

Jackson Delta Sigma Theta Alumnae Chapter holds prayer vigil in response to separated immigrant families

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After horrific footage of undocumented immigrants housed in cages and children being removed from their families were displayed on multiple media outlets across

the nation, legislators, public figures, national and local community organizations called for a change in action. Included in the list of advocates – Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a prestigious organization built on leadership and service.

In response to the Call to Action by the national headquarters, Jackson Mississippi Alumnae Chapter (JMAC) held a prayer vigil for adolescents who were stripped from their families as they sought refuge in the United States.

Surrounding Greek chapters, community leaders and citizens of Jackson all gathered at Smith Park in Jackson June 25 to pay tribute to the lives who have been victimized

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Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. join in prayer to keep immigrant families united and safe as they seek refuge in the United States

Encouraging the fight for morality



Attendees listen to testimonies from members of the Poor People's Campaign.

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In an effort to eradicate unjust actions against Americans living in poverty, the national Poor People's Campaign (PPC) has revived itself across the country to rally for equal human rights for the disadvantaged, not in mules and trains like their successor did in 1967 but in a more modern and intense way – marching in hot degree weather and protesting in front of state capitol buildings.

In response to the cry for change, a mass meeting was held Monday, June 25, by the Mississippi Chapter at Mt. Helm Baptist Church to encourage youth, public leaders, church organizations and citizens to embark on the journey to assist the deprived.

The Poor People's Campaign, introduced by Martin Luther King Jr., was planned to become a cross-racial coalition of impoverished Americans to demand better living conditions and social reform in order to reduce

the suffering and struggles that many had to face in the 1960s.

After King spent time in Marks, Miss. which was then in the poorest state of the country, the idea of the organization dawned on him as he witnessed a teacher feed her students crackers and apples for lunch because that was all she had to give; he realized then how critical the fight was for disadvantage families across the nation.

Unfortunately, the civil rights ac-

tivist was assassinated before the organization's arrival in the eyes of the American people.

Fifty years later, due to the nation's cycle of a distorted moral agenda and the continuation of systematic racism, poverty and ecological devastation that has prevented impoverished families from being lifted out of their uncontrollable circumstance, a plea for help has been called.

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Ben Jealous wins Maryland primary, vows to topple Republican Gov. Larry Hogan

By **Ovetta Wiggins, Arelis R. Hernández and Robert McCartney**
The Associated Press

Ben Jealous, a former NAACP president embraced by Sen. Bernie Sanders, decisively defeated Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker III for the Maryland Democratic gubernatorial nomination Tuesday in a major victory for the party's progressive wing.

In a victory speech at an African-American museum in Baltimore, Jealous, 45, lashed out at Republican Gov. Larry Hogan, whom he called a "gimmick governor," and said he is not daunted by the incumbent's record-high approval ratings.

"We will beat Larry Hogan the same way we won the primary," Jealous said in an interview Wednesday morning. "...Talking to everyone, in every corner of this state, about kitchen-table issues."

Jealous received strong backing and outside money from wealthy liberals, unions and progressive groups. He offered bold proposals – including state-based universal health care and debt-free college – that he believes will energize voters, many of whom seemed inclined Tuesday to cast ballots for Hogan in the fall.

Hogan, who ran unopposed in the

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Jealous and a supporter

Mississippi Dems pick party stalwart Baria in Senate runoff



Baria

By **Jeff Amy**
Associated Press

Mississippi Democrats in Tuesday's runoff gave their U.S. Senate nomination to state Rep. David Baria, lining up behind a party stalwart to challenge incumbent Republican U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker.

Baria told supporters he has the experience to make the uphill campaign against Wicker and be a productive senator. He said he was a known and trusted quantity, pointing to his record as a state legislator. Baria said he would continue his advocacy of education, health care and transportation in Congress, and voiced opposition to President Donald Trump's immigration policies.

"This is a change election," Baria told The Associated Press Tuesday night. "Democrats are excited and exuberant. Folks are ready to make some change in Washington."

Many Democratic politicians backed Baria, the state House minority leader and an attorney, over newcomer Howard Sherman. The husband of actress Sela Ward, Sherman voted as a Republican in California and donated to Wicker.

Sherman said the donation was an effort to prevent a tea party Republican from winning.

"I thought the state was ready for something different," Sherman said. "I thought the state was tired of 50th. But they voted for a shepherd of 50th."

Sherman and Baria were the top vote-getters in a six-candidate June 5 primary. Sherman was endorsed by state Rep. Omeria Scott, who finished third. Many other officials, including Mississippi's only Democratic member of Congress, Rep. Bennie Thompson, endorsed Baria.

Through June 6, Baria had raised less than \$300,000, while Sherman raised \$850,000, including \$650,000 in loans to himself.

"I think we've proved that money's not everything," said Baria, who nevertheless promised more effort on fundraising.

Wicker, who's held the Senate seat since late 2007, coasted to a primary victory June 5. The incumbent congratulated Baria Tuesday, but drew a quick contrast.

"I want to continue working with President Trump to grow our economy, secure our bor-

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Lottie Lorene Williams Thornton

Early childhood educator, community activist celebrated and remembered

Mississippi Link Newswire

More than a hundred colleagues and parishioners along with friends and family filled the sanctuary of the Farish Street Baptist Church last week to bid farewell to Lottie Lorene Williams Thornton, Jackson State University alumna and architect of the Early Childhood Education Program.

A joyous and uplifting fellowship to the tune of "When We All Get To Heaven" opened the homegoing celebration officiated by Dr. Hickman M. Johnson, pastor and friend of the Thornton family for more than fifty years. The celebration was marked by keynote tributes and acknowledgments preceded by the Beyond the Wall service rendered by members of Beta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Members of the T.C. Almore Court #35 of the Eastern Star also conducted the final rites for Lottie Lorene Williams Thornton.

Included in his eulogy, Dr. Johnson remembered Lottie Williams Thornton as the college professor who through her service distinguished herself as Jackson State's mistress of protocol.

"Loyalty and devotion, accessibility, one who cared deeply for others, fastidious, demanding, particular, careful and one who possessed an aversion to duplicity best described Lottie Williams Thornton," said Johnson. "She was a traditional woman versus a feminist who enjoyed being a wife and mother. She never forgot the birthday of a friend with a card, a gift or their favorite bottle of perfume. She shared the joy of others and encouraged the brokenhearted. She was a devout student of the Bible who never tired of learning. The routine end of her days



Lottie Lorene Williams Thornton

was marked by her love for linguistics and her favorite mantra: reading maketh a full man and writing maketh an exact man," added Johnson.

Born June 22 1923 to George and Florence Williams in Grenada, Mississippi, Lottie Lorene Williams was the youngest of three children. She formed a lasting bond with her elder sisters Paralee 'Sweet' Williams Clark and Mildred 'Sister' Williams. Lottie's mother passed away when she was ten years old. It was her sister 'Sweet' who assumed the responsibility of raising her younger sisters. She was steeped in the tenets of faith and education to having a successful life by both her father and her sister, 'Sweet.'

Lottie was educated in the Grenada Public Schools. Success came easy to her as she excelled in all things. She learned the popular dances and won the top prize in the school's talent show. After completion of her formative education in Grenada, she enrolled

at Jackson State College where her education was partially financed through her first place win in the first oratorical contest sponsored by the Masons and Heroines of Jericho in December, 1939. During her matriculation as a student, Lottie made history at Jackson College by becoming the first female elected to serve as president of the Student Government Association. She completed her undergraduate degree with distinction as salutatorian of the class of 1944. Lottie Williams continued her education and received the Masters of Education degree from Ohio State University.

The professional career of Lottie Williams was launched and spent at her Alma Mater. She served valiantly as a teacher in the Laboratory School and later as director of the Early Childhood Center now named in her honor on the main campus at Jackson State University. Coupled with her teaching was her passion for service to her church and community along with her lasting allegiance to her beloved Jackson State College. Lottie is credited for 'breaking the glass ceiling' as the first woman to hold a full-time faculty position at Jackson State College. A life member of the Jackson State University National Alumni Association, she was the first woman elected to serve as president from 1948-1950. She also served the alumni association through a myriad of positions including 1st vice president, 2nd vice president, secretary and recording secretary.

Lottie met Dampier Thornton. The two were married in 1954 in Grenada, Mississippi. The beloved union lasted twenty-three years and gave birth to a lovely daughter, Myranette. Dampier's untimely death ended the storybook

marriage.

Lottie Thornton united with Farish Street Baptist Church in 1945. A devoted and supportive member, she served as a Sunday school teacher, member of the choir and of the Junior Matron and E.B. Topp Circles, president of the Women's Missionary Society, deaconess and chairperson of the nominating committee. In recognition of her indefatigable service, Lottie was the recipient of the 1999 Woman of the Year Award (Farish Street Baptist Church).

After her relocation to Phoenix, Arizona in 2011, she joined the First Institutional Baptist Church under senior pastor, Dr. Warren H. Stewart Sr. Her discipleship continued through active memberships in the general mission through the Maryvale Circle, the Sunday school class #6, and as member emeritus of the R.N. Nesby Scholarship Ministry. Lottie quickly earned the moniker of "Mother" because of her intellect, her encouragement to others and her smile and sassy style.

Lottie's commitment to children and families was evident through her activism and community involvement. A member of Beta Delta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, she served with 50 years of distinction as a servant-leader in the capacities of historian, recorder and vice president. As a Torch Bearer of the Mary Church Terrell Literary Club, Lottie Williams Thornton is so noted as the longest serving member and one who truly modeled the motto of 'Lifting As We Climb.'

JSU President Emeritus Dr. John A. Peoples Jr. reflected on the contributions and accomplishments of Lottie Williams Thornton in his tributes. As

an ambassador, he cited her consistent service throughout her tenure and time to Jackson State.

"Lottie Thornton was an icon of Jackson State College and Jackson State University," said Peoples. "As a founder who planted the seeds of Early Childhood Education, her guidance helped create and establish the Early Childhood degree-granting program during a time of limited financial resources and state support. Through her continued work, the concept and design of the undergraduate program was advanced to the master's degree level and later gave rise to the first doctoral program at Jackson State."

Lottie Lorene Williams Thornton was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings and her husband. She leaves to cherish her memories her loving and devoted daughter, Myranette and son-in-law, David; a niece, Cheryl Harris; many cousins including Helen Sykes McKinney (Paul), Willie Ola Brown, Sharnell Anderson (Everett), Patricia Morrow, Kenneth Morrow, Marilyn Morrow, Loretta Harris, and a host of family and friends. Lottie Lorene Williams Thornton was 94 years old.

Because of her love and commitment to students in higher education, gifts and donations to the Lottie Thornton Elementary Education Endowed Scholarship are requested and encouraged by the family. Checks can be made payable to the JSU Development Foundation and should include the Lottie Thornton Elementary Education Endowed Scholarship on the memo line. Please forward all remittances to the JSU Development Foundation at Post Office Box 17144, Jackson, Mississippi 39217.

