket or as a walk-up ticket or a flex pass, we just want you there supporting our team."

The university will also release other changes to improve fan experience next week as the home opener approaches.

# ICE has been working with local law enforcement since 2012

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Lafayette County Sheriff's Department and other police departments in Mississippi have been working with Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) since 2012 to remove people that illegally immigrate to the United States.

In 2018, ICE removed an average of 65 people per month from Mississippi through the Secure Communities Program.

There have been 56 removals in Lafayette County since 2012: one female and 55 males. There have been two removals in 2019.

ICE has been using the Secure Communities Program in Lafayette County to detain individuals suspected of illegally entering the U.S. The program allows local jails to detain inmates for their original offense and if they appear to have illegally immigrated.

Through the program, correctional facilities across the country send booking data on inmates to the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. If an individual shows up in the system as possibly unauthorized, ICE may issue a detainer on them, take custody of them and remove them. ICE uses the program to work with 3,181 jurisdictions across the United States.



Eric J. Shelton/Mississippi Today, Report For America

Matthew T. Albence, acting director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, speaks to media during a press conference about the results of the execution of federal search warrants by Homeland Security Investigations' special agents at multiple locations across the state Wednesday, August 7, 2019. About 680 undocumented immigrants were detained during this operation.

"It is ICE, and not the state or local law enforcement agency, that determines what immigration enforcement action, if any, is appropriate," the official website for the program says.

The majority of people detained in Lafayette County by ICE are held after being arrested

for minor incidents such as driving under the influence and other traffic offenses, according to data from the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC).

TRAC, at Syracuse University, gathers, organizes, researches and distributes data from a wide range of Freedom of Information

Act (FOIA) requests.

Oxford Police Captain Hildon Sessums said in July he was unfamiliar with the program, and that all law enforcement in Lafayette County transport people to the Lafayette County Detention Center.

Constable Jody Mayfield also

said he was unfamiliar with the program in an interview in July.

Though he was unfamiliar with the program, Mayfield said that individuals who are detained by ICE are not treated differently than other detainees.

"If they're detained here, they're treated just like any other inmate," Mayfield said. "They're put in general population like everybody else. Then whenever ICE comes and picks them up, I don't know what happens to them."

In 2017, President Donald Trump signed Executive Order 13768, titled "Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States," which forced sanctuary jurisdictions and sanctuary cities to comply with ICE through programs like Secure Communities.

Forced compliance of sanctuary cities has caused an increase in removals under the Secure Communities Program nationally, but removals in Lafayette County have dropped this year.

According to data from TRAC, there were 16 removals in Lafayette County in 2017 and 16 in 2018.

Lafayette County ranks 12th in number of removals under the Secure Communities Program in Mississippi, with 56, according to TRAC. Adams County has had the most removals since 2012, with 2,051.

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# Chairman of FCC to headline tech summit

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Ajit Pai, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, and David Cohen, senior executive vice president and chief diversity officer for Comcast Corp., will join U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker on Wednesday in the Ford Center for Wicker's fourth annual tech summit.

The summit will focus on the expansion of rural broadband and workplace diversity.

Wicker, the summit's guest of honor, currently serves as chairman of the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation and the Internet. He helped spearhead the first event in 2016.

The tech summit begins with registration at 8 a.m.,

followed by Interim Chancellor Larry Sparks opening the summit with welcoming remarks at 8:30.

"The fourth annual Tech Summit promises to be both interesting and informative as we welcome national industry and government leaders to our campus," Sparks said in a press release. "This event offers an important forum for leaders in our state to engage directly with policymakers and business executives who are deciding how technology will continue to shape our economy and many aspects of our lives."

Throughout the summit, leaders and representatives from companies including Verizon, AT&T, Facebook and Google will discuss how the tech industry can continue to benefit society and broadband.

Pai, a Trump appointee, was



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Ole Miss hosts its third annual UM Tech Summit on Wednesday at The Inn. The meeting consisted of discussions on how to best move the university forward technologically.

formerly Associate General Counsel at Verizon Communications.

In a change from prior summits, university students will deliver three-minute presentations, displaying research projects ongoing on campus.

Anna Katherine Burress, a pharmacy major, and Hannah Newbold, an integrated

marketing communications major, will discuss catalyzing entrepreneurship in Mississippi using virtual reality.

Engineering major Olivia Lanun will present a talk about extracurricular leadership and professional experience.

Gunner Rhoden, a biochemistry major, and graduate instructor Silvio Valladao, who is studying exercise science,

will be discussing physiological responses to esports.

