

# Hinds County Special Election results



Crisler



Jones

By Edelia “Dr. Jay” Carthan  
Contributing Writer

Hinds County held special elections for Sheriff, County Court Judge, District 1 and County Constable, District 5, on Tuesday, Nov 2.

Interim Sheriff Marshand Crisler received about 31% of the vote and Tyree Jones received approximately 24% with 98% of the precincts reporting.

The top two candidates, Crisler and Jones, are headed to a runoff election in three weeks. Neither candidate received 50% plus one as required by Mississippi law.

The runoff election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23.

“I am feeling great. It was a very crowded field. We had 13 candidates in this race. What I am excited about is that the citizens showed up and voted a resounding yes to continue what we are doing already and that’s making our community safer,” Crisler said in an interview. “As I pledged the day I was appointed to this office, I am going to put together a 21st century fighting plan for Hinds County.”

Thirteen candidates were vying to become the next sheriff of Hinds County, however, Crisler and Jones were the

top candidates. Hinds County Supervisors named Crisler as interim sheriff after former sheriff Lee Vance died in August of this year due to complications from COVID.

Jones said at his watch party at Hal & Mal’s Restaurant in downtown Jackson Tuesday night, “I’m so glad to be in the position where I am.” He said he plans to work even harder leading into the runoff election in order to reach voters.

Carlyn Hicks won the District 1 County Court Judge’s race with 55% of the vote defeating opponent Greta Harris who received 44% of the votes.

Hicks thanked the voters on Facebook by posting this message to Hind County voters.

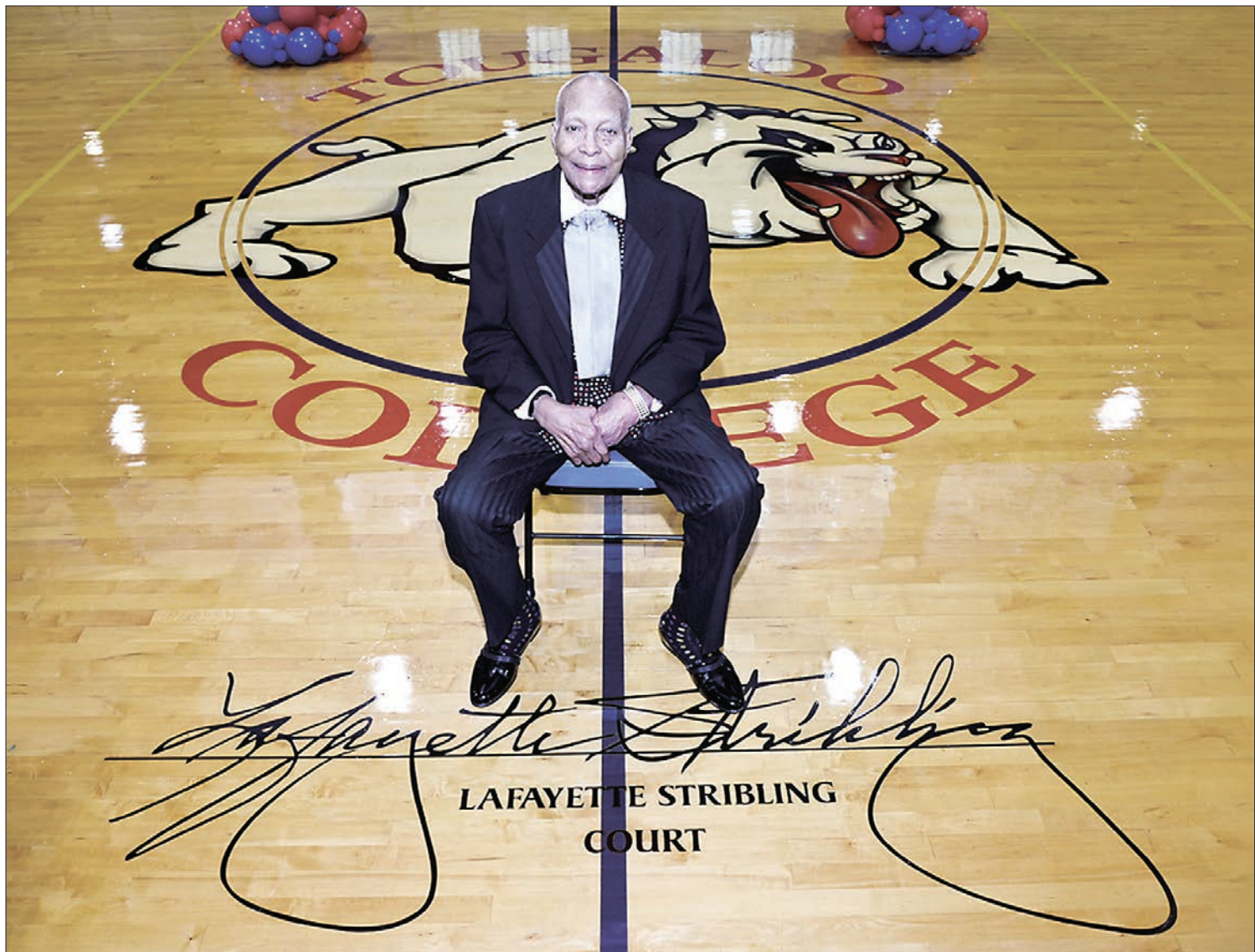
“I want to extend my sincere appreciation to you for your prayers, kind words, and your votes. I remain humbled by the support that I have received and will diligently continue to serve all of Hinds County as a fair and impartial member of our judiciary with the utmost integrity,” Hicks wrote. “The people have spoken.”

A runoff election will be held in the Distance 5 Constable race also. Beverly Wade Green and Juan Cloy were the

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# IN MEMORIAM Remembering coach Lafayette Stribling

June 1, 1938 – October 30, 2021



Stribling

Lafayette Stribling, who served as the men’s basketball coach at Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) and Tougaloo College died Saturday, Oct. 30, in Jackson at years 87 of age.

Stribling was born in Carthage, Mississippi June 1, 1934 to the union of the late Eugene Stribling and Mary L. Dallas-Stribling.

He was the third of six children. His siblings included Lancaster Rodex Stribling, Annie Mae Stribling, George

Harpher Stribling, Eugene Stribling Jr., and Mary Ruth Stribling-Norman (Willie James). Rodex, Annie Mae and Eugene Jr. preceded Lafayette in death.

He resided in the Harmony/Galilee community and was baptized at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. He excelled as a student and basketball player. He graduated from Harmony High School.

His athletic and academic skills afforded him a scholarship to Mississippi Industrial

College in Holly Springs, Mississippi. Upon graduation he married his college sweetheart, Thelma Montgomery, and to this union two daughters were born. Mrs. Stribling preceded him in death.

Coach Stribling, as he was affectionally known, began his coaching career at South Leake High School (formerly Murphy High School and Harmony High School). During his 25 years at South Leake, Stribling was the head boys’ basketball coach, head girls’ basketball

coach, having all winning seasons and winning one state title with the boys’ basketball team and two state titles with the girls’ basketball team.

In 1982, Stribling left South Leake to become the head boys’ basketball coach at Grenada High School and later accepted the head men’s Basketball coaching position at Mississippi Valley State University.

During the 1985-1986 sea-

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# CSLC receives \$2.5 million SBA Community Navigator Pilot Grant



Greer



Thompson

Special to The Mississippi Link

The administration and staff of Community Students Learning Center (CSLC) are humbled to be among the recently-announced 51 grantees of the Small Business Administration’s (SBA) new Community Navigator Pilot Program (CNPP).

“Oh, we are extremely grateful for the opportunity to serve as one of the 51 grantees nationwide to help navigate, build and connect small businesses to available and valuable SBA and other government resources,” said CSLC Board President Leslie Greer.

The announcement was made recently by U.S. SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman. In her comments, she said: “...the Biden-Harris Administration’s Community Navigator Pilot Program, an American Rescue Plan initiative designed to reduce barriers that all small businesses, including those owned by disadvantaged groups such as veterans, women and

those from rural communities and communities of color, often face in accessing critical support. The Community Navigator Pilot Program will provide \$100 million in funding to 51 organizations that will work with hundreds of local groups to connect America’s entrepreneurs to government resources, so they can recover and thrive.”

Funding was awarded by SBA in three tiers (with level-specific descriptions): Tier 1-8 awards max \$5 million; Tier 2-11 awards max \$2.5 million; and Tier 3-32 awards max \$1 million. The CSLC, located in Lexington, Miss., was awarded \$2.5 million at the Tier 2 level.

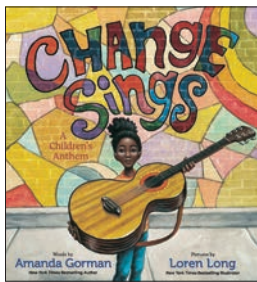
“I applaud the Biden-Harris Administration and my fellow congressional leaders for their visionary foresight in establishing the Community Navigator Pilot Program (CNPP) initiative via the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and Administrator Guzman,” said Rep.