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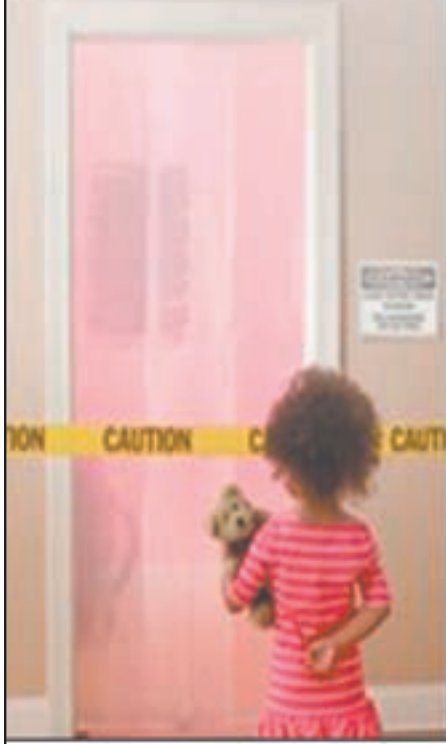
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ders, and keep Americans safe,” Wicker said in a statement. Baria criticized Wicker for “continuing to hug up” to Trump and catering to business interests. “Roger Wicker has had 24 years in Washington and he has not served the people of Mississippi,” Baria said. “Instead he has served corporate interests.” Baria is pitching hopes that Democrats can pick up not just one but both of Mississippi’s Senate seats. The second seat, which had been held by Thad Cochran, will be on the ballot in November in a special election. Republican U.S. Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith, a former agriculture commissioner appointed to fill the vacancy by Gov. Phil Bryant, faces McDaniel and Democrat Mike Espy. The candidates run without party labels, but Baria hopes Espy, who was Mississippi’s first African-American congressman since Reconstruction and later U.S. secretary of agriculture, can excite Democrats. Sherman portrayed himself as an outsider, saying Mississippi Democrats have faced decades of failure since John C. Stennis, the last party member to hold a Senate seat from the state, retired in 1989. Sherman touted a 100-day plan that included items focused on private-sector action instead of federal spending. The Reform Party’s Shawn O’Hara of Hattiesburg and Libertarian Danny Bedwell of Columbus also are running in November.

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by the Trump administration policy to separate families who are seeking asylum in the country by illegally crossing the border. Alumnae Chapter President Denise Griffin-Whittington said the organization could no longer sit back and watch America’s immigration crisis unravel; instead, she believed it was crucial to bring awareness within the community about an issue that has directly and indirectly impacted the lives of many. “We are here to raise the consciousness of our community as we pray for God’s guidance and pray for a resolution that would reunite families as quickly as possible,” expressed Griffin-Whittington. She continued, “We watched in horror as children were separated from their families and we don’t believe that immigrant families should be receiving the same kind of treatment in the United States as they have received in their home country where they are fleeing persecution and other abuse. Children need their families, children need their parents, and we just believe it is cruel and inhumane to strip children away from their parents.” Attendees joined hand-in-hand to pray for the city’s leadership, the country’s administration and the immigrants who are being split apart due to merciless policies. Cheryl Turner, social action chairperson for Jackson Alumnae Chapter, said the immigration stories affected her personally and caused her to help arrange the prayer vigil in the park. “Being a mother and a grandmother, it was just difficult to watch people not get an idea or feel any amount of passion toward a parent that is trying to make it better for their child – Theta is a service organization charged with speaking truth to power, and giving voice to the voiceless. We took a stand and organized this event,” stated Turner. Turner hope those who participated will receive insight regarding the immigration catastrophe and understand that exercising their right to vote in support of the ‘Keeping Families Together Act’ will produce change. “I hope people realize that we control this community through our engagement and our voting. The power of the vote is the one message we hope we can get to people,” she said. With social action being the premise of the sorority’s foundation, Delta’s Southern Regional Social Action Chair Machel Kyles was also in attendance to highlight the importance of voting, specifically today, during a time where elected officials are passing life-changing procedures more often. “This event is directly related to our voice of voting, and our vote demonstrates who we hire in our elected offices, who governs everything, and how our policies are made.” Kyles believes the power of unity and voting are the key elements to producing a better tomorrow and encourages individuals to not only be more aware but also utilize their freedoms. “We as a culture, we as the United States of America, we have to exercise our right to vote, we have to understand what is going on. Now, what is happening is strictly a reaction to whom we hired – our commander in chief. That same unified power [blacks] had in the Alabama election with Doug Jones, is the same unified power we could have in this country if we get out and vote,” declared Kyles.

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GOP primary, has governed as a moderate and repeatedly distanced himself from President Trump, who is widely disliked in Maryland. He appeared before reporters Wednesday to say he welcomed the chance to face Jealous in the general election. “If you like [former Democratic Governor] Martin O’Malley, you’re gonna love this guy,” Hogan said. “He’s talking about tens of billions of dollars in tax increases that will cost us hundreds of thousands of jobs and devastate the great economy that we’ve made so much progress on.” Jealous won strong pluralities in the Baltimore area and did well enough in the populous Washington suburbs to win by a large margin over Baker and the others. Baker, a longtime politician, had the endorsement of almost all of the state’s top Democratic elected officials in the primary race. But he raised less money than Jealous, who was backed by teachers unions and other labor groups who supported Baker in his previous campaigns.

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Justin McCreary, minister of Unitarian Universalist Church and PPC activist, acknowledged the reason why the plea for moral revival is necessary. “We are separating families on the border and that doesn’t fit into our moral agenda. We are legalizing discrimination on whom you are allowed to sell to or not but that isn’t moral. We talk about gutting welfare and we talk about hurting those who we forced into the margin, but that isn’t moral. This call for a moral revival is to save the heart and soul of the democracy,” said McCreary. After reciting the principles that the organization is built on, he referenced the coalition as “family” because of the personal impact the union has had on him while participating in rallies across the country. “I feel like I am part of a family forged in the heat of the capital steps, forged in the asphalt while we took action in the roads, forged in the gates of the Governors’ mansion making an important appeal. I feel as if we are a family because when we block the road the most important hands in my life became the hand of the human being right next to me, and the hand that kept me from having to stand alone,” expressed McCreary. The organization has not only influenced adults in a positive way but also teenagers. Celeste Gilbert, an impacted teen, delivered her testimony regarding PPC’s guidance and how it has led to her own personal evolution. “Before I found out about the Poor People’s Campaign, I was just observing the things around us and what was happening to us. I was seeing my mother work three jobs just to get her rent paid and food for us, homeless people in the street, and hearing about guns being the cause of recent deaths in Jackson. When I joined the organization I not only observed what was going on, but I was also learning more about the issues people were facing,” said Gilbert. In her closing, she encouraged more teenagers to join the movement. “The campaign has really opened my eyes and taught me how to stand up for what I believe in. It gives you the chance to let your voice be heard, and that is why more teenagers should join because we are the future and we cannot be a future filled with hate, pollution and greed. From a clergy prospective Bishop Thomas Jenkins joined others on stage to profess the importance of church involvement and encouraged pastors to get involved in the moment. “As clergymen it’s time for us to rise up; we cannot be fearful of what people think about us. It is time for us to understand that 50 years later poverty here is a real issue in a free country like America and we cannot be silent.” He added, “God is calling us to move out in 2018, and we cannot allow our legacy to say we didn’t do anything.” National organizer, Danyelle Holmes, ended the assembly encouraging citizens of all demographics and status to unite. “When you lift from the bottom, everybody rises, and that’s what we have to do – we have to get to the point of helping others,”said Holmes.

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The Byram-Terry Chapter of the Jackson State University National Alumni Association, Incorporated held its inaugural Trailblazing Tigers Awards Breakfast June 9 in the Student Center Ballroom located on the campus of Jackson State University. The breakfast was held to honor Jackson State University graduates and supporters who live, work or serve in the extended Byram-Terry community.

One honoree in each category was named.

Activism & Civil Rights

Attorney Carlyn Hicks

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Erica Webber-Jones

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Dr. D. Monique Carr Stevens

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Rev. Alphanette Martin

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Dr. Stefanie Thomas

Public Service

Honorable Carlton Reeves

Young Trailblazer of the Year

Anissa Butler

Entertainment was provided by Jessie Primer III, MADDRA-MA and Amazing Grace Dance Ministry.

The Byram-Terry Chapter also presented the Jackson State University Development

Foundation with a check for \$10,000 to be used towards scholarships via the Byram-Terry Chapter Endowed Scholarship. The initial \$10,000 donation will be matched by Title III funds which are grant funds provided to Jackson State University by the United States Department of Education through the Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities Program.

If you would like to join the Byram-Terry Chapter, please email jsunaabtc@hotmail.com or call 601-750-0395.



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JPS to offer early college high school in 2018-2019

Mississippi Link Newswire

Jackson Public Schools will establish an Early College High School (ECHS) in partnership with Tougaloo College in the fall of 2018. The program will operate as a small, independent high school program on the campus of Tougaloo College.

Students in the program will complete their Mississippi graduation requirements for high school while working on college coursework.

Upon meeting graduation requirements, students may earn an associate's degree or up to two years of credits toward a bachelor's degree. The minimum expectation is that all graduates of the program meet SAT and ACT college readiness standards.

Initially, JPS will enroll 49 ninth grade students. New students will be added each year until the program has



students in grades 9–12. To be considered, students must submit an application, fulfill admission criteria and participate in an interview process. Final selection for admission will be conducted by an exter-

nal selection agency.

Early College High Schools include a variety of dual credit/dual enrollment course offerings. Nationally, these early college programs have been emerging since the early 2000s, and graduation rates are typically in the 90-percent range according to a U.S. News & World Report article.

Previously established Early College High Schools are located in Mississippi. River City Early College High School in the Vicksburg-Warren School District and Golden Triangle Early College High School in the Lowndes County School District are two that are currently operating within the state.

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JPS online registration begins July 23, 2018

Description

Registration for new and returning JPS students begins July 23, 2018. Any student who attended a JPS school in 2017–2018 is considered a returning student.

Scheduling a Registration Appointment

To begin registration, parents/guardians must make an appointment using the district's Appointment Management System. Once an appointment has been confirmed, you will report to your child's school at the date and time of the scheduled appointment to receive a snapcode.

A video tutorial and instructions on scheduling an appointment for registration are available on the Online Registration page.

To locate your attendance zone, contact Transportation at (601) 973-8513 or Enrollment Services at (601) 960-8852.

Completing Online Registration

Completing online registration requires access to a computer with a connection to the internet. Computer labs are set up at each school for parents who do not have access to a computer. Labs are open Monday–Friday from 8 a.m.–3 p.m. Schools will be closed from 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. each day. Hours will be extended until 6 p.m. on Thursdays to accommodate parents.