Jim Barksdale, president of Barksdale Management Corp. and namesake of the Sally McDonnell Barksdale Honors College, and Andy Lack, the chairman of NBC News and MSNBC, will close the event with a "Fireside chat."

The event is free and open for anyone to attend.

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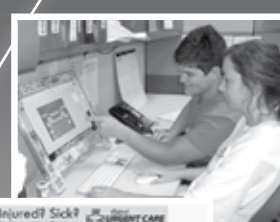
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# The puppies are here

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A puppy lies tired in the shade after a long day of playing in the sun. The Student Activities Association brought puppies to campus as part of the Welcome Week activities.



Left: Brianna Berry holds a puppy outside the student union as part of the Welcome Week festivities. Welcome Week events are hosted by the Student Activities Association.

Right: A puppy investigates a passerby as he rests in the shade. The Student Activities Association brought puppies to campus as part of the Welcome Week activities.



Alexis Lunsford holds a puppy outside the student union as part of the Welcome Week festivities. Welcome Week events are hosted by the Student Activities Association.



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# Where did Oxford's 'Chicken Sandwhich War' come from?

Oxford's Popeyes and Chick Fil A, two restaurants separated by a few hundred yards and five lanes of Jackson Ave. traffic, are no stranger to nationwide debate for chicken sandwich supremacy. OPD has reported two accidents outside of Popeyes since students returned to campus, tweeting repeatedly about the incessant stream of traffic spilling onto Jackson Ave. Here's a primer on how the debate began, and if it plans on slowing down any time soon.



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Fans are forced to pick a side in the great chicken sandwich debate between Chick-fil-A and Popeyes.

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A nation already polarized finds itself divided once again, but this time politics isn't at the heart of it. The blame lies squarely on a fried piece of poultry.

People are choosing sides and beefing over chicken, thanks to Popeyes' release of its crispy chicken sandwich and the social media debate that has followed. With just one addition to a fast-food menu, the hierarchy of chicken sandwiches in America was rattled, and the supremacy of Chick-fil-A and others was threatened.

It's been a trending topic on social media, fans have weighed in with YouTube commentaries and memes, and some have reported long lines just to get a taste of the new sandwich.

"Our grandchildren will ask us where we were when the great Chicken War of 2019 began," Twitter user @MilesRodrigo1 declared.

While Popeyes has been selling chicken for a long time, the chain was a contender in the bone-in, skin-on, fried-chicken space, not the fried, boneless, skinless cutlet on a bun.

Popeyes announced the new sandwich on Twitter last week with hyperbole that would soon define the social media commotion to come: "Chicken. Brioche. Pickles. New. Sandwich. Popeyes. Nationwide. So. Good. Forgot. How. Speak. In. Complete. Sandwiches. I mean, sentences."

And from that moment, it was ON. People began ardently advocating for their favorite sandwich, whether it be the new-kid-on-the-block Popeyes one, or the OG Wendy's or Chick-fil-A versions.

And the social media managers for the companies reveled in the green light to talk smack to each other.

"We Didn't Invent The Chicken, Just The Chicken Sandwich!" Chick-fil-A bragged on Twitter. "Bun + Chicken + Pickles = all the (heart emoji) for the original."

To which Wendy's responded: "Ya'll out here talking about which of these fools has the second best chicken sandwich."

Popeye's quick retort: "Sounds like someone just ate one of our biscuits. Cause ya'll looking thirsty." (Which frankly seemed as if they were bragging about dry over-salted biscuits? Wendy's thought so, too, tweeting, "lol, guess that means the food's dry as the jokes.")

As the week wore on, people debated on social media, in chat rooms, in person.

**"America loves anything crunchy, salty, crackly, and good. And Americans love chicken. Just about any way."**

- Nancy Hopkins  
Former food director of  
Better Homes & Gardens

And even though the topic was the chicken, there were political overtones, with some throwing their backing to Popeyes because they disagreed with Chick-fil-A's opposition to LGBTQ rights and its chief executive's derogatory comments about same-sex marriage. (Though the chain has insisted that it has "no political or social agenda.")

Even the weighty New Yorker chimed in: Food writer Helen Rosner called Popeyes' new edition "simply beautiful" in a commentary titled "The Popeyes Chicken Sandwich is Here To Save America."

But why has the meager poultry sandwich riveted a nation so? Why do people have such intense feelings about a fried chicken cutlet on a bun?

