

# Leaving my husband

All of us have a bucket list or bucket lists. I was fortunate enough to visit New York City several years ago with a best friend and ever since I returned this has been on the top of my bucket list — to go once again. Well, I am leaving Saturday at 7:30 A.M. You do understand that I will have to be at the airport at 6:30 A.M. That means that we will be leaving our houses at 4:30 A.M. That would be just fine for me, but I am riding with the rest of my party and my daughter does not know what 4:30 looks like.



## Peggy's Take

Never seen it. I will have to be her wake up call/alarm clock because she will never wake up on her own. I have been busy for the past week “preparing” to leave my husband for eight days. Yes, he is a grown man fully capable of taking care of himself, but I have so spoiled him in the fifty some odd years we have been married that he is totally dependent on me for some things. As we were both seventeen when we married, we both left our mothers house and

her taking care of us into a home with each other and someone else still taking care of us. He never has learned to cook. Oh, he can grill but really cook, no. I remember when I had broken my leg and I asked him to go to get fried chicken one night and we would open some English peas to go with it. He did just that. He opened the English peas and dipped from the can and brought them to me. I choked them down and later on told him about it and he just said, “Oh I thought they were like Pork and Beans, straight from

the can.” So, as always, I have made “tv dinners” so to speak, for him so that he can just grab one each night and warm in the microwave. Breakfast has also been prepared in advance. (I figure a banana and a cracker will suffice at noon.) My boys and son in law are all really first-rate cooks. I believe my lack of not teaching my husband has to do with the generation I was born into. My grandmother and mother always took care of their men the

# Durant resource center holds open house



**Families First For Mississippi Durant Early Childhood Academy Resource and Referral Center hosted an open house on June 17. The purpose of the center is to provide early literacy resource materials for early childhood providers and families. All children and families are welcome to come tour the center, have fun, learn and take advantage of the center's resources. Pictured above (standing), Durant Mayor Henry Robinson gives opening remarks during the center's open house.** (Photo submitted)

way I do mine and this was instilled into me. Do you think it's too late to change a leopard's spots or maybe teach a man to cook? This is a good Kid's recipe for them to make this summer —

**Plastic Bag Ice Cream**  
1 cup of half and half cream  
½ cup fresh crushed strawberries

¼ cup of sugar  
2 T. Pet Milk  
1 t. vanilla  
4 cups crushed ice  
¾ cup salt

Using two 1-quart resealable plastic bags, place one bag inside the other. Place the first five ingredients inside the inner bag. Seal both bags, pressing out as much air as possible. Place the 2

bags in a gallon size resealable plastic freezer bag. Add ice and salt. Seal bag and push out air. Shake and knead the cream mixture until thickened, about 5 minutes. Open and eat. \*Peggy Sims is a life-long resident of Attala County and columnist.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

It is good that the city is doing something about the loose dogs. Where I live, dogs are still turning over the trash cans, garbage up and down the streets. It is because the dogs are looking for food. Where I live, the kids are messing with dogs. The dogs can be on his porch, minding his own business, when the kids go in the yard, the dog runs off the porch and run the kids out of the yard. The dog may do this about three and four times. The kids start throwing rocks at the dog, then the dog runs off. This makes the dogs get after everyone that walks the streets. I have seen it happen in my neighborhood.

It is good the city aldermen are going after these property owners that don't want to clean off their property. Somebody should come to Holmes County and buy up these old houses, fix them up, and rent or sell them. House flipping is a good way to make money. They can start on Lamar Street.

I was shocked to see Dr. Derrick's former house, that house should be a landmark. I hate to see this house go down because Dr. Derrick

took care of me when he was living.

I feel like our Holmes County leaders should start doing background checks on the businesses that want to come to Holmes County. Enough is enough for businesses that are robbing our county blind. The Piggly Wiggly store in Pickens, I read, was suppose to restock the store and open the store back up. My understanding is that did not happen. Another business wanted to buy Piggly Wiggly, that did not happen. In my opinion, whoever owned the Piggly Wiggly store knew that it was not going to reopen.

The Fred's stores in Holmes County, to my understanding, are to stay open. The word on the street is that they are suppose to close. Our Holmes County leaders should come together to help keep these stores open. If our leaders can not do that, our leaders should be thinking enough is enough, businesses will not leave without another business coming to take its place in our county. If not, they can pay a fine. Holmes County citizens would have to pay more on their utilities. In other words, pick up the slack. I am hop-

ing new Holmes County leaders will be the “game changers.” Level the playing field, not letting businesses come to Holmes County and rob the county blind. We are valuable and loyal customers. In my opinion, we do not need another grocery store in Holmes County.

I was shocked to see the landmark, historical Ritz Cafe burned up. I said “Not the Ritz.” I know there is one person still around that sat at the lunch counter in Ritz Cafe. I also saw the person who made the best hamburger in town at the Ritz. I told her they don't make hamburgers like she did. My understanding, there was someone living in the side of the Ritz Cafe. It was a blessing that person did not get burned up. My understanding is the Ritz will not be built back, that is a shame. Somebody should build another nice restaurant there. It is a good business spot.

I enjoy reading the *Herald's* weekly column, In the Kitchen with Lee Ann Fleming, and the funny church bulletin bloopers and church signs. I think people should send her some funny church bloopers.

I was excited to see the unveiling of the Walter Bruce Monument and take a picture of his daughter Debra. She gave time to work on a worthy cause alone with the other workers. I think they

have the right monuments in Liberty Garden. Now there should be a city ordinance against anyone sitting at the gazebo and littering the grounds around it. A fine of \$500 and up. I have wrote about this before.

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