Additionally, Saturday registration will take place July 28, 2018, and August 4, 2018, from 8 a.m.–3 p.m. at the Poindexter Administrative Complex located at 1017 Robinson Street. Parents and guardians are required to make an appointment for Saturday registration using the Appointment Management System.

Parents/guardians completing registration must present a current and valid state-issued photo identification along with supporting documentation in order to register their child.

Required Documents

The following documents are required at the time of registration for all students:
Valid photo ID. (No copies will be accepted.)
Certified copy of student's long form birth certificate.
State of Mississippi Certificate of Immunization Compliance (Form 121) or Certificate of Medical Exemption (Form 122).
Two Proofs of Residency documents.
Jackson Public Schools is asking all parents/legal guardians to secure these documents so that they are readily available at the time of registration. It is the District's aim for students to start school on the first day.
For more information, visit the Online Registration page.

Contact

Enrollment Services & Records
Phone: (601) 960-8852

DISTRICT CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

DATE	EVENT
July 2–6, 2018	Independence Day Break (Districtwide Closure)
August 6, 2018	First Day for Teachers
August 8, 2018	First Day for Students
September 3, 2018	Labor Day (Districtwide Closure)
October 8, 2018	Fall Break (Districtwide Closure)*
October 15, 2018	Parent-Teacher Conference Day (No School for Students)*
November 19–23, 2018	Thanksgiving Break (Districtwide Closure)
December 21, 2018	Winter Break Begins (60% Day for Students)
December 24, 2018–January 4, 2019	Winter Break (Districtwide Closure)
January 7, 2019	Teachers and Staff Return
January 8, 2019	Students Return
January 21, 2019	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Districtwide Closure)
February 18, 2019	Parent-Teacher Conference Day (No School for Students)*
March 11–15, 2019	Spring Break (Districtwide Closure)
April 19 & 22, 2019	Easter Break (Districtwide Closure)*
May 24, 2019	Last Day for Students
May 27, 2019	Memorial Day (Districtwide Closure)
May 28 & 29, 2019	High School Graduations
May 29, 2019	Last Day for Teachers

Inclement Weather Procedure

The following days will be used for inclement weather makeup days if needed:
October 8, 2018 (Fall Break)
October 15, 2018 (Parent-Teacher Conference Day)
February 18, 2019 (Parent-Teacher Conference Day)
April 19, 2019 (Friday of Easter Break)
April 22, 2019 (Monday of Easter Break)
The District will delay the start of school when possible to address inclement weather if necessary. If additional inclement weather days are needed, adjustments to the calendar will be made. For more information, download the JPS Inclement Weather Procedures (PDF).

DISTRICT PROGRESS & REPORT CARDS

TERM	BEGINS	MIDTERM REPORTS	ENDS	REPORT CARDS
1	August 8, 2017	September 12, 2017	October 6, 2017	October 9, 2017
2	October 10, 2017	November 14, 2017	December 21, 2017	January 11, 2018
3	January 8, 2018	February 6, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 27, 2018
4	March 19, 2018	April 17, 2018	May 23, 2018	May 30, 2018

MSU pre-nursing students now eligible for early entry program to achieve UMMC professional degree

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Mississippi State and the University of Mississippi Medical Center are new partners in an early entry program for MSU pre-nursing freshmen to be admitted to UMMC's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program.

Students in MSU's Freshman Early Entry (FEE) program earn approximately 65 credit hours at MSU during their freshman and sophomore years before transferring to the University of Mississippi School of Nursing in Jackson for their junior and senior years to complete the nursing degree.

Admission to this degree program can occur in the fall of the freshman year through early entry or through regular entry after completion of the pre-nursing curriculum at MSU. The deadline for consideration for early entry is Nov. 1.

"As the Baby Boom generation shifts into their retirement years, the healthcare industry will be vital to serve the medical needs of a growing population," said MSU Provost and Executive Vice President Judy Bonner. "That also means that the healthcare industry will be a source of high-quality employment opportunities for those who have prepared themselves to assume those roles. That's why we are excited about this innovative partnership with the University of Mississippi Medical Center and the promise it holds to accelerate those opportunities for MSU students."

Bonner said students granted early entry status must enroll as freshmen at



The Freshman Early Entry Program allows MSU first-year pre-nursing students to be admitted to the University of Mississippi Medical Center Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. Shown are, from left, Kim Hoover, UM School of Nursing dean and professor; Judy Bonner, MSU provost and executive vice president; and Dr. Ralph Didlake, UMMC associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and chief academic officer. PHOTO SUBMITTED

MSU and then apply to the Freshman Early Entry program between July 1 and Nov. 1 through the UMMC Registrar's Office. MSU Freshman Early Entry program students who follow the progression and retention criteria will be automatically eligible to enroll in the University of Mississippi School of

Nursing to complete the BSN degree.

MSU advisers in the College of Arts and Sciences' Dr. A. Randle and Marilyn W. White Pre-Med Advisory Office and in MSU's Career Center will help guide students and answer questions. A UMMC nursing faculty member also will be available to advise early entry

students.

The program gives MSU pre-nursing students the opportunity to engage in both professional and personal relationships with UMMC nursing faculty and upperclassmen immediately upon entering the program.

"Partnering with MSU to provide

an early entry pathway into the traditional undergraduate nursing program at UMMC is exciting," said Kim Hoover, professor and dean of the University of Mississippi School of Nursing. "Students who are able to make early decisions about a career in nursing receive structured guidance to ensure their success during the first two years. The School of Nursing at UMMC welcomes the opportunity to prepare well-trained nurses to improve health care for Mississippians."

The memorandum of agreement between the two universities outlines the benefits of early entry in that students will avoid the competitive selection process in which regular entry students must participate for admission to the BSN program. Early entry students are eligible for School of Nursing scholarships at UMMC and may participate in professional student organizations earlier in their collegiate careers.

Eligibility criteria for the program include an ACT score of 25 or greater and a cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 or higher. Additional criteria may include personal interviews, written essays, pre-nursing testing and scholastic and non-scholastic extracurricular and service activities. A non-refundable application fee of \$25 is required.

For details on the application process, progression and retention criteria, and entry into the nursing major, call MSU's Pre-Med Advisory Office at 662-325-3120 or the Career Center at 662-325-3344.

MVSU professor appointed to FLHCF board

The Mississippi Link Newswire

A Mississippi Valley State University professor was recently appointed to the board of a local organization devoted to eradicating cancer, particularly in the Mississippi Delta.

MVSU Assistant Professor of Environmental Health Dr. Mark Dugo has joined the board of directors for the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation (FLHCF).

The Ruleville-based non-profit was founded and is led by MVSU alumna Freddie White-Johnson (82'). Its mission includes preventing cancer in the Mississippi Delta by increasing awareness and establishing a public agenda for the prevention of cancer.

Dugo brings to the organization a wealth of knowledge in the areas of health disparities and the underlying causes of cancer.

His term will last two years, and he will be eligible to be re-appointed by the Foundation's executive board.

"I am honored to be selected, and I hope that we can get MVSU students engaged – particularly our Environmental Health students," said Dugo, who joined MVSU's faculty in 2015.

According to Dugo, research, education, and advocacy provided by FLHCF are critical in reducing the number of individuals impacted by cancer.

"We, here at Valley, need to be players in this as well, so we want to continue to get students engaged in community outreach to promote and encourage early screenings."

White-Johnson, who serves as FLHCF's executive director, said Dugo's appointment is an important one for the organization.

"We are extremely fortunate to have Dr. Dugo join our organization," said White-Johnson. He genuinely cares about people and has an authentic passion for mankind. I'm just really impressed by his level of expertise and the sincerity he exhibits in his work."

White-Johnson said Dugo will offer valuable contributions that will help the organization carry out its mission.

"His extensive experience in his particular field and his leadership is something that will be an invaluable asset as the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation strives to reduce cancer health disparities and save lives in the state of Mississippi, particularly in the Mississippi Delta," she said.

A native of Virginia, Dugo has a background tied to three Mississippi IHL institutions.

In 2003, Dugo earned his M.S. in biological sciences from the University of Southern Mississippi, studying population genetics of the endangered Gulf sturgeon.

In 2015, he received his Ph.D. in environmental science from Jackson State University.



Dugo

ty, where he studied gene expression in native fishes following exposure to the carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon, 3-Methylcholanthrene.

"Now that I work and reside in the Mississippi Delta, I am interested in stakeholder engagement and education as vital components of public health intervention," he said.

At MVSU, Dugo has advised several undergraduate and graduate students on independent projects about health disparities and environmental health, including delineating incidence and mortality rates of female reproductive cancers and prostate cancer and characterizing carcinogenic releases from facilities that report to the EPA toxic release inventory.

He recently initiated a genomics-based laboratory workflow with capabilities in population diagnostics for training and research at MVSU.

The Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation was founded and established under the umbrella of The University of Southern Mississippi by White-Johnson, who is also the director of the USM's Office of Mississippi Network for Cancer Control & Prevention.

Last year, FLHCF identified and assisted 837 women with a screening appointment for a mammogram and Pap test; 360 men with a prostate screening; provided financial assistance for transportation to 23 women and three men; and provided cancer education material to more than 10,000 men and women throughout the state of Mississippi, mostly in the Mississippi Delta.

To learn more about the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation, visit www.flhcf.com.

Grant program enables USM nursing faculty, students to help underserved patients

The Mississippi Link Newswire

A grant made possible through the Asbury Foundation Distinguished Professor in Nursing fund is helping University of Southern Mississippi nursing faculty and students provide healthcare to an under-served area of Hattiesburg.

Elizabeth Tinnon, assistant professor in the USM College of Nursing, is coordinating the grant project in partnership with the University's Institute for Disability Studies. Tinnon and nursing students are lending assistance to the Fellowship Health Clinic (FHC), located on Edwards Street in southeast Hattiesburg. The clinic provides high quality medical, dental, and pharmaceutical care at no cost to eligible uninsured and under-insured residents of Forrest and Lamar counties.

"I chose to team up with FHC because they serve a population that is often marginalized and have limited or no resources," said Tinnon, the current Asbury Foundation Distinguished Professor in Nursing. "This population can't afford the supplies we are providing them. Everyone that we have enrolled in the program so far has been extremely grateful and expressed that they were unable to afford these basic supplies – supplies necessary for them to manage their chronic illnesses."

Tinnon cites Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) statistics showing that 50 percent of the U.S. population (approximately 162 million) has at least one chronic disease and 25 percent has two or more. According to the CDC, heart disease and Type 2 diabetes are among the most common and costly.

Further, statistics from the Institute on Disability, indicate that 12.6 percent of the U.S. population is living with a disability – defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act as "a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a record of such an impairment, or being regarded as having such an impairment."