Nancy Hopkins, former food director of Better Homes & Gardens magazine, and a veteran food editor for over 20 years, has this to say: "America loves anything crunchy, salty, crackly, and good. And Americans love chicken. Just about any way."

"But this sandwich is simple and straight to the point," she said. "We love fried chicken, but we

don't make it at home and we love it as a splurge. The sandwich seems less guilty. The thought of it fitting nicely on a bun seems better for us. It is just simpler all the way around. Pressure fried chicken, a pickle, and a bun."

In February, Bon Appetit ran a story about why fried chicken sandwiches were so popular, and traced the answer to a creation in the 1960s by Chick-fil-A's founder, Atlanta restaurateur S. Truett Cathy. In the ensuing years everyone from fast-food chains to renowned chefs started offering their version of the fried-chicken sandwich, with many garnering praise and a devoted following.

In 2011, David Chang opened cult-favorite Fuku in New York, a restaurant centered on the beauty of fried-chicken sandwiches. Shake Shack rolled out their super popular take on the sandwich nationally in summer 2016 to high acclaim.

Popeyes has certainly come out a winner in this latest debate, at least in terms of publicity. Some franchises reported being sold out of the sandwich as ardent fans endured long lines snaking into the street just to get a taste.

Tyler Manchuck of New Canaan, Connecticut, was one of those who tried the sandwich after hearing about the hype. "I figured it would be rude not to go check it out; it's my obligation as an avid chicken sandwich connoisseur," he said.

He decided to get the spicy (it also comes in classic). Once he bit into it, he said he "had an almost out of body experience. The new bun, that sauce gives it the edge. In the realm of fast food, Popeyes' chicken sandwich definitely has the advantage."

Still, Chick-fil-A, Wendy's and other restaurants have their devoted fans, and the Great Chicken Debate is far from being settled.

Perhaps that's fitting in this day and age. As Twitter user @cHolidayds said: "There's nothing more American than being divided over something. This week it's a chicken sandwich."

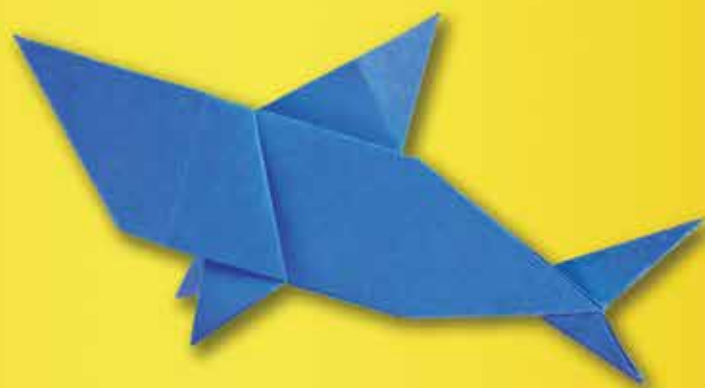
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# OPINION

## *Minister of Culture, Goodness and Compassion*

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Everybody seems to have a Ronzo story: a memory or testimony of how he influenced his or her life, showed them something for the first time, or turned their head in a new direction through his vision of art and community.

My first time at the Hoka was in the early 80s when I was living in Jackson and came to Oxford for the weekend. I recall that night fully — where we sat, meeting Ronzo, the coffee, all of it. It was the first of many Hoka nights and memories, and I never hear reggae without thinking of Ron Shapiro.

The Hoka was Ron's grandest creation. The Hoka stood as the arts center of Oxford before there was an active local arts council, a Center for the Study of Southern Culture, a Square Books. The Hoka was the coffee house long before the coffee craze, the only place in Oxford you could order a bagel and cream cheese (maybe the only place that knew what "bagel" meant). Films from across time and across the globe were the main course in the theater, and Ronzo gradually, regularly educated a community on the diversity of aesthetics and expression through his Hoka creation.

Looking back on the Hoka years, it was just as valuable for what it represented as for what it showed and programmed. The place bore witness to the value of art in many manifestations.



COURTESY: TOM RANKIN

Ron Shapiro stands tall before delivering a speech. Shapiro created The Hoka, one of the original art centers in Oxford.

The Hoka had the power of a big tent that welcomed everyone from everywhere, a place committed tolerance and humor, seriousness and fun, freedom and cultural critique, a shelter from any storm. Ronzo once referred to it as a "mini-United Nations," parting the curtain to reveal his grand mission.