Bennie Thompson (MS-2nd. Dist.)

“This major American Rescue Plan (ARP) outreach is a shot in the arm for Mississippi’s small businesses impacted and still struggling during this uncertain pandemic. I am proud and highly grateful that one of the many hardworking non-profits of my district will serve as ‘Hubs and Spokes’ in helping to navigate hard-hit entrepreneurs and start-up businesses to valuable SBA and other government resources needed for successful growth. The Community Students Learning Center has a proven track-record in successfully carrying out federal programs. What an economic boost the SBA CNPP initiative will have on Mississippi over the next two years.”

The CNPP grantees will serve as “Hubs” – centralized, lead organizations, which will incorporate “Spokes,” organi-

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# After 70 plus years body of Mississippi native Corporal Quenton McCall returned Home

By Jackie Hampton  
*Publisher*

Corporal Quentin McCall, like so many of his battalion who suffered fatal injuries, paid the ultimate sacrifice for the United States in 1944 at the Battle of Tarawa, at the peak of WWII. His body was flown to the Jackson-Medgar Wiley International Airport Friday, October 22, with a host of family members there to welcome him home.

McCall was part of the infantry that eventually defeated the Japanese forces so that further strategic US advances could be made during WWII. Unfortunately, it was not until 2019 when his remains were found. Many of his immediate family members had already passed without having the closure they so desired.

McCall's nephew, who was named after Corporal McCall was at the airport to welcome his uncle home. He said, "I have carried his name for 72 years, and I guess today is the biggest day. I'm as proud as I can be today to carry his name."

CPL McCall was taken to Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Newton, MS to be buried.



Paul Brown, CEO, JMAA, speaking to family members of Corporal McCall.



Brown



JMAA Commissioner Lucius Wright



Color Guards removing body of McCall from airplane at Jackson-Medgar Wiley Airport.



PHOTOS BY KEVIN BRADLEY



Because taking care  
*today,* leads to an even  
**healthier tomorrow.**



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It's good to be Blue.



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top two candidates with Wade Green receiving about 27% of the votes and Cloy receiving approximately 23% of the vote.

The runoff election will be Tuesday, November 23.

Hinds County Sheriff		
CANDIDATES	VOTES	PERCENT
CRISLER	10,111	31.1%
JONES	7,869	24.2%
SEALS	7,047	21.6%
HARRIS-WILLIAMS	2,605	8%
GREEN	1,103	3.4%
SPOONER	1,038	3.2%
WALL	883	2.7%
TANNEHILL	749	2.3%
CASTON	329	1.0%
MAYFIELD	299	0.9%
THOMPSON	280	0.9%
MATORY	150	0.5%
WEST SR	102	0.3%
98% REPORTING		
Hinds County Court District 1		
CANDIDATES	VOTES	PERCENT
HICKS	6,013	55.8%
MACK HARRIS	4,759	44.2%
Hinds County Constable District 5		
CANDIDATES	VOTES	PERCENT
WADE GREEN	1,365	27.3%
CLOY	1,153	23.1%
MYLES, SR.	704	14.1%
BENSON, SR.	680	13.6%
BIG WHITE	440	8.8%
STEWART	310	6.2%
GRAY	268	5.4%
LEVELLE MANUAL	81	1.6%
100% REPORTING		

## CSLC

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zations that have built trust in their local communities and will be the ‘boots on the ground’ that will connect small businesses to critical resources and assistance, including:

- financial assistance and access to capital
- contracting and procurement
- marketing, operations, business development, and exporting
- industry-specific training.

Greer said the CSLC is in partnership with some great “Spokes” including: North Central

## Stribling

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son, MVSU won the SWAC Tournament and faced Duke University in the first round of the NCAA Men’s Basketball Tournament.

While at MVSU, Stribling won four regular-season SWAC championships, along with three tournament titles. After 22 years leading the Delta Devils, he left the school with a 315-307 record in 2005, the most coaching wins in school’s history.

Stribling took the head coaching job at Tougaloo College in 2005 and moved to Ridgeland, MS where he joined Mount Charity M.B. Church, where he continued a tradition of taking his players to church on Sundays.

He spent seven years coaching the Bulldogs. During that time, he won four Gulf Coast Athletic Conference regular-season titles, one Conference-tournament title, three Conference Coach of the Year awards and five NAIA national tournaments. He coached his team to the school’s first GCAC regular-season title.

Coach Stribling’s 2010-2011 season was another notable year when he led the “Super 7” to both the regular season and tournament titles and to the Sweet Sixteen in the national tournament.

Stribling is a 1989 inductee of the Mississippi Coaches’ Hall of Fame, a 2006 SWAC Hall of Fame inductee, a 2010 inductee into the MVSU Athletic Hall of Fame and a 2018 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame inductee.

In 2017, Mississippi Valley State named its basketball court, in part, after the legendary coach. The Stribling-Harris Court sets in the R.W. Harrison Arena on the campus.

In 2020, Tougaloo College unveiled the Coach Lafayette Stribling Court. Most rec-

# New Amec Bishop calls church to meet in Edwards, MS – Casting The Vision

By Shirley Hopkins Davis, Ph.D.  
*Contributing Writer*

On July 25, 2021, a host of 8th District and Conference leadership of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC) welcomed the new Bishop to Jackson, MS, where the Episcopal District Executive Headquarters is located and to Ridgeland, MS, the site of the Episcopal Residence.

Bishop Stafford Joe Nathan Wicker excelled to the highest office in the AME Church in 2016. In Philadelphia, PA – the birthplace of African Methodism – he was elected and consecrated the 137th Bishop in the historic 50th Session of the General Conference – AMEC. He was assigned to the 18th Episcopal District: Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, and Swaziland.

Extraordinary energy, empathy and integrity epitomized his 5-year tenure through to 2021. He inspired God’s people and represented the ideals of African Methodism throughout the Connec-tional Church.

These hallmarks of leadership are to be experienced as he returns to his home district to engage, empower and innovate for kingdom-building.

Following the 51st Session of the General Conference in Orlando, Florida in July 2021, Bishop Wicker was assigned to serve the 8th Episcopal District, comprised of the states of Louisiana and Mississippi.

Both Bishop and his wife, Episcopal Supervisor Rev. Dr. Constance Belin Wicker, are from the Louisiana Annual Conference. He is the son of Greater Turner Chapel AME Church in Greensburg, LA, and she is from the Greater Greene Chapel AME Church in



Bishop Stafford Joe Nathan Wicker

Baton Rouge, LA.

Coordinating a grand July welcome at the Fairview Inn, Jackson, MS, were the Reverends Michele R. Goodloe, president of the Presiding Elders’ Council – 8th District, and Dr. Samuel H. Boyd, Sr., pastor of Pearl Street AME Church.

During the welcome celebration, the Episcopal leaders expressed pride and special energy in serving the Exciting, Energetic, and Enthusiastic Eighth Episcopal District: “We have returned home again, and I am the happiest Bishop in the AME Church connection. We are ‘from you, of you and with you.’”

Days following the welcome, Hurricane Ida devastated the coastal areas of Louisiana and Mississippi. Bishop Wicker and the Elders of the church stood in the spirit of restoration, his declaring: “God is stronger than any hurricane; therefore, we have decided to trust God for restoration, believing Psalm 34:4: I sought the Lord, and the Lord heard me and delivered me from all my fears.”

He hit the ground running, eager to serve the people and



Reverend Dr. Constance Belin Wicker

communities in Mississippi and Louisiana “in the spirit of Henry McNeal Turner, ‘I will not die!’” The Annual Conferences began in Mississippi in October, with the banner theme, “RESTORE” (1 Peter 5-10).

At the closing of the Annual Conference series in his native Greensburg, Louisiana on October 31, Bishop Wicker announced plans to meet all the ministry leaders and members on November 18-20, 2021, at the Bonner-Campbell Multi-Purpose Center on the 57-acre campus located off Old Hwy. 80, in Edwards, Mississippi.

Bishop Wicker envisions strong focus on ministries, community-engagement and building. At the November meeting in Edwards, MS, he and his administration will activate and launch the Model Ministry of 8 C’s: Christ, Church, Community, Credit, Credibility, Capital, Collateral and Character. These are the driving focus of the vision to ‘Restore.’

He expresses gratefulness to the clergy and laity of the district for work done in the district thus far: “I’ve not seen such great faith!”