A staggering 34.2 percent of Mississippi's population suffers from multiple chronic conditions, plac-



Dr. Elizabeth Tinnon, left, checks Claretha Gaddis' blood pressure as part of grant project being conducted in collaboration with the Fellowship Health Clinic on Edwards Street in Hattiesburg.

ing it in the top four nationally. The state's cardiovascular death rate is the highest in the nation. Mississippi ranks second nation-wide for overall diabetes prevalence among adults.

Since opening its doors in January, 2016, the FHC has logged 340 new medical patient visits and more than 1,450 returning patient visits. Dental consultations include 363 extraction referrals and 88 cleaning referrals. In the area of social work, more than 145 new patients were processed with a little over 200 returning patients.

Tinnon notes that the services provided through the Asbury Fund grant project will benefit FHC patients and the region as a whole.

"It is apparent that interventions are imperative to either prevent chronic illness and/or improve self-management of chronic illnesses to decrease potential negative outcomes and disabilities," said Tinnon. "I believe that if patients are supported both with the necessary equipment and the educational support, they will better be able to manage their chronic illnesses, preventing or delaying subsequent potential disabilities. If we find that these interventions are successful in improving self-management of chronic illnesses and improving patient outcomes, this can serve as a model for other healthcare providers to follow."

As part of the program, patients

with diabetes are provided with a glucometer, test strips, lancets, syringes and a log book to record their readings. Patients with hypertension are given an electronic blood pressure cuff and a log to record their readings. All such supplies are provided free of charge. Each patient is also provided with three face-to-face educational sessions from USM faculty and nursing students to educate them about their chronic illness and how better to self-manage their disease process.

Tinnon states that another key component of the grant project is the student involvement and interaction. This real-world training offers insight and education that would be nearly impossible to acquire from a classroom.

"With nurses serving as the primary care providers for the growing number of patients with chronic illnesses, nurses must have the knowledge and skills necessary to provide safe, quality care to these patients," said Tinnon. "Introducing this information to nursing students prior to graduation will increase their knowledge and skill level in caring for their current patients in clinical settings as well as impacting each patient they care for after graduation."

To learn more about the USM College of Nursing, call 601.266.5445 or visit: <https://www.usm.edu/nursing>

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June is National Homeownership Month

By Christopher G. Cox
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If you’ve been thinking about buying a home, there might be no better time than June, which is annually recognized by such organizations as the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the National Association of Real Estate Brokers (NAREB) as National Homeownership Month.

These entities work with lending institutions, realtors, housing counseling agencies, community organizations and many others to make individuals aware of programs that will assist them in the quest to become homeowners.

“One of the many opportunities potential home buyers can take advantage of is free counseling,” said Coleen Baumert, the director of homeownership programs for the Harrisburg, Pa.-based Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA), “We believe that financial education

is a key component to purchasing a home, so we work with a network of counseling agencies to provide one-on-one, group and online counseling.”

Baumert noted that counseling is mandatory for anyone with a FICO score of 680 or lower.

“We want buyers to be able to maintain and sustain their decision to enter the housing market,” she added.

Baumert’s emphasis on counseling is reinforced by research from HUD. According to independent research, HUD reported that, “...delinquency, default and foreclosure rates for borrowers who have received counseling from a HUD-approved housing counseling agency are 30 percent lower than uncounseled borrowers.”

In addition to free financial counseling programs, Baumert points out that PHFA can assist qualified buyers to obtain mortgage loans at rates below prevailing mortgage interest rates obtained by most buyers.

“Even a quarter of a percent reduction in a mortgage interest rate can help potential buyers to obtain more home for their money,” Bau-

mert said.

Baumert noted that PHFA works with first-time buyers, buyers who are moving up to larger homes and single buyers, as well as families that own a larger home and have decided to downsize. PHFA also helps buyers to find affordable financing for different types of mortgage loans: conventional, FHA, rural development and VA.

Charaka Cook, the region vice president of NAREB, noted that her organization hosted a number of community events around the country in June in recognition of National Homeownership Month. She pointed out that the goal of the NAREB is to increase homeownership among African Americans by 2 million over the next 5 years.

“Homeownership is the cornerstone of the American dream,” Cook said. “Creating awareness of this fact is particularly important in the African-American community where homeownership has slipped from 49 percent to 41 percent since the housing crisis of 2007.

Cook noted that homeownership among non-Hispanic whites by con-

trast is about 71 percent.

Cook observed that NAREB works with real estate professionals who can help potential home buyers to overcome past financial mistakes and low credit scores.

“There are many ways to help people get back on the right track,” she said. “We want everyone to understand the many benefits of home ownership.”

Cook continued: “Among other things, homeowners are less likely to move so family stability is enhanced, and more importantly you’re creating a lasting legacy that can be handed down to future generations. Overtime this will help to close the generational wealth gap that exists in much of the African-American community.”

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NAACP on the Civil Rights Front Lines: Trump’s War against Civil Rights

By Derrick Johnson
President and CEO of the NAACP



Recently, the NAACP, alongside members of the Congressional Black Caucus, gathered on the steps of Capitol Hill to demand a halt of the Trump administration’s continued attempts to force

Thomas Farr – a known racist with ties to the late segregationist Senator Jesse Helms – into the federal judgeship of North Carolina.

Located in eastern North Carolina, this federal district under this judgeship has one of the highest densities of African-American voters than any other part of the state, making Farr one of the worst possible candidates that could be considered. Sadly, instead of representing an anomaly, Farr instead represents the archetype for federal judge nominees put forth by the Trump Administration. Whether it’s nominees that refuse to publicly support the Brown v. Board decision that desegregated our public schools or individuals with ties to known racist organizations, what we are seeing are people whose attitudes reflect norms more associated with the era of Jim Crow than our time.

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It cannot be ignored that Trump’s White House is engaged in none other than a war against civil rights. Though this is a battle we had hoped to have ended by now, it is not a fight we are afraid of nor is it one we will lose. We have waged war against the foes of civil rights for over 109 years. We fought hard against the nomination of Senator Jeff Sessions to the office of Attorney General and we will continue to fight against Trump’s nearly all-white and mostly male federal judge nominees. Mr. Sessions’ redirection of the Department of Justice (DOJ) away from its civil rights commitment under the Obama Administration to an agency that condones police brutality and other racially based injustices is hardly surprising. We knew he would push the DOJ to withdraw its support for our legal cases against voter suppression and he did. The simple point is that these moves against civil rights cannot be divorced from his boss – President Trump.

Over the past few months, the NAACP has sued the Trump administration on its failure to properly prepare for Census2020. This failure to prepare for the Census means that communities of color, including wealthy communities like Prince Georges County, Maryland, our partner in the lawsuit, will likely be once again undercounted. When this happens, our communities lose out on political representation, federal dollars and resources that are rightfully ours. We’ve also taken the fight to this administration on the decision by Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos and the Department of Education to basically throw civil rights under the bus and arbitrarily determine that the department no longer has to investigate complaints of discrimination in our schools. We are also committed to ensuring that DeVos plans for privatization, plans that would destroy our public-school system, never come to completion.

There is a direct correlation between the racism emanating from the White House and the expansion of attacks on the humanity of persons of color. This is clear not only from Trump’s poisonous rhetoric that disparages people, cultures and nations, but also in the policies that emanate from his office.

The infection of blatant racist speech and behavior began the day after Trump was elected and it has continued to spread, giving inspiration to closet bigots and encouraging implicit and explicit racial biases that pervade from the golf course to the coffee shop and every space in between.

During our 109th Annual Convention July 14-18 in San Antonio, Texas, the NAACP will bring together some of our nation’s most brilliant minds, activists and legislators, as well as powerful voices from the hip-hop community, to map out the agenda for moving forward. Our goal is to unite our voices into a powerful symphony that resonates with communities of color and inspires them to join us in standing against government-sponsored hate. This year’s theme is simply “Defeat Hate – Vote.”

We’ve extended an invitation to President Trump to attend our convention and once again he has declined. His refusal to address the nation’s premier civil rights organization and its hundreds of thousands of advocates is, by default, a refusal to speak to the entirety of the Black Community. Regardless, we remain “unshook” and “woke,” in terms of the challenges we face and must overcome in this administration and we’re up for the fight.

All we ask of you is to join us to “Make Democracy Work.” Pledge to vote by texting NAACP to 40649.

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Let’s talk about economic justice, before we legalize marijuana

By Rushern Baker
County Executive,
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If we’re going to begin to repair the damage from the War on Drugs, we need to temporarily pump the breaks on our efforts to legalize recreational marijuana in Maryland.

The issue is a rare policy separation between me and my Democratic primary opponents. Why? Because I can think of no greater insult to the people and communities who have suffered from the biased and unbalanced enforcement of our past drug laws than to not address the impact of our past approach, as we rush toward the legalization of recreational marijuana.

As we change our laws, consideration of those who bore the greatest burden from our past prosecutions should not be a mere asterisk. We must fiercely advocate for those who have suffered the most and provide a path to opportunity before we legalize marijuana for personal use in Maryland. Bills with aspirational language are not enough. We need a commitment to specifics, execution and measurable goals, because in the end, it’s not about policy, it’s about people.

While many advocates tout legalization as a remedy to past injustice, the statistics on those who benefit economically tell a dif-

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ferent story. As legalization has surged across the United States, an estimated 3,600 dispensaries have opened nationwide. Only 32 are owned by African Americans. In Maryland, our first dispensary licenses granted for medical marijuana ended with zero awards to firms owned by African Americans. The facts don’t lie.

Starting as far back as the Nixon Administration, law enforcement and policy makers waged a War on Drugs that disproportionately impacted minority communities. The often cited and in-depth ACLU study “The War on Marijuana In Black and White” found that between 2001 and 2010 there were 8 million marijuana arrests in the United States; 88 percent of those for simple possession. This study also found that even though blacks and whites used marijuana at the same rate, blacks were nearly four times more likely to be arrested than their white counterparts.

In Maryland, the numbers are even worse. Two of the top four jurisdictions with the highest arrest rates per 100,000 residents in the country can be found in Maryland: Worcester County and Baltimore City, ranked first and fourth respectively. Black men and women made up 92 percent of all marijuana arrests in Baltimore City.

Beyond statistics, the generational effect that these policies

have had on people remains devastating. Entire families and communities of color continue to struggle with loss of jobs, opportunities, benefits, family separation and incarceration. A recent Harvard University study found the stigma of incarceration impacts the lives of black men and their families for far longer and at a greater rate than any other ethnic group. Blacks earn an estimated \$7,000 per year less than their white counterparts after their first year of release from incarceration.

Yet, expungement seems to be the only remedy given some consideration in the legalization discussion and in our current system.