In 1994, Ron launched his now-infamous campaign for the Oxford Board of Alderman, the "throw the rascals in" movement. Ron was very serious about his campaign,

yet I always wondered if he really could tolerate the machinations of city governance if elected. Regardless, as with so many of his efforts, he recognized the changing cultural and political landscape in Oxford and knew it was time for different leadership that understood the intersection of commerce, art, and local culture.

Lisa and Richard Howorth hosted a campaign event for Ronzo. We moved grills to the sidewalk for chicken, fed children hotdogs and quenched

our thirsts from well-filled coolers. Ron, dressed in all white and looking less a 'rascal' than combination circus maestro and reverent idealist, gave a short speech outlining his platform. His message was an intuitive aspiration that Oxford be a place where music, literature and art were central, where the local folks could continue to model the power of experimentation, of trying things that crossed the lines and ignored the lanes.

Whether intentionally or not, Ronzo always urged the value of turning away from convention, not merely for the sake of being different but instead for the value inherent in new ideas of expression, new ways of knowing.



COURTESY: TOM RANKIN

Ron Shapiro's poster for his campaign for the Board of Aldermen is held by a supporter. Shapiro became well known during his 1994. Many of those around Shapiro can recall fond memories of him.

His ideas were always in season, never stale. Barbara Mandrell sang about being "country when country wasn't cool;" if she sang about Ronzo, she'd have said he was "cool way before cool was cool." The coolness and soulfulness seemed natural for Ron. He was our Minister of Culture, Goodness and Compassion, asking for nothing in return for always being on the job except a permanent place on every guest list.

Ubiquitous throughout the town, he was at every conference, Square Books reading and concert. I marveled at how much he took in, from the Delta to Jackson, from Memphis to Oxford to New Orleans. He always understood more than the rest of us that there was a better side to life: to the day, to the heart, and thankfully, his knowing and optimistic

striving was forever contagious.

I loved returning to Oxford and finding him in the early hours at Bottle-tree, picking up where we left off, hearing about his next act, always a new plan. It goes for Oxford and all of us who knew him that he left us better than he found us. I can't think of a better measurement for a life, a greater mark to leave.

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COURTESY: TOM RANKIN

Ron Shapiro stands in front of the courthouse in the square. Shapiro was well-known for attending almost all Oxford events.





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Channing Foster (12) takes a shot at the goal against North Alabama. The Rebels face Southeast Missouri State on Thursday. Photo by Billy Schuerman.

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ing scorer and two time all-SEC player Channing Foster is back leading the pack. She will be attacking the top alongside Molly Martin and Madisyn Pezzino. Freshman and Oxford native, Mo O'Connor, also joins the forward group. O'Connor is a two-time Mississippi Gatorade Player of the Year and has already scored twice in the red and blue, once at the exhibition match and again in the season opener against North Alabama.

"They are all going to carry most of the load up front for us, but we've got to share the ball," head coach Matt Mott said. "We've got to get it to different places, we've got to get it on set pieces and hopefully score on corner kicks and those types of things."

The attackers up front will have to replace Cece Kizer,

who was drafted No. 13 overall in the 2019 NWSL College Draft. Kizer set several records in the Rebel uniform, including the Ole Miss career record for goals and points, and was named to the All-SEC First Team in 2015, 2017 and 2018.

On defense, the Rebels have five returning starters with extensive experience along with three freshmen. Australian freshman Aimee Medwin played for Melbourne FC while taking part in the Australian National Training Program.

That seasoned defensive line will assist a young group of goalkeepers replacing four-year starter Marnie Merritt. Four-year starter Marnie Merritt will be hard to replace in the net. True freshman Lizah Pistorio and sophomore Tennessee transfer Ashley Orkus will be looked upon to defend the goal. Coach Mott has been impressed with what he has seen so far on the back

end of the field.

"Orkus has been playing very well, actually pretty great. The stat line doesn't show that, but she made a couple of really good saves for us," Coach Mott said. "Our backline of Sydney Michalak, Maddy Houghton, Madison Smith and Chanel Thomas did a really good job for us as well out there. We're off and running."

Grace Johnson, Channing Foster and Haleigh Stackpole were selected for the SEC preseason watchlist. It's the second straight appearance on the preseason watchlist for Foster and the first for Johnson and Stackpole.

The Rebels will host Southeast Missouri, Minnesota and Arkansas in the Rebel Classic this weekend. Ole Miss will matchup against Southeast Missouri on Thursday at 7 p.m. and Minnesota on Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Ole Miss Soccer Stadium.

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