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. (1 Corinthians 2:9)

Economic Empowerment is Bishop Wicker’s high priority for the district. He challenges the 8th District to restructure and liquidate all debt. “With God on our side, we shall embrace and meet the challenge: Debt Free N’23!” All church correspondence will bear the challenge, Debt Free N’23! in-keeping with biblical scripture, “Owe no man anything, but to love one another:...” (Romans 13:8a)

“Relationship is the point. Vision will give you relationships,” notes Bishop Wicker. He pledges to lead ministries of the Episcopal District in outlining plans to implement this most powerful and effective model (8 Cs) of equipping the disciples for 1) growth in the knowledge of Christ and 2) building effective relationships with the ecumenical faith communities, governments, educational institutions, corporate entities, and people in communities at large.

Driven passionately by the spiritual and biblical mandate of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Wicker vows to teach, train and develop God’s church. A strong advocate for social justice, economic empowerment, community and professional development, he states emphatically: “The Church is at critical crossroads; we must be more visible in our communities in Louisiana and Mississippi. We must take the church to our communities!”

*Shirley Hopkins Davis, Ph.D. is a member of The Mississippi Annual Conference (AMEC).*



# Get the facts about the COVID-19 vaccine. AARP has the latest information.

AARP is working to protect Americans 50-plus by making sure you have the latest information about the COVID-19 vaccines and the distribution in Mississippi.

Find out who’s eligible for the vaccine, when and where vaccines are available, and what you need to discuss with your doctor before you decide.

Just visit our website to get the most up-to-date vaccine information, including options for homebound Mississippians.

## Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine availability and distribution at [aarp.org/MSvaccine](https://aarp.org/MSvaccine)



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# TALK TO HIS DOCTOR ABOUT COVID VACCINES. BECAUSE HE'S IRREPLACEABLE.

COVID hospitalizations of young people have tripled since the start of summer. However, vaccines are highly effective in preventing hospitalizations and deaths, even from the Delta variant.

Find vaccines near you at [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov)







# University students denounce use of Nazi symbols at protest

By Leah Willingham  
*Associated Press/Report for America*

Tyler Daniel says he felt shock and horror when he saw a poster that had the Mississippi State University president's face defaced with an Adolf Hitler mustache, a swastika scrawled in the upper corner.

Another sign on the Starkville campus Tuesday read, "Heil State," the "s" replaced with a swastika. "Hail State" is fight song and athletic rallying cry for the public institution with about 23,000 students.

"We didn't know what those symbols were there to represent," Daniel, president of the campus Jewish students' organization Hillel, told The Associated Press on Friday. "We didn't know why they were there — if there was any danger. It was very scary to us."

The 24-year-old Ph.D. student said he found out the signs were part of a protest against a policy mandating COVID-19 vaccinations for university faculty and staff.

The board that governs Mississippi's public universities voted Monday to require that most employees be vaccinated against COVID-19, after an executive order from President Joe Biden mandating vaccination for employees of companies or institutions with federal contracts. Other universities around the U.S. are making similar decisions.

Although about 75% of Mississippi State employees were already vaccinated, the news was not welcomed by some unvaccinated workers.



A protestor carries a poster displaying a photo of Mississippi State University President Mark Keenum defaced with an Adolf Hitler mustache and a swastika during a demonstration against Mississippi State University's vaccine mandate, Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021 in Starkville, Miss. ADAM SULLIVAN/THE REFLECTOR VIA AP

nated workers.

Daniel said he spoke to the protester who held the sign with the defaced photo of Mississippi State President Mark Keenum. He said the man told him a vaccine mandate is akin to Nazism. Daniel said he explained why it was offensive and frightening to students, and they were able to come to a place of understanding.

"It's just so important to have patience, and have understanding, be strong, and condemn things that are wrong," Daniel said. "When you're approached by those who did the wrong thing, you have to take the time to talk to them and help explain to them why what they did was wrong."

Daniel and other Hillel board members released a statement

saying COVID-19 safety requirements are "not at all akin to the horrors of Nazism, and those horrors must not be belittled in this way."

"To those who posted the signs, we encourage you to familiarize yourself with the egregiousness of the Holocaust in order to understand why the inclusion of Nazi imagery is unreservedly inappropriate in your

political messaging," it read.

Daniel said the Jewish population at Mississippi State, although small, is active and vibrant. He said anti-Semitism is rare on campus, and his organization feels supported by the community.

Mississippi State spokesman Sid Salter told the AP that about 30 to 35 protesters took to Drill Field, a green space in the center

of campus, on Tuesday. He said school officials believe participants were a mix of Mississippi State employees, outsiders and students.

Most of the signs did not reference Nazism. The sign with the Keenum photo was being held by a member of the crowd, Daniel said. A few others were strewn around Research Park, home to several research institutions.

Mississippi State Department of Forestry research associate Mark Murphy, who did not use Nazi symbols during the protest, said he apologized to Daniel.

"We had no control over who attended or who made what sign," Murphy wrote in an email. "That was and is not our message. We are against this unconstitutional mandate and nothing else."

Salter said the university does not interfere with people exercising free speech on campus, "even if the free speech is sometimes offensive."

The response from Keenum was swift and clear.

"I condemn the use of these images in that setting — in any setting — on the MSU campus or anywhere," Keenum wrote in a letter to Hillel. "There is no place for such egregious displays."

*Leah Willingham is a corps member for the Associated Press/Report for America Statehouse News Initiative. Report for America is a nonprofit national service program that places journalists in local newsrooms to report on undercovered issues.*

## Mississippi veteran posthumously awarded congressional medal



U. S. Representative Trent Kelly giving honors to relatives of Embra Jackson Sr. SOURCE: REP. TRENT KELLY/FACEBOOK

*The Associated Press*

The family of a World War II veteran from Mississippi who was among the first black men to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps received the Congressional Gold Medal in honor of his service.

U.S. Rep. Trent Kelly, a Republican who represents a northeastern Mississippi-based district, presented the medal to relatives of Embra Jackson Sr. during a Saturday ceremony at a

Tupelo church. The medal is one of the nation's highest civilian awards.

"Mr. Jackson was a true hero," Kelly said in a statement. "He had a love for America that compelled him to leave the only life he had ever known without any assurances that he would return. Mr. Jackson's great patriotism will always be remembered, as will the service of his fellow Montford Point Marines."

Jackson enlisted in 1943 and was among more than 20,000 black men who joined the Marines from 1942 to 1949, according to Kelly's office. They served in segregated military units during WWII.

The *Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal* reported Jackson was honorably discharged in 1946, became a teacher and died in 1983 at the age of 58 after he had retired.

## Two Mississippi Museums to host Veterans Day ceremony



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The Museum of Mississippi History and Mississippi Civil Rights Museum are partnering with the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mississippi Veterans Affairs and Mississippi War Veterans Memorial Commission to honor Mississippians who serve and have served in the United States Armed Forces.

The event begins at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 10, on the Energy Mississippi Plaza at the Two Mississippi Museums. COVID-19 precautions will be in place.

"Mississippi's extraordinary record of military service is one of the most inspiring stories that we share in the Two Mississippi Museums," said MDAH director Katie Blount. "We are pleased to join with our military service organizations to pay special tribute to all the many Mississippians who have served our country."

The program will include a performance by the 41st Army Band, a moment of silence, recognition of the veterans in attendance, memorial volley, wreath laying and a keynote

speech delivered by Major General Janson D. Boyles — the Adjutant General of the Mississippi National Guard.

The museums are offering free admission to those currently serving in the military, veterans and a family member of a veteran on November 10.

The museums open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The museums open free of charge on Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

*For more information, call 601-540-2794 or email Colonel Allen McDaniel at amcdaniel@ngams.org.*



# Jackson Public Schools welcomes Mississippi College's Law School as its newest community partner



PHOTO BY LAFAYETTE HICKS

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Jackson Public Schools, office of Partners in Education welcomes Mississippi College's Law School as its newest community partner.

This partnership began after John Pyles, Law Student Bar Association vice president, reached out to the district about law students volunteering.

"The impact of their engagement has been tremendous—from assisting with coordinating distribution of bottled water to extensive work during our Beautification Day," says Thea Faulkner, director of Partners in Education. "So, John and I discussed creating a long term partnership, specifically as a school adopter. Given their proximity to Obama Magnet, and a successful collaboration during a recent event, we moved forward with this plan," said Faulkner.

"MC Law is so excited to officially adopt the Barack H. Obama Magnet School. We look forward to building long-lasting relationships and working alongside JPS to provide our scholars with a rich, educational experience that will craft them to be leaders in our society," said Pyles.

Patricia Bennett, Dean and Professor of Law, Mississippi College School of Law, has visited Obama Magnet frequently, including participating in

Beautification Day.

"MC Law is pleased to adopt Obama Magnet School. Our new partner in education will allow us to introduce elementary students to the field of law. The Law Student Body Association (LSBA) has begun working on the school's beautification projects. Law students will provide tutoring and help students with academic projects. MC Law students are excited to work with Obama Magnet students. This is proving to be a rewarding experience for all involved," said Bennett,

Several upcoming events have already been planned, including another campus clean-up day and an onsite visit to

MC Law School. The clean-up day follows extensive work that has been done at Obama to install an outdoor classroom.