Sales of marijuana for adult use in Maryland could easily range between \$464 to \$800 million dollars annually. And while the tax revenue would be significant, removing the majority of marijuana possession-related crimes from our books could also free up resources in our courts and public safety units to help reduce violence and strengthen communities. However, once we stop counting dollars, what happens to social equity, fairness and opportunity for those that need it most?

As governor, I want plans for entrepreneurship and jobs that significantly reach the communities devastated by the bias of our past drug policies. Beyond a promise of revenue allocation to programs for jobs and treatment services, we

must be committed to creating lasting economic opportunity that’s not likely to be subjected to political whim or patronage. A significant portion of tax revenue from sales of marijuana for adult use should be directed for education, career development, child care, housing and other restorative initiatives for the people locked up for simple possession or who paid fines, or lost jobs during the period of relevance.

I will champion a plan for mass expungement or vacating charges that puts little to no burden on those prosecuted under our past marijuana possession laws. I want to know that retail marijuana operations will not be disproportionately housed in some communities and that greenhouse and exterior production will be done with full consideration for our environmental sustainability goals.

The irony of my standing alone, demanding these fair and just terms before we allow another wave of outside entrepreneurs to profit from what we once considered a scourge, should give the voters of Maryland cause for concern. We have more leverage to seek economic justice, before we legalize marijuana for personal use than we will after the pockets of lobbyists, business interests and government coffers overflow with millions of dollars.

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Preaching and teaching a certified gospel

PART 1

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



We read in Galatians 1:6-12 these words: “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Galatians in verse 11, “But I certify to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.” That was

quite a mouthful back in his day, and so much more today. I am quite aware that the moment I begin to talk about the Gospel, no doubt some folks will question, “Which one?” There are so many, and they are so different. It seems that you can find a gospel for every taste that people desire. Nevertheless, the only Gospel worth hearing is the certified Gospel. Paul, in his writing to the Galatian brethren, was clearing up some doubts from their minds. He said in verse 8, “But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you let him be accursed.”

As the closing of time approaches, it is needful to take another look at what many are regarding as the gospel. I am convinced that the Gospel can and will produce the same results today that it produced in Paul’s time. The reason it seems that Christianity is receding or being relegated to the back burner is due to the lack of preaching the certified Gospel. Today, it appears that about all we are hearing is that which caters to pleasing the whims of mankind.

Our Scripture text is a declaration that desires some atten-

tion, and I hope you will give it proper consideration. Paul was declaring the certification of the message that he preached. Why did the great Apostle Paul take the time to write a letter to stress the quality of the message he bore? He did it because there was a need. He stated in verse 6, “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him.”

If you will examine today’s conditions carefully, you will note one outstanding thing about the modern-day gospels: People are being moved away from God instead of closer to Him. Any message that takes you away from God is worthless. Furthermore, whatever message takes you away from the people of God is not the true Gospel. God did not intend for the Gospel to divide and confuse His people. That is the reason Paul went on to say in verse 7, “There be some that trouble you, and would pervert the Gospel of Christ.”

We have more perverted gospels now than this world has ever seen. As a result, people are more confused than ever. Saints who have been serving God and walking faithfully for years are being confused today, and the cause is what they are listening to today. The true

Gospel does not separate God’s people. It does not put you in one camp and me in another and cause us to war against each other. God does not have a dozen or more different kinds of Gospels. The certified Gospel is what the world needs. The only way you can get the certified Gospel is by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

The kind of preaching that people have today, where they have to consult a council or a group concerning whether they can preach and teach it, needs to be reexamined. Notice that Paul said this Gospel was not fashioned after man, meaning that it was not approved by man. Nowadays, people think you have to get permission to go where the Lord sends you and to preach what the Lord has given you Paul said, “I neither received it from man, neither was I taught it by man, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

Next week, Part II – “Preaching and Teaching a Certified Gospel”

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A different kind of Christian

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“Here we go again!” I thought as I listened to the comments made by numerous Christians in the media in the

last week supporting the horrific governmental policy of separating children, some as young as a few weeks old, from their parents seeking asylum at the Southern U.S. border. Evangelical “leaders” like Robert Jeffress went on television justifying the barbaric treatment of the desperate families, some even went so far as to use scripture.

In one interview, Jeffress stated that the current president should be celebrated for his policy. He stated in other interviews about the same issue that parents who commit crimes have their children taken from them and those “criminals” entering the country illegally should be treated the same way. It seems like the only crime these families “committed” was beyond their control: coming from crime ridden and economic challenging situations in their home countries in Central America.

Other Christians who proudly supported the president made similar statements in the flurry of last week’s media coverage. Ironically, most of those featured proudly called themselves conservative Christians yet, words like that seem both cold and heartless. Matthew 25:35 says that we should take care of those who are hungry, sick and poor. It says nothing about blaming those who are struggling. In fact, Matthew 25:40 reminds that the Lord will say “whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Many faith leaders and orga-


nizations like the AME Church, COGIC and United Methodist Church, issued public statements denouncing comments like his and the twisting of scripture to justify the horrific policy of zero tolerance and family separation. They rightly declared that we as Christians are called to be Jesus’ hands extended and to show compassion to those in need.

Their statements reminded me of a bible study I went to a few years ago where the focus was on kindness. One thing I remember most from the lesson was the statement that “kindness patterned on the love of Christ aims to promote holiness.” To be holy means that we are set apart...and different.

For me, the much bigger issue is whether Christians will sit idly by and not challenge those kinds of bigoted, harmful and intolerant statements from other Christians. Ephesians 4:15 says that we should “speak the truth in love.” I believe that we should challenge those Christians who pervert Christianity and its ideals of love and grace.

A little later in the same chapter of Ephesians, verse 32 gives us more specifics on how to not only speak truth but to treat others when it says, “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” When things like this happen, I cringe because often there is a backlash against other Christians who want to live out their faith and sincerely help those in need. We just need them to know, we are a different kind of Christian.

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Trump: The Isolationist

By Julianne Malveaux
NNPA News Wire Columnist



Usually, I call him 45. Don't want to feed the ego of a narcissist by calling out his name. But every shred of ignominy that is associated with this era needs to be associated with this putrid 45th President of the United States. So let's call it, the Trump era – the era of indifference to human rights, the era of obduracy around international cooperation, the era of pugilism with our allies, the era of abdication of international leadership.

We are riveted by the harrowing sounds of children crying when they are torn from their parents, disgusted when we learn that even a nursing child is torn from her mother's breast, disturbed when we hear that a child with Down's syndrome is separated from her parent, angered when a Trump (yes, time to call his name) spokesperson mocks the Downs syndrome children with his sound "wonk, wonk." And our collective anger pushed our non-apologetic "leader" to sign an executive order that potentially stopped the separation of children from their parents.

At the same time, the international scandal minimized any moral authority our nation has in calling out others on human rights violations. The sound of wailing children makes it impossible for us to take a moral high road against any other country with their own human rights challenges. Thus, when United States Ambassador Nikki Haley announced that the United States would resign from the UN Human Rights Council, one had to wonder if she was avoiding approbation for the inhumanity toward children at the US-Mexico border, or if she had another agenda. She said that she was resigning because the group was unfair to Israel, without acknowledging that there are extreme human rights violations toward Israel against Palestinians. Perhaps she was also removing the US from a body that could censure us for the way children are treated at our border.

President Trump (yes, I'm going to call him by the name this time) has picked fights with anyone he can, isolating our country against our allies, aligning him with dictatorial opponents. He wants to be appreciated like Korean dictator Kim Jung Un, asking that people pay as much attention to him as they do to a man he once denigrated as "Little Rocket Man." At the same

time, he picks a fight against our Canadian and Mexican allies, our continental partners, because he is flexing his muscles and making the point that he does not need friends.

Thus, as New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman reported that 158 Canadians were killed, and 658 wounded, since the United States was attacked September 11, 2001. Canadians sent their troops to fight alongside us. They didn't have to. They did because there was a relationship, a connection. Now, Mr. Trump is ungratefully picking a fight with Canada over pennies in tariffs, just because he can. He is making an enemy, creating enmity, just because he can.

His behavior at the G-7 meeting in Canada was another alienating, isolating, experience. He went late and left early, signaling disrespect, maybe even contempt for his peers. He chafed when he was called on his nonsense and declined to sign the customary closing document. Without even attempting to give others advance notice, he suggested that his mentor (the kindest words I can manage) Russian leader Vladimir Putin, should be part of the G7. Trump's advocacy and behavior place him outside the orbit of reason. He is isolating himself, and our country, with his nonsense.

While the world has always been clear about our nation's flaws, and we who live here are clear about our nation's history of oppression, there was a time when we had some moral authority in the world. We chastised others about human rights violations, excoriated others when they strayed from the tenets of participatory democracy, bribed others to "do the right thing" with foreign aid that was connected to improvements in education and health offerings. We showed up at international conferences and meetings, chanting "women's rights are human rights," but now we see no attempt to embrace anybody's rights.

Donald Trump has isolated the United States from its human rights legacy and moral history. Donald Trump is an isolationist who has failed to understand the ways that our global connection has benefitted us. In isolating us, what has Trump done? And what will we do about it?

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By E. Faye Williams
Trice Edney Newswire



Dick Gregory left us in August of last year. At least a year before passing away, he told me we'd soon be facing chaos. Well, naturally, since so many, including me, thought that Hillary Clinton would be our president and our nation would function normally, we could not imagine what we are seeing. Usually I believed everything Mr. Gregory said because so often I saw everything he said come true. To believe Hillary would lose, and we'd see the chaos we are seeing today totally stretched my imagination.

When people ask me, "I wonder what Dick Gregory would say about what's going on today," I don't have to wonder. I know what he would say because he laid it out for us while he was here. We just didn't always want to believe what he was saying.

We've seen the chaos he predicted since the 2017 in-

auguration of #45. What's going on right now though is beyond what anyone could've imagined.

What is happening with 45's Administration and its zero-tolerance policy of tearing children from the arms of their parents, while the children are screaming in protest, is too much for many to bear. We are seeing sit-ins at the offices of members of Congress, press conferences on the grounds of the Congress, picketing at various sites, men and women leaders seen with tears rolling down as they talk about this outrage and more.

We are told this tragedy is bringing joy to the White House. This cruelty to babies who may never see their parents again is so hard to witness. Parents have been detained and deported with no fair hearing. They are being sent back to the horrendous, dangerous situations from which they were fleeing and being forced to leave their children behind. This is almost too much to bear.

The psychological impact on the children who've been

viciously torn from their parents' arms, some who are even told lies to get them away from parents, only to find their parents have been arrested and taken away, is unimaginable in America – and yet it's happening. Our government has no procedure to give the children back to their parents. Indeed, it is clear that #45's strong men and strong women have no idea where many of the children are.

Reporters have been asking where the girls are. Where are the babies? Kirstjen Nielsen, HHS secretary, didn't know where they were. She's responsible for carrying out imprisoning these children and with a straight face, she can say she doesn't know where they are. Incredible!

