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The Magdalene Sisters: A Movie That Is All Too Real

"The Magdalene Sisters" is a story about the Magdalene Asylums, a network of institutions across Ireland where thousands of women were confined, often under conditions of abuse. The film, released in 2002, is inspired by the real-life experiences of the women who were institutionalized, and it serves as a powerful reminder of the systemic abuses and human rights violations that occurred in these institutions.

The film captures the stories of three teenagers who were sent to the Magdalene Asylums, one of the many places where young women, often coerced into entering these institutions, were systematically abused and deprived of their rights. The story highlights the resilience and courage of the women who survived these conditions, as well as the importance of confronting the past to create a better future.

This movie should evoke outcries of rage and pain, and it should also galvanize action to protect vulnerable women and girls, especially in the face of the current pandemic. It is a call to action, a testament to the human spirit, and a call for justice. The Magdalene Sisters is a story about the need to physically distance ourselves from the past and to stand together against any attempt to silence or marginalize those who seek truth and justice.

The Magdalene Sisters is an opportunity for us to recapture the faith and strength of our ancestors, to honor the contributions of women, and to ensure that the legacy of endurance and perseverance is passed on to future generations. It is a call to remember the past, to learn from it, and to build a better future where rights and dignity are respected for all.

Recapturing the faith and strength of our ancestors, the Magdalene Sisters remind us of our obligation to protect vulnerable women and girls, and to safeguard our future generations. It is a poignant reminder of the importance of confronting the past, and of standing together to ensure that no one is forgotten or left behind.

From Slave Capture to Renewing

This created great confusion: "Am I my new name or am I still my old name? Is this the work of God or the work of man, the work of my family in Africa or the work of my family in America?" To some women, a new given name applied only to them was a symbol of their identity as a new individual (unless their original name was changed to an American sounding name), but to others it was an attempt to divide them, to make them forget their past and to erase any connection to their African heritage.

This was an effective way to fragment a slave's sense of self. Then the captives formed their own identity on working on the slaves' self, and this was done by eliminating any connection to their African tradition, their language, their culture, and their family. The captives were made to feel that they were not part of the African community and that they had abandoned their old identity. It was a way to make them feel that they were not Black or African, but were a different race.

Recapturing those spirits who are touching the lives of millions of people around the world, this is a distinct opportunity in the midst of the so-called crisis and all that is needed — men and women who share their pain and wisdom and how to live on. In the current political climate, the Institute for Black Family Renewal is contacting leaders from around the world to reframe some of the solutions to our country's problems and to strengthen the Black family to the next level.

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A new technology called spiral computed tomography (spiral CT) gives radiologists the ability to detect smaller tumors than can be found with chest X-rays. But whether the detection of earlier-stage disease will translate into improved survival is undetermined.

The National Lung Screening Trial (NLST), funded by the National Cancer Institute, will enroll 50,000 smokers or former smokers at 33 study sites throughout the United States, including 2,000 at the University of California at Los Angeles. The American Cancer Society is organizing the logistics and infrastructure required to conduct the trial.

Dr. DeLeuster welcomes men and women to enroll in the study.

DeLeuster adds, "Enrollment is still open. To find out if you're eligible, call the National Lung Screening Trial toll-free at 1-877-653-NLST."

or chest x-ray would have better survival if caught early. Early detection can reduce deaths from America's number one killer. Some 150,000 Americans in 2003, including 35,700 Black men and women, died of lung cancer.

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As the story goes, in the early 1900s two Associates of Idyllwild Arts Foundation (AIAF) members, Lin Carlson and Barbara Wood came up with the idea for an annual Jazz Festival during one of their power walks through town. The AIAF is an organization dedicated to raising scholarship money so that underprivileged students gifted in the arts can attend the world-famous Idyllwild Arts School, which strives for both artistic and academic excellence.

The headstrong thought the idea absurd. But he gave the women permission to try anyway. What could it hurt? Carlson and Wood outlined the talents of Idyllwild Arts music teacher and now Jazz in the Pines Musical Director Marshall Hawkins, who is an old friend of jazz. He called some of his friends, and the festival was off and running. It was just a one-day festival the first year. Now, 10 years later, it's a three-day event, with more than 75 musicians playing continuously on three stages on August 23 and 24, from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

The three venues include the large main stage in the groovy bowl at the Idyllwild Amphitheater, intimate, cool indoor setting of Stephen's Recess Hall, and the French Quarter Blues, where volunteer bands serve drinks, and frisky band members can dance to the rock and roll sounds of such regulars as Rocky Zzap and Johnny Stop.

This 10th anniversary celebration is dedicated to the hundreds of local volunteers who direct traffic, drive shuttles, give directions, serve drinks, rake leaves, pick up trash, and generally smile a lot because they love what they're doing. They love the fact that they get to see performers like this year's main headliners Poncho Sanchez, Hiroshima, Charles McPherson and many more.

But the volunteers are no more in love with the fact that gifted students, from around the United States, can come here and hone their academic and artistic talents and perhaps go on to all illorise the Arts Conservatory or desire of other famous arts schools when they graduate. It happens.