Principal John Johnson is elated to welcome MC Law School to the Obama Magnet family. "I once read that if you want to touch the future, touch a life. In our case, the students from Mississippi College School of Law have touched the lives of Obama Magnet scholars and staff through their generous acts of service to us."

*For information regarding how to become a JPS Community Partner, contact Partners in Education at 601 960-8904.*

## JPS science lead teacher selected to serve on the Shell Science Teaching Award Judging Panel



Williams

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

Having received the Shell Science Teaching Award in 2019, Adrine R. Williams felt elated when the National Science Teaching Association (NSTA) asked her to serve on the Shell Science Teaching Award Judging Panel.

Williams' expertise as a past Shell award winner enabled her to be a valuable asset in serving on this panel.

This group oversees the administration of the award by establishing and maintaining guidelines for the award and awardee selection process. Furthermore, they participate in the selection process of semi-finalists, finalists and the awardee by using written and video documentation, as well as completing site visits as assigned by the chair.

"Being selected to serve on this panel is an esteem honor," said Williams. "I am humbled by the recognition of others observing my dedication, passion, knowledge-base and talents to cultivate a culture of excellence and

integrity."

Williams is also part of NSTA's Preschool-Elementary Committee where she annually reviews all NSTA policies, programs and activities relating to the teaching of elementary science and sees that the interests of preschool and elementary teachers of science are served by the association.

In 2020, she received the NSTA's Robert Yeager award. She was recognized in 2016 as a state-level finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Program.

Additionally, Williams, who began teaching fourth and fifth grade science in JPS in 2007, was named the 2009 Mississippi New Science Teacher of the Year.

She has advanced in her career and now serves as a secondary science curriculum lead for the district.

Williams earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a Master of Arts degree in education from Jackson State University.

# Jackson Public Schools 2021-2022 Student School Board representatives

*The Mississippi Link Newswire*

JPS introduced their 2021-2022 Student School Board representatives Monday, November 1. Each high school in the district was represented.

The representatives are Jamarion Gipson, 12th Grade – Forest Hill High School; Javeran Battle, 10th Grade – Callaway High School; Kayla Haslett, 12th Grade – Jim Hill High School; Jakyla Mitchell, 12th Grade – Lanier High School; Ari Bradley, 12th Grade – Murrah High School; Keyvon Williams, 12th Grade – Wingfield High School; Sydney Hilliard, 11th Grade – Early College High School at Tougaloo College and Cambria White, 12th Grade –Provine High School.

The goal of the Student School Board Representatives is to serve as a liaison between the board-level policy and the classroom. Each student representative will serve as a trustee on behalf of Jackson Public School District students and will be charged with providing perspectives on students' issues of interest and ensuring students' voices are represented.



Pictured left to right: Assistant Superintendent Laketia Marshall Thomas, Javeran Battle, Sydney Hilliard, Cambria White, JaKayla Mitchell, Superintendent Errick L. Greene, Ari Bradley, Keyvon Williams, Jamarion Gibson and Kayla Haslett



# US gives final clearance to COVID-19 shots for kids 5 to 11

By Lauran Neergaard  
and Mike Stobb  
*Associated Press*

U.S. health officials on Tuesday gave the final signoff to Pfizer's kid-size COVID-19 shot, a milestone that opens a major expansion of the nation's vaccination campaign to children as young as 5.

The Food and Drug Administration already authorized the shots for children (ages 5 to 11) doses just a third of the amount given to teens and adults. But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention formally recommends who should receive FDA-cleared vaccines.

The announcement by CDC director Dr. Rochelle Walensky came only hours after an advisory panel unanimously decided Pfizer's shots should be opened to the 28 million youngsters in that age group.

The decision marks the first opportunity for Americans under 12 to get the powerful protection of any COVID-19 vaccine.

"As a mom, I encourage parents with questions to talk to their pediatrician, school nurse or local pharmacist to learn more about the vaccine and the importance of getting their children vaccinated," Walensky said Tuesday night, in a statement.

In remarks earlier in the day, she said while the risk of severe disease and death is lower in young children than adults, it is real – and that COVID-19 has had a profound social, mental health and educational impact on youngsters, including widening disparities in learning.



"There are children in the second grade who have never experienced a normal school year," Walensky said. "Pediatric vaccination has the power to help us change all of that."

President Joe Biden called the decision "a turning point."

"It will allow parents to end months of anxious worrying about their kids, and reduce the extent to which children spread the virus to others," he said in a statement. "It is a major step forward for our nation in our fight to defeat the virus."

The American Academy of Pediatrics welcomed the decision as its members get ready to start the first injections into little arms, which the CDC said could begin "as soon as possible." The 5- to 11-year-olds will receive two low doses, three weeks apart, of the vaccine made by Pfizer and its partner BioNTech – the same schedule as everyone else, but

using a smaller needle.

Pfizer over the weekend began shipping millions of the pediatric shots to states, doctors' offices and pharmacies – in orange caps, to avoid mix-ups with purple-capped vials of adult vaccine.

Many parents have clamored for vaccine protection for youngsters so they can resume normal childhood activities without risking their own health – or fear bringing the virus home to a more vulnerable family member. But CDC's advisers said they recognize many parents also have questions, and may be fearful of the vaccine because of rampant misinformation.

As for safety, more than 106 million Americans have safely gotten two doses of Pfizer's full-strength shots – including more than 7 million 12- to 15-year-olds.

"I have vaccinated my

kids," said CDC adviser Dr. Helen Keipp Talbot of Vanderbilt University, saying she wouldn't recommend something for other families unless she was comfortable with it for her own. "We have seen the devastation of this disease."

In the U.S., there have been more than 8,300 coronavirus-related hospitalizations of kids ages 5 to 11, about a third requiring intensive care, according to government data. The CDC has recorded at least 94 deaths in that age group, with additional reports under investigation.

And while the U.S. has seen a recent downturn in COVID-19 cases, experts are worried about another uptick with holiday travel and as winter sends more activity indoors where it's easier for the coronavirus to spread.

Pfizer's study of 2,268 youngsters found the kid-size

vaccine is nearly 91% effective at preventing symptomatic COVID-19 – based on 16 diagnoses among kids given dummy shots compared to just three who got the real vaccination.

The FDA examined more children, a total of 3,100 who were vaccinated, in concluding the shots are safe. The younger children experienced similar or fewer reactions – such as sore arms, fever or achiness – than teens or young adults get after larger doses.

That study wasn't large enough to detect any extremely rare side effects, such as the heart inflammation that occasionally occurs after the second full-strength dose, mostly in young men and teen boys. Regulators ultimately decided the benefits from vaccination outweigh the potential that younger kids getting a smaller dose also might experience that rare risk.

Some of CDC's advisers said for some parents, deciding to get their children vaccinated may hinge on that small but scary risk.

"The risk of some sort of bad heart involvement is much higher if you get Covid than if you get this vaccine," Dr. Matthew Oster, a pediatric cardiologist at Emory University, told the panel. "Covid is much riskier to the heart."

Last week, FDA's advisers struggled with whether every young child needed a vaccine. Youngsters hospitalized with COVID-19 are more likely to have high-risk conditions such as obesity or diabetes. But otherwise healthy children can

get seriously ill, too, and the CDC's advisers ultimately recommended the shots for all of them – even children who've already recovered from a bout of COVID-19.

CDC officials calculated that for every 500,000 youngsters vaccinated, between 18,000 and 58,000 COVID-19 cases – and between 80 and 226 hospitalizations – in that age group would be prevented, depending on the pandemic's trajectory. And CDC officials noted that COVID-19 has caused more deaths in this age group than some other diseases, such as chickenpox, did before children were routinely vaccinated against them.

What about younger children? Pfizer is testing shots for babies and preschoolers and expects data around the end of the year. The similarly made Moderna vaccine also is being studied with young children. But the FDA still hasn't cleared its use in teens, and the company is delaying its application for younger children pending that review.

A few countries have begun using other COVID-19 vaccines in children under 12, including China, which just began vaccinations for 3-year-olds. But many that use the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine are watching the U.S. decision, and European regulators just began considering the companies' kid-size doses.

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# Serve God with all our strength

By Pastor Simeon R. Green III  
*Special to The Mississippi Link*



If there is anything that you like to do that gets in the way of your serving the Lord, just give it up. What you will receive is so much more worthwhile than what you give up. When you get in Christ, you have real friends. If you were to leave your purse or wallet somewhere with money in it and stay all night, you would not have to worry; it would still be there. Aren't those good friends? If you get in need, they will help you too. Sin will take you to places of degradation, harm and even death. The Apostle Paul was a changed man. He even loved

things that he used to hate because the Lord turned him around. That is the way it was with me. The Lord turned me around. Before I was saved, (Christian) all my fun was sin. But I thank God, I can raise my hands to the glory of God and shout the victory.