It is unconscionable that this administration would use babies for ransom to get a wall around the U.S.–Mexico border. #45 claims he has so much money, so it seems his conscience would dictate that he builds the wall himself – but did I just say "his conscience?" It's clear that he

is a mad man and he doesn't have one.

On the bright side, many state governors, through this chaos, have taken an action that proves all politicians have not gone mad. They've decided not to send their National Guard or use their state's resources to support this shameful effort at state borders. Some who have Guard already there are recalling them. This gives us some hope that gut wrenching cries by innocent babies and the cruelties at our borders have proven that there is a shred of humanity left among us.

My question is how long do we have to put up with this mad man and his policies? Where will he go from here? What will he do next to set our country back hundreds of years?

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It's time for blacks to pull the trigger on politics

By Effrey Boney
NNPA Member/Houston Forward Times



How often do we hear messages about the amount of money black people spend every year as consumers? In a recent report by Nielsen titled, "Black Dollars Matter: The Sales Impact of Black Consumers," the message was once again highlighted: While African Americans make up just 14 percent of the population, they are responsible for some \$1.2 trillion in purchases annually.

It is no secret that a significant amount of money flows through the hands of black people annually, but what does that mean if black people aren't using their collective financial strength to change their overall situation in this country, or better yet, control their own destiny?

According to a recent report by the Center for American Progress titled "Systematic

Inequality: How America's Structural Racism Helped Create the Black-White Wealth Gap," African Americans have about a tenth of the wealth of white Americans. The report found that in 2016, the median wealth for blacks was \$17,600, compared to the median wealth of whites being \$171,000. The report also found that even when black people take progressive steps such as pursuing higher education, purchasing a home, or getting a good job or a better job, they are still falling way behind their white counterparts. The report found that the wealth gap between black and white families in America is inextricably linked to America's history of structural racism, and it came to the conclusion that this gap is getting even worse.

Now, while the statistics and information in this report are alarming, there are some things that black people can focus on to make things better and improve their overall situation. One of the most encouraging

parts of the report is that it emphasized the importance of having a focused approach on introducing targeted and necessary legislative policies, that if implemented could ensure that black families are able to build the same wealth as white families in America.

The report also stated that improved access to higher education alone, while important, will not be enough to create equal opportunity in terms of wealth-building for all, but that broad and persistent policy attention to wealth creation can address this glaring inequity between blacks and whites in this country.

The importance of black people using their collective financial strength to influence politics, while ensuring that necessary legislative policies are passed and implemented, is more important in 2018 than it has ever been. However, blacks must understand the power they truly possess, as well as the opportunity they have to make a difference in

2018 and beyond.

In "The Godfather Part III," which is the third installment of the classic trilogy, there was a powerful scene in it that every black person should pay close attention to, in which young Vincent Mancini-Corleone, played by actor Andy Garcia, becomes the mentee of aging mafia Don Michael Corleone, played by veteran screen legend and Academy Award winner Al Pacino.

In that scene, Vincent (Garcia), who is unfamiliar with politics, has a powerful exchange with an Italian mafia kingpin name Don Lucchesi, played by Italian actor Enzo Robutti, about politics and money. The exchange goes:

Vincent Mancini: Don Lucchesi, you are a man of finance and politics. These things I don't understand.

Don Lucchesi: You understand guns?

Vincent Mancini: Yes.

Don Lucchesi: Finance is a gun. Politics is knowing when to pull the trigger.

Chuck D

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Chuck D said that Black America should have done more to embrace President Barack Obama and realize his limitations.

"President Obama was a statement to the world, a gateway to the world and an introduction to understanding what's in the world for us," Chuck D said.

Chuck D continued: "He was not there so that we could simply stay in America and get answers, when the next guy who comes along is a dysfunctional idiot and everything gets reversed."

The hip-hop pioneer added that Obama's presidency gave us a passport to understand where black people are in the world. Chuck said that he thinks black people dropped the ball by not seizing on the opportunity while he was still in the White House.

"Waiting for Obama to do anything for black people was the biggest fault in my opinion, because he was the president knowing damn well that he

couldn't make 'the black move,'" Chuck D said. "I think he gave it his all for eight years and we didn't do all that we could and, even then, it might have taken 30 years to take advantage of a person like Obama in office; but we only got eight."

Still, voting is key, Chuck D said, as he applauded the NNPA-led effort to register 5 million, new African-American voters this year.

"Voting is as important as washing your tail in the morning," he said. "Pay attention to the local level and think about the bigger ramifications of not voting."

Chuck D continued: "You have to tell young people to pay attention at the local level, because when they run past that red light and they get pulled into that kangaroo court, where they want to revoke your license, that's who you should look at when voting. The literacy of what voting is to our young people is short-sighted and we can do better."

The recent shooting deaths of rappers XXXTentacion in North Miami, Florida and Jimmy Wapo in Pittsburgh, Penn., are as troublesome as the shooting deaths of his contemporaries, Notorious B.I.G., Jam Master Jay and Tupac, Chuck D said.

The mainstream media must share some of the blame, particularly in the case of XXXTentacion, Chuck D said.

"This is a serious issue. It's not trivial," Chuck D said. "I got on the [mainstream] media for pumping this kid up like he was going to die and when he dies, it's just another headline. What did you do to prevent this?"

Chuck D continued: "When a guy is in that much danger, don't give him coverage. The more you do that, the more of a target and a death sentence you give him."

To remain strong and relevant, the hip-hop legend said that the Black Press must get ahead of the

curve and continue its global outreach efforts.

"I think being able to be multimedia and create your text into spoken word, where the Black Press does its own podcasts and also visual stories where sight and sound are used are important [features] for the Black Press," he said. "But also, reaching beyond the borderlines. The whole world has something to say and you've got to be eloquent in different languages, especially French and Spanish."

Chuck D continued: "The Black Press must be invested in the continents that want to be invested over here. This is what the Black Press could do; bring the world to your region."

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Mississippi Children’s Museum hosts 5th Annual Neon Night fundraiser for young professionals

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Even though it’s called the Mississippi CHILDREN’S Museum, adults get to have the museum all to themselves July 14. Guests are invited to enjoy an evening with glowing “neon” lights, electrifying music, specialty cocktails and savory snacks. At this signature summer fundraising event, young professionals can connect while supporting MCM’s educational initiatives and exploring award-winning exhibits.

Guests over 21 are invited to “dress up” with glowing necklaces and bracelets, and dance the night away with Mustache The Band playing everyone’s favorite 90’s country dance hits.

The event was established by a dedicated group of young adults who value and support MCM’s mission to promote literacy, health and education for children. As MCM’s “youngest” signature event, Neon



Night has quickly become a must-attend party for the young and young-at-heart crowd.

“Neon Night is a great event that gives young adults in our community the chance to support the Mississippi Children’s Museum,” says Mary Wesson Sullivan, Neon Night co-chair.

This year the event is presented by Planet Fitness and sponsored by Renasant Bank, Bancorp South, Jackson Free Press and The Scout Guide. Guests will be able to enjoy a variety of food trucks including

Hog Heaven BBQ, On A Roll! Gourmet Egg Rolls and Small Time Hot Dogs.

A specialty cocktail contest sponsored by Fondren Cellars and Cathead Vodka will also be held, where Manship Wood Fired Kitchen, The Iron Horse Grill, Barrelhouse Southern Gastropub and Fine and Dandy will present their signature cocktail for the evening.

“We are excited to see how the funds raised from this year’s event will impact MCM and the children who are served

through its programs and outreach,” says Coby Parker, Neon Night co-chair.

Tickets are available for \$50 online at www.mschildrensmuseum.org until noon on July 13 or \$55 at the door on the evening of the event July 14.

Walmart planning improvements and innovations to Mississippi stores in 2018

Retailer expanding shopping options and empowering customers in Mississippi

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Recently, Walmart announced it expects to remodel five stores across Mississippi this fiscal year, as well as roll out several in-store and online innovations designed to help busy customers save time and money.

Walmart recently reported solid comp sales growth of 2.1 percent (excluding fuel) for the company’s first quarter ending April 27, 2018, indicating customers are responding well to the company’s business strategy. The plan is to continue improving stores and accelerating innovation to make shopping faster and easier for customers across the state.

“Our Mississippi customers tell us they want to save time, so we are excited to bring them new convenient ways to shop and give them valuable time back,” said James Winchester, regional manager of Louisiana and Mississippi stores. “From remodeling several stores to rolling out innovative, time-saving technology like Walmart Pickup Towers, Walmart Online Grocery Pickup and several new features on the Walmart app, shopping has never been quicker or more convenient.”

Walmart is remodeling stores in the following locations this fiscal year across the state:

Remodels

Completed Remodels: Ripley, Pass Christian and Olive Branch

Upcoming Remodels: Waveland and Tupelo.

Walmart continues to innovate how it serves customers, helping them save time and money by creating a seamless shopping experience that empowers customers to shop when, where and how they want.

In addition to continuing



to test new technologies that transform how customers shop, Walmart plans to expand several innovative services that deliver greater convenience and faster services, including:

Online Grocery Pickup

Mississippi customers can order Walmart groceries online and pick them up without ever having to unbuckle their seatbelts. The service is free and prices through Walmart Online Grocery are the same as in-store.

Walmart currently offers Grocery Pickup at 28 Mississippi stores. Walmart plans to expand Grocery Pickup to at least nine additional stores across the state this fiscal year.

Walmart Pickup Towers

Much like a high-tech vending machine, the Walmart Pickup Tower allows customers to pick up their online orders in less than a minute by scanning a bar code sent to their smartphone. To use the tower, customers simply choose from millions of items available on Walmart.com and select the Pickup option at checkout.

Pickup Tower service is currently available at two Mississippi stores. Walmart plans to expand our Pickup Tower service to seven additional stores across the state this fiscal year.

About Walmart

Walmart Inc. (NYSE: WMT) helps people around the world save money and live better – anytime and anywhere – in retail stores, online and through their mobile devices. Each week, nearly 270 million customers and members visit our more than 11,700 stores under 65 banners in 28 countries and eCommerce websites. With fiscal year 2018 revenue of \$500.3 billion, Walmart employs approximately 2.3 million associates worldwide.

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Additional information about Walmart can be found by visiting <http://corporate.walmart.com>, on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/walmart> and on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/walmart>.

Employees of the Month at Mississippi State Hospital



Jamison



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The Mississippi Link Newswire

Denise Jamison has been named Mississippi State Hospital’s June Employee of the Month for Clinical Service.

Jamison, a Jackson resident, is a licensed practical nurse in female receiving. The Hinds Community College graduate

has worked at MSH for 12 years.

Jessica Williams has been named Mississippi State Hospital’s June Employee of the Month for Direct Care.

Williams, from Jackson, is a mental health technician in female continued treatment services. She has worked at MSH

since 2012.

The MSH Employee of the Month award recognizes employees who have made outstanding contributions to the hospital through their work. The program is sponsored by Friends of Mississippi State Hospital, Inc.

Forrest General Hospital to offer seminars on quality, affordable healthcare options

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Forrest General Hospital is hosting a free educational session to answer questions and provide information about Medicare.

Information will be shared about Medicare, Medicare Supplemental Plans, Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare Prescription Drug Plans and how to enroll in the plan of your choice.

“We encourage people in the

community to attend one of our educational sessions. We welcome the opportunity to share information and explain the different plans that are available. This also allows us to answer questions to help participants understand how Medicare and other plans work together to pay medical claims and prescription drug purchases,” said Pat Riley, director of insurance operations at Forrest General.

The next meetings will be

Tuesday, July 3, at 106 Madison Plaza, Suite A in Hattiesburg at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, July 10, at Marion General Hospital’s conference room (1560 Sumrall Road) at 10 a.m.

Tuesday, July 17, at Madison Plaza, Suite A in Hattiesburg at 5:30 p.m.

For more information or to reserve a place at the event, call 601-288-4445 or visit forrestgeneral.com/medicare.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR
AVAILABILITY AND DISPARITY STUDY
BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
PROJECT NO. 8700-009-18
JUNE 27, 2018

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) requests Proposals (“Proposal”) for Availability and Disparity Study to (i) to determine if discrimination or its effects exist in JMAA’s transportation contracting industry.

JMAA will receive Proposals at the offices of JMAA, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on August 3, 2018 (the “Deadline”).

JMAA will not consider any Proposals received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Proposals (“RFP”) is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFP, General Information for Respondents, Information Required from Respondents and Criteria for Selection. Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Mr. Deuntagus Herndon, JMAA’s Procurement Specialist, as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208)
Post Office Box 98109
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109
Attention: Deuntagus Herndon, Procurement Specialist
Telephone No.: (601) 360-8622
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713
E-Mail: dherndon@jmaa.com

or from JMAA’s website at <https://jmaa.com/corporate/partner-with-us/procurement/>

Based on the Proposals received, JMAA will select a maximum of three (3) Respondents with whom to enter into negotiations to provide the Services. JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent ranked first on the list. If such negotiations fail to produce an agreement in form and content, satisfactory to JMAA, within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the first-ranked Respondent and follow the same process with the other Respondents, in the order of their ranking, until a Respondent agrees to and enters into an agreement satisfactory to JMAA.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time on July 11, 2018, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting Proposals as a Prime Consultant for the Services and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Consultant. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Submission Conference; and a detailed review of the scope of work. No additional conferences or meetings will be scheduled.

JMAA reserves the right to: (1) reject any and all Proposals, for any reason, any time before execution of a contract with a Respondent selected by JMAA to perform the Services.

JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 20% for the Services solicited by this RFP.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

6/28/2018, 7/5/2018

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Notice of Sale
Abandoned Vehicle

Notice of Sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles that the following vehicle will be sold for repair and storage charges and for cost of this sale.

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Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services;
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Jackson, MS 39213

Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.

Time: 10:00 A.M.

6/28/2018, 7/5/2018, 7/12/2018

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF EDWARD TERRY DECEASED
NAMED HEREIN

CAUSE NO. 2018-23 S/2

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having been granted by the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi to the undersigned Executor upon the Estate of Edward Terry, Deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probation and registration according to the law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

This the 13th day of June, 2018.

Shirley Woodley

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HINDS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, the within named, Shirley Woodley, Executor for the Estate of Edward Terry, deceased, who having been by me first duly sworn, states that the above Notice to Creditors is true and correct as therein stated.

Given under my hand this the 13th day of June, 2018.

LaQuanda Smith, Notary Public

6/28/2018, 7/5/2018 , 7/12/2018

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(JMAA PROJECT NO. 007-18)

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority (“JMAA”) will receive sealed bids at the Jackson- Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (“JAN”), Main Terminal Building, Suite 300, in the City of Jackson, Rankin County, Mississippi, until 2:00 p.m. central time on July 25, 2018 (the “Bid Deadline”), for construction and renovations in connection with the Terminal Restrooms at the Hawkins Field Airport (“HKS”) (the “Work”).

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JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at 3:00 p.m. central time on July 9, 2018 in the Conference Room, of the Main Terminal Building at HKS. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting bids as a Prime Contractor for the Work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub-Contractors, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Bid Conference; review of the plans and specifications; and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Bid conference.

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If it becomes necessary to revise any aspect of this Request for Bids or to provide additional information to Bidders, JMAA will issue one or more Addenda by posting on JMAA’s website (<http://jmaa.com/RFPqrb-center/>). JMAA will also endeavor to deliver a copy of each Addendum, to all persons on record with JMAA as receiving a copy of the Information for Bidders, via email.

JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 20% for the Work solicited by this RFB.

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DATE: February 2, 2018 /s/ Carl D. Newman, A.A. E.
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FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DOROTHY TAYLOR, DECEASED
STACY DAWSON AND DONNA McLAURIN, PETITIONERS

CAUSE NO.: P2018-43 T/1

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: Any Unknown Heirs or
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You are Summoned to appear and defend against said Petition Filed herein before the Honorable Judge, Dewayne Thomas, September 6, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., at the Hinds County Chancery Court, Chancery Courthouse, Jackson, Mississippi. And in case of failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered for the things requested in the Petition. You are not required to file any answers or other pleadings, but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF THE COURT this 14th day of June, 2018.



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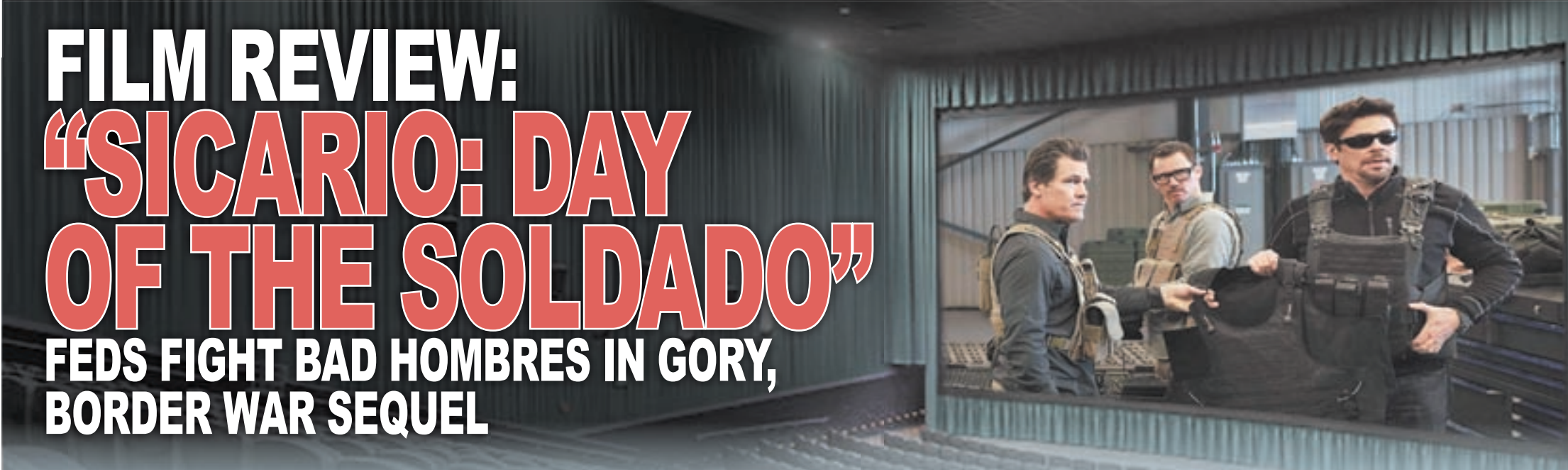
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By Kam Williams
Columnist

I can't think of a movie that has ever been more timely. Just as the debate about the detention of undocumented aliens has reached a fevered pitch, here we have a film revolving around the dark side of the border wars.

It doesn't focus as much on the vast majority of non-violent refugees entering the country in search of the American Dream as on the "bad hombres" Donald Trump has repeatedly alluded to

since the day he threw his hat into the ring as a presidential candidate. Although the film is technically a sequel, one need not have seen the original to enjoy this heart-pounding adventure.

Directed by Italy's Stefano Sollima (Suburra) and written by Oscar-nominee Taylor Sheridan (for Hell or High Water), Sicario: Day of the Soldado co-stars Josh Brolin and Benicio del Toro reprising their lead roles as CIA Agent Graver and

undercover operative Alejandro Gillick, respectively.

As the film unfolds, we find the two being dispatched to Mexico by the Secretary of Defense (Matthew Modine) to smoke out the human traffickers smuggling radical Islamists into the U.S. There's an urgency to their mission, given that some suicide bombers embedded with Latinos seeking asylum recently snuck across the Rio Grande before blowing themselves up in a big box store in Kansas City.

Trouble is, there are too Mexican gangs and too little time to sort out which one has started exporting terrorist cells. So, instead of searching for the guilty parties, our heroes secretly kidnap the daughter of a crime boss hoping that her mysterious disappearance will trigger a bloody turf war among the cartels competing for control of the region.

There is a method to the madness behind abducting Isabela Reyes (Isabela Moner). After all, her father is the ruthless kingpin

who ordered the massacre of Gillick's family in Sicario 1.

The ruse works for awhile, but the plot thickens when the Mexican government catches wind of the spies' scheme. The U.S. disavows any connection to them, a la Mission: Impossible, and suddenly it's each man for himself in a harrowing struggle to escape back to the states by any means necessary.

A riveting, rough-edged, political thriller not to be missed! Excellent (4 stars)

Rated R for profanity, graphic violence and bloody images

In English and Spanish with subtitles

Running time: 122 minutes

Production Studios: Black Label Media / Rai Cinema / Thunder Road Pictures

Distributor: Columbia Pictures

To see a trailer for Sicario: Day of the Soldado, visit: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIMChzE_aCo

OPENING THIS WEEK

Kam's Kapsules: Weekly previews that make choosing a film fun

By Kam Williams
Columnist

For movies opening June 22, 2018

Wide Releases

Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom (PG-13 for scenes of peril and intense violence) Fifth installment in the horror franchise finds Owen (Chris Pratt) and Claire (Bryce Dallas Howard) leading a rescue team back to the abandoned dino theme park to save the prehistoric creatures from extinction when a dormant volcano on the island threatens to erupt. Cast includes Jeff Goldblum, Rafe Spall, Justice Smith, BD Wong, James

Cromwell and Daniella Pineda.