God can deliver anyone from powers and influences that people have over your life. God must take first place. He has the government of your life. He has the details of your life, and if you are going to walk with God, you must walk God's way regardless of what people think or threaten you with.

The early church was threatened unto death, and some of them were killed, but they followed God even unto death, and it was profitable

for them. Paul was to be delivered from the people.

I want to encourage you to serve God. Be definite when people ask you if you are going to Heaven. Do not tell them that you do not know or that you are not prepared to go. Get right with God, and tell them, "Yes, by the grace of God, I am going to Heaven. I want to live for God more than anything."

Serve God with all your strength. Paul, speaking in Acts 26:13, said "At midday, O King, I saw in the way a light from heaven." The born-again experience is supernatural; it is divine. You may not get it as Paul did or as I got it, but it does something for the inside of you. It does not stay only on the inside; it gets on the outside too. It gets in the

heart and works out through every expression on your face. It will change where you go, what you do and how you think.

God tells us what to think upon in Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

To God be the glory.

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## P R E S E R V E D

# Do you want God's arm to fall off?

By Shewanda Riley  
*Columnist*



"You want my arm to fall off?" is one of the most memorable lines from the 1972 Oscar nominated film *Lady Sings the Blues*.

In the scene, Billie Holiday (Diana Ross) has just finished singing at a nightclub and is being heckled by the crowd for not taking money from patrons. As she stands nervous with her head bowed in the middle of the stage, a hand is held up with a \$20 bill in it. Because her head is bowed, she doesn't initially see the money or the person who holds it up. Encouraged by the bar owner to take the money but still hesitant, she slowly moves in the direction of the hand.

As she moves closer to the money and a well-manicured hand is shown, those now famous words are heard and the face of Louis McKay (Billy Dee Williams) comes out of the shadows. Holiday makes lingering eye contact with McKay and takes the money. She then finishes the musical set and takes more money from other patrons.

This scene came to mind a few weeks ago as I was having a conversation with a friend about some difficult choices that she was trying to make. She shared how she knew that God could answer her prayers; she was just stuck not knowing what to ask for.

As I listened to her, I thought about how God was like McKay. He was ready to answer her prayer and bless her according to her level of faith. All she needed to do was

ask Him and he would bless her. I shared these words of encouragement with her and even showed her the video clip since she wasn't that familiar with the movie.

I think part of the reason why Holiday hesitated to take the money is the same reason why my friend is not sure of what to pray: she knows what is being offered but is not familiar with who is offering it. It sometimes happens when we don't spend as much time with God; we may not recognize when he is trying to bless us or wants to move in our lives.

My friend admitted that she hadn't spent much time in prayer with God lately and that she missed the close intimacy that came from spending time with God. I assured her that in spite of feeling that way, God was still waiting to bless her. He was just waiting on her to ask Him.

Jeremiah 32:17 reminds us about the outstretched arm of God: "Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You."

We should not just focus on getting the blessing from God but also on getting to know better the One who loves to bless us. When we have that close, intimate relationship with God, we will trust Him and won't hesitate to go to Him for whatever our needs are.

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# White supremacy incorporates the Critical Race Theory to bolster their attacks

By Emmitt Hayes Jr.  
*Contributing Writer*



White supremacists have continued their fight for dominance on many fronts using different weapons, but ignorance is the centerpiece of their battle. While lies, incivility, mis-education and violence have always been primary weapons used to enforce inhumane and often immoral laws, we now are witnessing the next evolution. The tools of voter suppression, intimidation and exclusion undermine democracy; and are the same Jim Crow-era tools that, sooner or later, will bring about the destruction of this powerful country as we know it.

Now that many of the white supremacists have pulled off their sheets, we recognize who they are and they are unashamed, and even proud, to be part of the Trump era. They claim allegiance to the National Anthem, and the red, white and blue; which for them are short-cut versions of the constitution.

While the word “patriotism” is thrown around to demonstrate their love of country, we should now see these, white supremacists, as insurrectionists.

America has yet to be able to look into the mirror and confront its true past.

Kneeling during the playing of the National Anthem has nothing to do with being anti-patriotic or not loving America. It is simply a flashpoint, a shortcut to an emotional way of thinking that does not require anyone to know what patriotism and the

constitution really means. But for them, kneeling during the anthem is anti-American and anti-constitution. So, the short-cut version eliminates the need to know and understand. They have conditioned their white supremacist comrades to hate based on an emotional rationale predicated on lies and deception. Thus, hate generates anger, and anger resulted in what we saw on January 6, 2021.

These short-cut ways of thinking are dangerous in that they don’t allow one to use their brain as God intended. Rational-thinking humans process actions through knowledge; then their personal conclusions lead to the idea that we are all interconnected and none of us are intended to reign superior. Only the one true God holds that distinction.

Critical Race Theory (CRT) is now a phrase used to eliminate rational thinking as God intended. Acceptance of the misinformation, and lies helps to support beliefs of superiority, which feeds the deep-rooted hatred white supremacists have for “others,” particularly dark-skinned humans. The term “Critical Race Theory,” much like Trump’s ‘Make America Great Again,’ are examples of short-cut ways of thinking that don’t require any rational or knowledge of what the terms really mean.

Kimberlé Crenshaw, noted law professor at UCLA and Columbia University and a pioneering scholar in the field of Critical Race Theory explains, “Critical Race Theory just says let’s pay attention to what has

happened in this country and how what has happened is continuing to create differential outcomes, so we can become that country that we say we are.” Also, Republicans’ cries that this scholarship is “un-American,” Crenshaw asserts, Critical Race Theory is not anti-patriotic. In fact, it is more patriotic than those who are opposed to it, because we believe in the 13th and the 14th and the 15th Amendments,” Crenshaw says. “We believe in the promises of equality. And we know we can’t get there, if we can’t confront and talk honestly about inequality.” (MSNBC interview 6/19/21)

At a campaign rally last year, then-President Donald Trump claimed that Critical Race Theory is a Marxist doctrine that rejects the vision of Martin Luther King Jr.” Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis likewise asserted that Critical Race Theory was “basically teaching kids to hate our country and to hate each other based on race,” adding: “It puts race as the most important thing. I want content of character to be the most important thing.” Ironically, he uses the content of character as a measure where clearly his character is lacking.

The white supremacists are not done. They have infiltrated the U.S. Congress under an administration that welcomed them and gave their efforts renewed hope, under a MAGA mantra. They have made the Supreme Court a politically influenced body that interprets the constitution through the eyes of a political party that is no longer

what it was. The party of Reagan is now the party of Trump. The party power structure has bowed down to insurrectionists and treasonous ideals to keep their voters motivated by the MAGA movement.

This is the most obvious example of white supremacy taking a buzzword, loading it up with garbage and dumping it into the minds of people who yearn to be fed the lies and distortions, all to support their own feelings of superiority. This creates a short-cut button that avoids thinking, researching and learning. Just as on a computer, the shortcut button opens the files, and no true thinking is required by those who want the information.

Just listen to Republican legislators and the mothers and fathers at school board meetings, whom no one accuses of being a part of the white supremacist past. Their defense of one ridiculous lie after another reveals who they really are and what is in their hearts. MAGA directly alludes to the Jim Crow era of America. No one needs to tell the truth or say what it really is, just hit the short-cut button.

The sad reality is that white supremacists must prevent their children from developing the empathy demonstrated by the massive international protests witnessed after the George Floyd murder. Empathy is what these children will develop from the truth; and they will seek ways to fix and mend America from the ills of the past. They will unite with others who are working to make the American creed a reality. To develop em-

pathy is to break down the impermeable barriers around the learning of history by children of America. America’s history is filled with ugly detestable things, but nonetheless, we are here today to end the lies, tell the truth and heal. No one wants their doctor to avoid giving them a true diagnosis just because it may hurt their feelings, or a roofer who comes to repair your roof, knowing all the time that the condition will get much worse the longer you let it go on. In the case of illness, you may lose a limb or even die; if it is your roof, it may fall in.

Many of us have been taught, and now understand and believe, the only way to escape the sins of slavery and its aftermath – to include white supremacy – is to repent, heal and go and “sin” no more. In other words, the truth will set people free from the need to lie, cheat and deceive their own precious children by preparing them for a time that is passing them by. The truth, instead, will help them to make America a great country that lives up to her promises and guarantees of the constitution.

Imagine what it will be like when a child comes to truly understand their parents’ efforts to protect white supremacy. What will happen when they start to add up some of the things they heard from their parents, then the child confronts the parents with the truth? They are confronted with hurt and disappointment as their parents try to explain that it was for their child’s own good, but the child responds that it was done to protect white supremacy rather than me. What you did for

me is to leave me ill-equipped to deal with a diverse world as it is, and leave me with a feeling that I need to hate and fight these people. You taught me to hate these people to protect the ideals of white supremacy; but I cannot and will not hate them. I want to help fix this, so my children won’t continue to support the lies and sins of America’s past. I want them to help heal the land, so that they don’t go the route of tyranny and insurrection, tearing down the constitution and the greatest country ever known.