Independent & Foreign

Boundaries (R for profanity, sexual references, drug use and nude sketches) Intergenerational dramedy about a single-mom (Vera Farmiga) who has to drive cross-country to relocate her estranged father (Christopher Plummer) with the help of her son (Lewis MacDougall) after the rebellious geezer is kicked out of his retirement home for dealing marijuana. Support cast includes Christopher Lloyd, Peter Fonda and Bobby Cannavale.

Brain on Fire (PG-13 for mature themes, brief profanity

and partial nudity) Adaptation of New York Times reporter Susanah Cahalan's (Chloe Grace Moretz) best-selling memoir of the same name about her month-long battle with an undiagnosed case of encephalitis. With Tyler Perry, Carrie-Anne Moss and Janet Kidder (Margot's niece).

The Catcher Was a Spy (R for sexuality, violence and profanity) Paul Rudd plays Major League baseball player Moe Berg (1902-1972) in this biopic about his double life during World War II. Cast includes Paul Giamatti, Jeff Daniels, Connie Nielsen and Sienna

Miller.

Damsel (R for violence, profanity, sexuality and brief frontal nudity) Mia Wasikowska plays the title character in this comic Western, circa 1870, revolving around a wealthy pioneer's (Robert Pattinson) perilous trek across the frontier to marry the love of his life. With Robert Forster, and David and Nathan Zellner.

Izzy Gets the F*ck across Town (Unrated) Mackenzie Davis handles the title role in this romantic dramedy as a jilted girlfriend who makes her way across L.A. in order to crash her ex's (Alex Russell) engagement

party. Cast includes Haley Joel Osment, Annie Potts, Lakeith Stanfield, Brandon T. Jackson, Jr. and Alia Shawkat.

The King (R for profanity) Politically-tinged musical retrospective chronicling Elvis Presley's rise from humble roots to the King of Rock & Roll at the same time America devolved from a democracy into an empire. Featuring commentary by James Carville, Alec Baldwin and Chuck D.

Never Steady, Never Still (Unrated) Poignant character study, set along the shores of British Columbia's Stuart Lake, where we find a widow

with Parkinson's disease (Shirley Henderson) caring for a troubled teenage son (Theodorin Pellerin) struggling with his sexual identity. With Mary Galloway, Nicholas Campbell and Hugo Ateo.

Phenoms (Unrated) Soccer documentary, narrated by celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay, chronicling the efforts of over five dozen players' quest to represent their country in the 2018 World Cup competition.

Spiral (Unrated) An eye-opening documentary chronicling the recent rise of anti-Semitism and assaults against Jews in France.

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(For puzzle answer keys, see page 14)

Cryptogram

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 Richard Nixon

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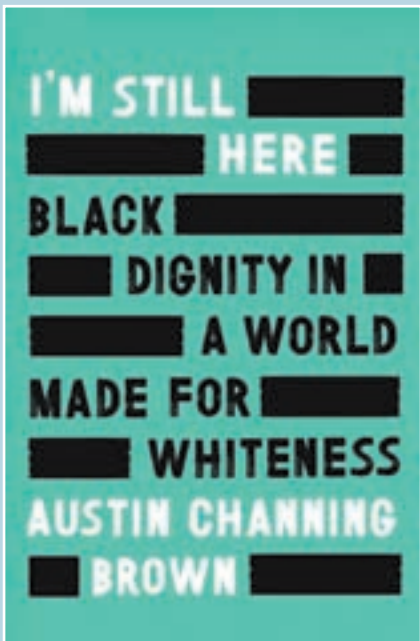
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BOOK REVIEW: “I’M STILL HERE: BLACK DIGNITY IN A WORLD MADE FOR WHITENESS”

BY AUSTIN CHANNING BROWN
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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

Oh, the things you’ve heard. You’ve been told statements that aren’t true, and that made you sad. Myths kept you from your full potential. Tall tales were told to provoke you. And with the new book “I’m Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness” by Austin Channing Brown, well, sit down. You’re about to get an eyeful.

“White people,” says Brown, “can be exhausting.”

They say racist things without

awareness. They’re racist, and pretend they’re not.

For her, the problems begin when she’s introduced to someone who’s taken aback by her “white man’s name.” Her parents gave her the name as a leg-up but it just confuses white people because, Brown says, some of them actually expect her “to be white.”

Her awareness of this was hard-earned. As a child, she says, she “had to learn what it really means to love blackness.” She attended a “predominately white” grade school but

her parents gave her a foundation of black culture when she was young; still, when they divorced and moved apart, Brown felt awkward in her mother’s all-black neighborhood. It was a “culture shock” until she learned her way; later, she was further delighted by college instructors who were black, and who opened her eyes wider.

But back to the “exhausted” part: Brown is tired of being an unofficial teacher for white people. It’s not up to her to explain, repeatedly, why touching someone’s hair without permis-

sion is offensive. It’s not her responsibility to adjust to injustice at work. When white people worry about saying the wrong things, she’s tired of soothing their fears.

And yet – she’s heartened by white people who have “acknowledged the depth of our pain without making excuse for it.” She’s glad for allies, and for people who accept responsibility for their own racism. She wants white people to learn “to listen, to pause so that people of color can clearly articulate” their disappointments and the

repairs that are needed to heal.

Even then, says Brown, “the real work is yet to come.”

I wish you could see my copy of “I’m Still Here.” It’s littered with sticky flags and notes, reminders to explore, ideas to ponder, and thinking-points. Those are the things this book demands, but they won’t come easy.

Author Austin Channing Brown admits that she’s “become very intimate with anger” and it shows: this book fairly seethes with it, for reasons large and small, the latter of which

eventually become the former in her eyes. The anger serves to paint a wide swath of condemnation across an entire race – although later, Brown admits to quiet instances of hope, which is both surprising (vis-à-vis the anger) and compelling.

Readers of this book can, of course, be of any race, but you’ll need an open mind; if you don’t have that, not one word of “I’m Still Here” will mean a thing to you. On the other hand, if you don’t have an open mind, there are words in this book that may be you never heard.

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI HONORING AND COMMENDING MR. GODWIN DAFE AN OUTSTANDING CITIZEN WHOSE AUTHENTIC "HEART FOR PEOPLE" HAS EMPOWERED THE COMMUNITY.



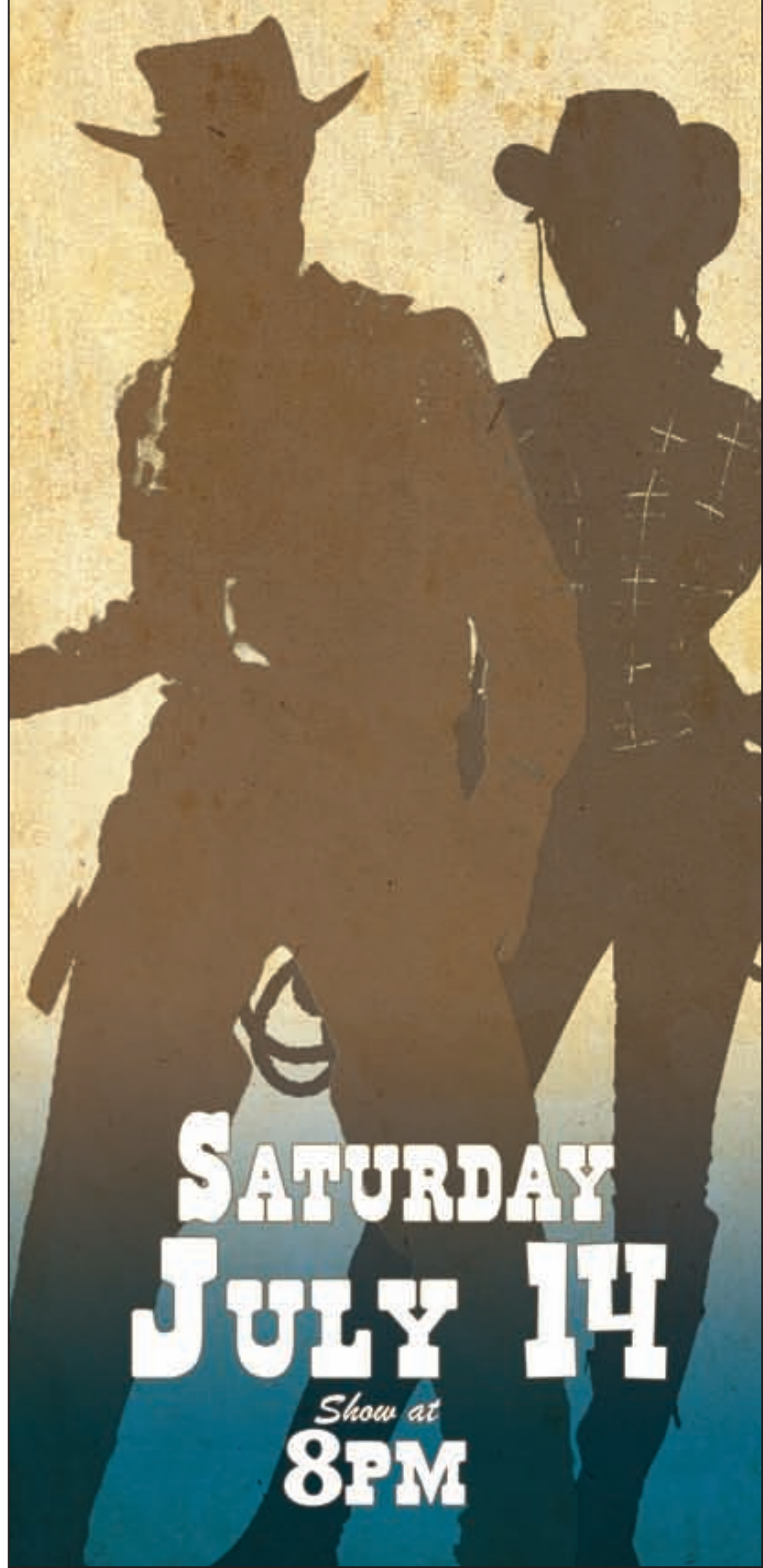
MISSISSIPPI BLACK RODEO

PERFORMANCES BY

Big Nayo (Boots On) and others



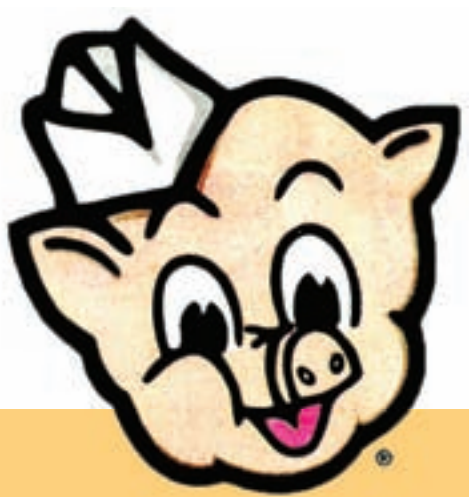
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