They will learn to embrace the changes as we move from equality to equity. They will believe that America should make special efforts to correct the obvious wrongs before all the dangling cords that maintain white supremacy in America can be dismantled. Their children must be educated for the good, and not loaded up with buzz words and shortcuts to thinking for themselves. They should not get caught up in the MAGA movement’s fight against CRT, no matter what they are taught as children.

“It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.” (Aristotle).

Critical thinking is the ability to think reasonably and reflectively, deciding to believe or to do. It is so important that young minds are given all the information they need to truly make a better world. Our similarity in thought brings us together; the differences tear us apart.

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## Will the rules change for having guns on movie sets?

By James B. Ewers Jr.  
*President Emeritus  
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I like to watch horse operas (cowboy shows) on television and in the movies. Gunsmoke and The Rifleman are two of my favorites. It could be argued that I have watched every episode. The different scenes are at my instant recall. I have watched them for so long that I even know when they are going to commercial breaks.

Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid along with The Magnificent Seven are two of my favorite movies. Six shooters going off and shot-guns blazing have always played a major role in these shows and movies.

Getting shot and/or killed were major story lines for almost every rendition of Gunsmoke and The Rifleman. That was the wild, wild west. I was almost surprised when no shots were fired.

The movies I mentioned also had shooting as a consistent theme. It has always been that way. Will it change?

While watching all the shootings and mischief play out, I knew there were fake bullets and guns. I understood fully that the men and women presumably injured or killed weren’t that at all. After all,

these were just weekly television shows and movies. Actors playing roles and getting paid handsomely to get shot.

However, I have wondered a time or two about the fake bullets. My thoughts were centered around who was in charge of checking for blanks to put into the guns? Additionally, I thought there are companies out here who manufacture these bullets for Hollywood productions.

Not in a million years did I think someone would get shot and killed on a movie set. Sadly, it did happen. This is tragic and unthinkable given the resources and personnel that are attached to the movie industry.

But here we are with real death and injury on a movie set.

During the filming of the western entitled, Rust, Alec Baldwin, famed actor, accidentally shot and killed Halyna Hutchins, cinematographer who was a part of the crew. Another member of the set, Joel Souza was injured in the shoulder with the weapon fired by Baldwin.

Santa Fe County (New Mexico) Sheriff Adan Mendoza said, “Obviously, I think the industry has had a record recently of being safe.” He added, “But I think there are some safety issues that need to be addressed by the industry and possibly by the state of New Mexico.”

Baldwin spoke with a reporter on Saturday expressing remorse and

grief. He said, “The shooting was a one-in-a- trillion episode.”

It is clear there will be a lengthy and comprehensive investigation. There will not be a rush to judgment.

According to reports, the film, Rust will not resume shooting. This film in my opinion will never see the light of day again.

There are crew members of the Rust set who have made comments about what happened.

One crew member said, “There were no safety meetings. There was no assurance that it wouldn’t happen again. All they wanted to do was rush, rush, rush.”

Those comments were made after two real shots were fired. This happened after being told the gun was “cold,” meaning it didn’t have ammunition in it, including blanks.

This occurred before the Baldwin incident.

The movie industry is now going to become both apprehensive and deliberate about the necessary steps in order to ensure public safety while filming. This unfortunate incident will stay in the minds of many for years to come. Jobs, positions and protocols will be reevaluated and reassessed. Nothing will be taken for granted or assumed.

The hurtful and forever painful part of this is that it took death to create more awareness about gun safety on movie sets.

## Blacks, Veteran’s Day and Critical Race Theory

By Dr. John Warren  
*San Diego Voice and  
Viewpoint ANPA Member*



Veterans Day was created as “Armistice Day” on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. It became a national holiday by an act of Congress in 1938. As we honor the memory of those who served in this great conflict, separately and apart from other occasions honoring our War service members, let us not forget the special struggles of black veterans, especially during the years following World War I.

We have seen from history that African Americans who fought for the freedom of others on distant shores, came home to disenfranchisement, segregation, and subhuman treatment on every front where they should have received respect and equality for having served.

We have seen from a historical point that a black soldier named Charles Lewis, recently discharged from the military, was lynched in uniform in Hichman, Kentucky; in 1944, four black soldiers were killed after a white store owner claimed they tried to take over his place; in 1947 Joe Nathan Roberts, a black Navy veteran, studying at Temple University on the G.I. Bill was abducted

and shot because he wouldn’t say “Sir” to white men.

What is so important about these stories today is that if “Critical Race Theory” is allowed to be implemented on the scale white legislatures and school boards are trying to do, to sanitize all discussion of America’s racist past, these stories will be lost along with the racist history they represent.

Let us not forget that we have over 99 African American servicemen who earned and received the Medal of Honor in battle, fighting, and in some cases dying for a country who would only honor them when the flag was draped over their coffins and taps played at their graveside.

It is up to us to remember and honor our own, in spite of what this nation does or how it seeks to change or erase the history that we bled and sacrificed to build. Yes, this Veterans Day, let’s remember our own; and not by catching the latest sales. How about reflecting on how we can individually build on what they left? Things like registering to vote, spending money with those who support us, demanding respect for ourselves and our elders, and remembering that we are still “Black” to America whether we are rich, poor, educated, homeless or ignorant.

We must honor ourselves before we can demand that others do so.



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ORDINANCE GRANTING JENNIFER WELCH DBA TANDEM INVESTMENTS, LLC A REZONING FROM R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO NMU-1 (NEIGHBORHOOD) MIXED-USE DISTRICT, PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED TO ALLOW FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURE TO STUDIO APARTMENTS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 834 MADISON ST (PARCEL 18-201), CASE NO. 4121.

WHEREAS, Jennifer Welch DBA. Tandem Investments, LLC has filed a petition to rezone the property located at 834 Madison St (Parcel 18-21), in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for the conversion of the residential building and accessory structure to studio apartments; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the property from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for the conversion of the residential building and accessory structure to studio apartments; 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 Jackson City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, May 17, 2021 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 April 8, 2021 and April 22, 2021 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on April 28, 2021, 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 R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented; 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 practice 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 particular described as follows:

That part of Lots Number One (1) and Two (2), in Block "B" of Riverview Place, a subdivision of Jackson, MS, according to a map or plat thereof which is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County at Jackson, Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot One (1) and run thence South along the Mississippi, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of the description. East boundary of Madison Street, One Hundred Feet (100') to the Southwest corner of Lot Two (2), thence run East along the South boundary of Lot Two (2) a distance of one hundred feet (100'); thence run Northerly and parallel with the East boundary of Madison Street a distance of one hundred (100) feet East of the Point of Beginning, and thence run Westerly along the said Northern boundary of said Lot One (1) a distance of one hundred (100) feet to the Point of Beginning.

Being the same property as described in Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 6585, at Page 723, of the land records of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the property located at 834 Madison St (Parcel 18-201) from R-1 (Single-Family) Residential District to NMU-1 (Neighborhood) Mixed-Use District, Pedestrian Oriented to allow for the conversion of the residential building and accessory structure to studio apartments. However, that before for any structure is erected or use thereon at 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 Lindsay moved adoption; Council President Banks seconded.

Yeas – Fones, Lee, Lindsay, and Banks.  
Nays – None.  
Absent – Stamps, Stokes and Tillman.

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 Meeting on June 21, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book "6T, Pgs. 189-191."

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2021.



Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

11/4/202,

LEGAL

ORDINANCE GRANTING ALPHA ROBINSON A REZONING FROM R-4 (LIMITED MULTI-FAMILY) RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 (LIMITED) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO ALLOW FOR A RESTAURANT, COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER AND OTHER RELATED C-2 USES FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2000 VALLEY ST. (PARCEL 163-231), CASE NO. 4136.

WHEREAS, Alpha Robinson has filed a petition to rezone the property located at 2000 Valley St. (Parcel 163-231), in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, from R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to allow for a restaurant, community service center and other related C-2 uses; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the property from R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to allow for a restaurant, community service center and other related C-2 uses; 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, September 20, 2021 to consider said change, based upon the record of the case as developed before the 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 August 5, 2021 and August 19, 2021 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on August 25, 2021, 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 recommended the rezoning the above described property from R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District; 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 practice 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 particular described as follows:

LOT ONE (1) AND TWO (TWO) OF BLOCK 17 OF COLLEGE PARK ADDITION; PART 2, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF OF RECORD, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK OF HINDS COUNTY, AT JACKSON, IN PLAT BOOK 4 AT PAGE 37 THEREOF, MADE IN AID OF AND AS A PART OF THIS DESCRIPTION.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the property located at 2000 Valley St. (Parcel 163-231) from R-4 (Limited Multi-Family) Residential District to C-2 (Limited) Commercial District to allow for a restaurant, community service center and other related C-2 uses for the subject property. However, that before for any structure is erected or use thereon 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 Banks moved adoption; Vice President Lee seconded.

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Lee and Lindsay.  
Nays- None.  
Absent- Grizzle, Hartley and 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 Zoning Council Meeting on September 20, 2021 and recorded in Minute Book "6T .

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2021.



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A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.

Hint: Quote by Charlie Chaplin

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C D C G Q C U N E D



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# Jackson State wins another game without coach Sanders

By Tim Ward  
Sports Editor

For the second consecutive week, Jackson State was without coach Deion Sanders on the sideline. Sanders is said to have some complications with his foot that he had surgery on a few weeks ago.

Despite, their leader not being there, JSU continued its winning ways.

Quarterback Shedeur Sanders passed for 257 yards, on 18 for 31 passes and 3 touchdown passes. Sanders' efforts earned him SWAC Offensive Player of The Week.

The running game had a below average week, barely compiling 60 yards. That has to concern the coaching staff.

The Darkside Defense went to play Saturday, sacking Valley State's quarterback, Jalani Eason, 6 times and intercepted 4 of his passes. Eason would finish the day with 14 completions on 26 attempts. He did throw a touchdown pass.

JSU won 28 to 19 to remain unbeaten in the SWAC at 5-0 and 7-1 overall. Mississippi Valley State fell to 1-4 in the SWAC and 2-6 overall.

JSU plays at Mississippi Veteran Memorial Stadium this Saturday against Texas Southern.

Texas Southern rolls into Jackson, 2-3 in the SWAC and 2-5 overall, coming off a 59-17 win over Arkansas Pine Bluff. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. and it's High School Day and Military Ap-



JSU Tiger defensive players



Al Young

preciation. For those fans keeping up weekly, it's a Black Out Game.

Don't let the record fool you. Texas Southern has a standout freshman quarterback as well. Andrew Body is having a good season completing 101 passes on 159 attempts.

"It's going to be fun to see, fun to watch, it's the future of the SWAC I believe," Texas Southern coach Clarence McKinney said. "These guys are putting up big numbers at an early age and in an early stage in their careers. I'm just looking forward to being a part of it." Coach Gary Har-

rell is the interim head coach for Jackson State while coach Sanders is out. Following doctor's orders, Prime has had to be away from coaching the past couple of weeks. His status for Saturday is uncertain. Coach Sanders took to twitter to say how proud he is of coach Harrell. "I'm so proud

of my dear friend, Assistant Head Coach, @coachflea (Gary Harrell)," Sanders wrote. "I can't stop bragging about how good he is and how blessed we are to have him at Jackson State."

When asked about coach Sanders, Harrell states, "Coach Prime is still getting better and bet-

ter every time I talk to him." "I talked to him last night. I talked to him this morning with updates and things that he wanted us to make sure we keep incorporated and pretty much showing how proud he is of the staff and the players on how we're doing."



JSU coach Prime Time Sanders (center)

## Entergy partners with Jackson Public Schools, Tougaloo College to strengthen Mississippi's future workforce

**Entergy team members were awarded for their outreach efforts with the early college high school program**

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Jackson Public School – Tougaloo Early College High School Program presented the "Bringing Excellence and Service Together" award to Entergy team members Betina Brandon, senior manager of diversity and workforce development, and Alexander Washington, Ph.D., program manager of diversity and workforce strategies.

The B.E.S.T. award recognizes those who provide outreach efforts with the early college high school program.

Chinelo Evans, Ed.D. principal and lead learner, thanked Brandon and Dr. Washington for their service to J-TECHS.

"The partnership with Entergy has been one of the most amazing and most rewarding of my 20 years in the field of education," said Evans. "I believe that a partnership of this caliber has a far-reaching impact and directly aligns with our mission to promote excellence, community, honor and scholarship."

Beginning with the academic year 2020, Entergy formed a collaboration with J-TECHS. It operates as a small, independent program on the Tougaloo campus. The program recruits students who are typically underrepresented in college. Participating students may earn



Alexander

an associate degree or up to two years of credits towards a bachelor's degree.

"At Entergy, we are focused on developing programs for young people that introduce students to experts in the utility industry," said Taiwan Brown, Entergy vice president, diversity and workforce strategies. "This partnership offers students real-world interactions. It offers firsthand knowledge of industries and career paths focusing on the long-term development and needs of each student."

Employees from Entergy Nuclear, human resources, Entergy Mississippi, transmission, distribution, power generation and the Mississippi



Washington

Development Authority volunteer to assist with monthly presentations. Topics ranged from the structure of an electric system, outage management, how the local Mill Street Substation feeds power to Tougaloo College and customer service.

"This collaboration has allowed Entergy to work together on a community and workforce development project strategically in Mississippi. We bring together a diverse group of employees to introduce students and teachers to real-life career facets," added Washington. "It engages them in a rigorous program of study while simultaneously completing high school and associate degree graduation requirements."

## Nissan Americas names new chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer

**Chandra Vasser, a 17-year Nissan veteran, named to newly-created role**

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Nissan has named Chandra Vasser to the new position of vice president and chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer, for its Americas region.

In this newly created role, Vasser will drive Nissan's strategy to expand diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) across business functions in the Americas region, while developing partnerships and plans to share the company's DEI commitment with employees, customers and the community.

"Taking actions to strengthen our focus on diversity, equity and inclusion is a critical part of the culture change that we've committed to with our Nissan NEXT transformation," said Jérémie Papin, chairperson, Nissan Americas. "Chandra brings great experience to the role and will drive how we value equity and inclusion with all of our stakeholders, including employees, customers, dealers and suppliers."

Vasser most recently was a director of finance for several sales and marketing functions in Nissan's U.S. business op-



Vasser

erations. She joined Nissan in 2004 and worked in positions of increasing responsibility in the finance and purchasing functions.

Among her roles, she currently is a member of Nissan's Diversity Advisory Council, and she previously worked as director of purchasing for several functional areas, which included leadership of supplier diversity.

Under her leadership, Nissan

was recognized as the "2016 Corporation of the Year" by the TriState Minority Supplier Development Council (TSM-DC).

Vasser earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from Tennessee State University, and an MBA from the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University. She recently completed the McKinsey Academy's Black Executive Leadership Program.



# Brazilians observe Mês da Consciência Negra – Brazil’s Black History Month

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire Contributor

The Brazilian state of Bahia kicked off Black Consciousness Month with a promise of educating the community about the trials, tribulations and accomplishments of black people throughout South and Latin America.

During November, many in the northeastern state have vowed to recognize black history and cultural awareness ahead of the nationwide observance of Black Consciousness Day on November 20.

“Mês da Consciência Negra [Brazil’s Black History Month] is related to the commemoration of the death of Zumbi of Palmares on November 20, 1695, a holiday in many Brazilian cities,” tweeted historian and Howard University professor Ana Lucia Araujo.

Born free in 1655, Zumbi dos Palmares counted among the last military leaders of the Quilombo –or warrior village.

According to historians, the Quilombo dos Palmares was a free society, an old South American republic, which included the present-day Brazilian coastal state of Alagoas, Brazil.

“Today, Zumbi is known as one of the great historical leaders of Brazil,” the historians wrote.

The historians continued: “At approximately six years



Brazil’s black community’s progress includes a nearly two-decade-old law that requires the teaching of Afro-Brazilian history and culture in schools./ (TÂNIA RÉGO/AGÊNCIA BRASIL) VIA WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

old, the Portuguese captured Zumbi from the Palmares region and given as a slave to a Portuguese priest, Antônio Melo.

Baptized Francisco, Zumbi was taught Latin, the Portuguese religion and language and served the Catholic mass.

In 1670, at 15 years old,

Zumbi escaped and returned to his birthplace. He soon became known as a Capoeira/Capoeira master in the roda (wheel or circle) of Palmares’ practitioners of this African martial art.

By his early twenties, he became a respected military strategist.”

Zumbi eluded the Portuguese and continued the Quilombo resistance.

It’s believed that someone betrayed Zumbi, which led to the Portuguese destroying the Palmares compound. Zumbi was captured and killed on November 20, 1695.

“Today, the entire month is a celebration of Black Brazilian history,” Araujo wrote.

Brazil’s black community’s progress includes a nearly two-decade-old law that requires the teaching of Afro-Brazilian history and culture in schools.

The text of the law states

that every school in the nation should teach “the History of Africa and Africans, the struggle of black people in Brazil, Afro-Brazilian culture, and the contributions of black people in forming national society, including social, economic and political areas relevant to the History of Brazil.”

According to the Middlebury Institute Network, with Brazil’s academic reputation and its growing racial divide, many policymakers believe that the law, known as “The Status Quota Law,” is the only way out.

Gisele Alves, a Brazilian native with African ancestry who lives in a poor neighborhood on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro, told the Middlebury Institute Network that she probably would not have gone to college without help from the state.

“I thought I was going to finish school, find work in a little shop, get married and pregnant, and that would be it,” she stated.

Because of the law, Gisele received acceptance to the State University of Rio de Janeiro.

“Many students like Gisele will also get accepted thanks to this new law,” officials wrote.

“Even though [the law] will be discontinued in 10 years, this law is the next step for Brazil in guaranteeing equal access to education and a better future for all Brazilians.”

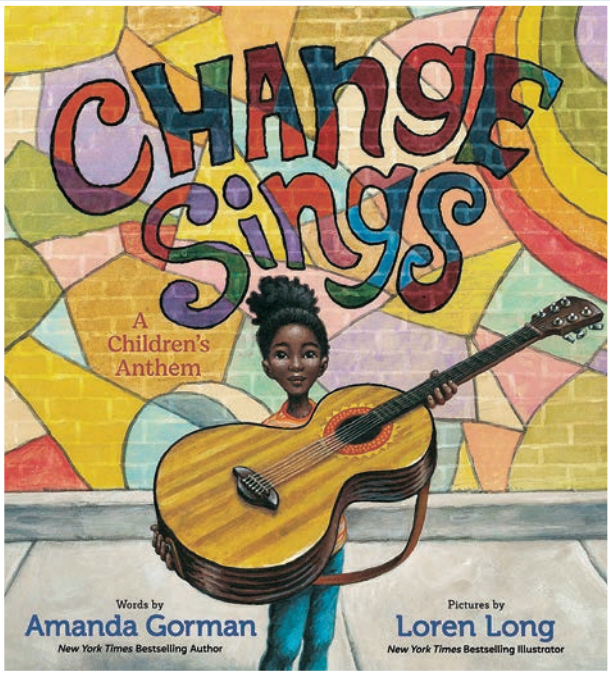
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BOOK REVIEW:

# CHANGE SINGS: CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

BY AMANDA GORMAN, PICTURES BY LOREN LONG  
C.2021, VIKING PENGUIN  
\$18.99 / \$24.99 CANADA • 32 PAGES

By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
*Columnist*

You don't like that. It wasn't what you wanted. You didn't ask for it and you're not happy. Things shouldn't be that way. It's not right, and you don't like it. Somebody needs to fix this, so why not you? Why, as in the new book "Change Sings: A Children's Anthem" by Amanda Gorman, pictures by Loren Long, don't you reach for a different kind of music?

One thing you can count on for the rest of your life: things

won't always stay the same. You were once a baby and now you're grown. Your room changed when you were too big for your crib. Look around and your neighborhood changes all the time. Change happens every minute of every day, it hums like a guitar string, and if you listen, you can "sing along." You won't be the first one, you know; many of America's most beloved heroes screamed and spoke and speeched and sang for change to come.



That's because with change

comes hope. Change doesn't have to be big, of course. You can make change by picking up trash in the park near your home, or asking for cleaner air or better playground equipment or better schools. You can volunteer to help others by being generous with your time. Bring your friends along and make it "a hundred hearts, each of us lifting a hand." Do it today, tomorrow morning, the next day or the next, even when no one else knows about it. Make change, even if you

aren't around to see it and the good that comes from it. Make your change into music that anyone can play, even if they're different than you. Make it something fun. Make the change that's inside you, to see the results you want to see. Then watch what happens: when you start to do good, someone else is inspired and they want to do something good, too. Two people become four and more and more and that's "just what the world needs." So what will you do? Where will you start?

Who will you ask? Won't you jump on the bandwagon, too? When everybody around you is doing something that looks like fun, you naturally want to jump in and join them. Your 4-to-8-year-old may feel shy about that, or they may feel excited when they see people doing something for the world; either way, "Change Sings" shows why it's important to get involved, especially if you're a kid. Grab this book to read aloud to your child, and you'll notice two things: the illustrations are

lush and colorful, but artist Loren Long doesn't overstimulate. In this book are gentle, quiet pictures to accompany the second thing: a story that consists of relatively few words, as author-poet Amanda Gorman tells the tale simply but in a way that truly calls kids to action. This book is a good start to a current-events conversation, or you can just enjoy it for its musical prose. "Change Sings" is a joyous book, and your child will like that.



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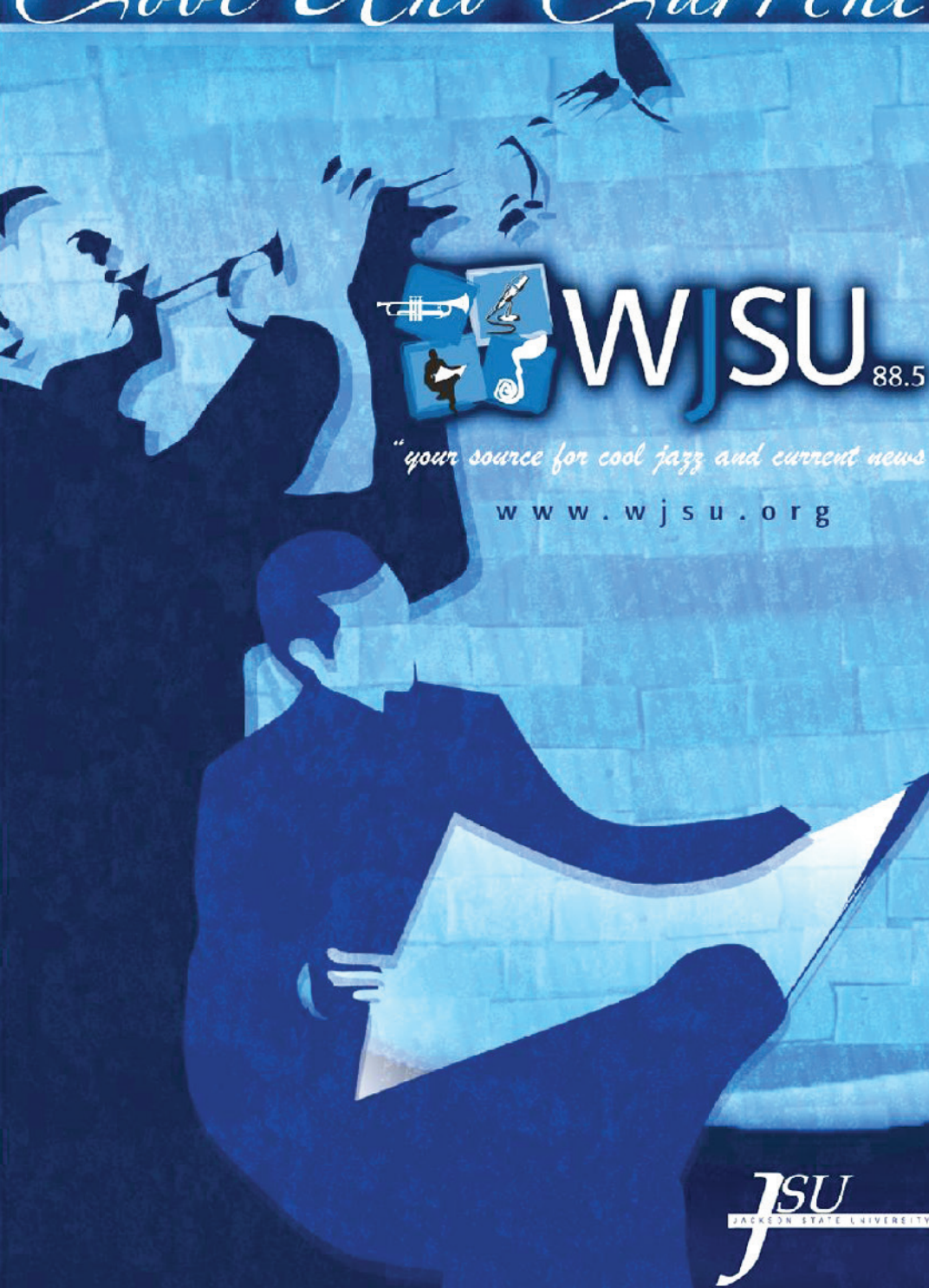
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# Jackson State University's 144th Founder's Day Convocation

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President Emeritus John A. Peoples Jr. Ph.D., received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters during Jackson State University's 144th Founder's Day Convocation, Thursday, Oct. 29. It was held at 10 a.m. on the Gibbs-Green Plaza at JSU.

JSU President Thomas K. Hudson, J.D. said, "Dr. Peoples is responsible for establishing many of the academic priorities that set the foundation to make Jackson State University the great research institution that it has become today."





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