The main stage players on Saturday, August 22, will be the Idyllwild Symphony, Hiroshima, Charles McPherson, Poncho Sanchez, and the many talented students on Rocky Zzap and many more. On Sunday, August 24, main headliner Poncho Sanchez will bring his Latin jazz rhythms to center stage. Also playing on the main stage on Sunday will be Marshall Hawkins and the Southwark Modern Jazz Orchestra featuring music by Eddie Condon, Larry Langston, John Beider and Jason Jackson. Billie Mitchell, Andy Fraga, Johnal Neal, Shorty Williams and Lorn Andrews also will perform.

Both days playing in various venues will be Rich Batten, Jeff Tower, the Idyllwild Faculty Quintet, the Idyllwild Arts Student Jazz Band, Pat Rizzo, Johnny Mora, Popper Pappin, Carlton Bailey, and some very special surprise guests.

The Patron's package includes the Governor Dinner Dance and one ticket for each day of the festi val, plus free parking and reserved seating in the amphitheater. The ticket price is $315. Tickets are available by calling (909) 659-4061.

For information on Idyllwild, visit www.idyllwildarts.com.
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August
Aug. 8, 7:00 p.m., Trinity Baptist Church Women's Ministry presents "Women of Vision Dressed To Impress" at Harrison Hall, Lake Perris. For more information contact (909) 659-4885.

Aug. 8-10, 16th Annual Long Beach Jazz Festival will be held at the Rainbow Lagoon Park on Shoreline Drive in Long Beach. For more information go to www.longbeachjazzfestival.com. For tickets call (562) 420-0011.

Aug. 10-19, The Watts Summer Festival is seeking volunteers, entertainers, acts, and booth vendors for the upcoming 75th Annual Watts Summer Festival. Contact the festival office at (323) 789-7304.

Aug. 16, 18th Annual African Marketplace & Cultural Fair looking for vendors. To become a Little Africa Youth Village vendor, contact Producer Emma E. Pulin, (323) 714-1164 or (213) 847-1540.

Aug. 23, 6:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Creating Greatness with Respect Dinner and Dance at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott Hotel. For ticket information contact Arthur LeVias (310) 525-1822.

Aug. 23-24, 10th Annual Miyahulu Jazz in the Park featuring Hiroshima, Charles McNair, Yvo Evans,-Poncho Sanchez, Marshall Hawkins, Bob Boss and many more. For more information or tickets contact (909) 659-4885.

Aug. 28, 4:46 p.m. The Perris Hill Senior Center will host an end of summer dance at 780 E. 21st Street, San Bernardino. For more information, please call (909) 384-5436.

September

Aug. 30, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Chaffey College in Pomona will present Shamma's Bread with an artist reception featuring Sandra Rowe at the gallery located at 5885 Haven Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga. For more information contact Rebecca Travis at (909) 941-2388.

Aug. 30, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Rally For Christ Ministries is hosting a "Back to School" event at Fontana High School Football Stadium. For more information contact (909) 625-4417.

Aug. 30, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Black History Committee of Riverside will host their 6th annual "Back-2-School for Literacy & Education" with a free Backpack giveaway at Castle Park. For more information contact (909) 370-2805.

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Clarence (C.B.) Brown, a communications professional with more than 25 years of experience in public relations, marketing and journalism, has been promoted to director of corporate communications at Southern California Edison.

For the past four years, Brown won the utility’s senior manager of external communications. In his new role, Brown oversees all management and operational functions of the utility’s Corporate Communications Department, including media relations, customer and employee communications, events management and customer service. Reporting directly to SCI Chairman, President and CEO Stephen E. Frank, he also will provide communications strategy support to SCE’s parent company, Edison International.

"C.B.’s professional experience and his effectiveness in managing challenging communications issues will quickly him to lead this critically important function at SCE," said Frank. "I am confident that he will deliver strong leadership and continue to foster the productive relationships with the region’s diverse media market as well with our customers.”

Since joining SCE in 1995, Brown has managed relationships with the local and national news media, the financial press and the energy trade press. He also managed communications for multicultural markets such as the speaker’s bureau.

Prior to working at SCE, Brown managed communications and community affairs for the Oakland-based East Bay Utility District, the City of Moreno Valley, the Southern California Rapid Transit District and United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

An award-winning journalist and freelance editor, Brown has worked as an editor at Johnson Publishing Co., in Chicago, the Los Angeles Times, and the Wave Newspapers chain in Los Angeles, where he also was assistant to the publisher. He also was publisher and editor-in-chief at Pentor House, which produced health, religious, fine arts and educational publications.

Brown is an honors graduate of the University of Southern California, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and a Master of Arts in Communications Management from USC’s Annenberg School for Communication. He also holds a professional designation in public relations from UCLA.

Brown is affiliated with numerous organizations, including the Public Relation Society of America, the USC Journalism Alumni Association, California Association of Public Information Officials, the UNCF, NAACP, the Los Angeles Mission, and the All Nations Seven-days Advent Church. He also is a member of the Association of Public Information Officials, the USC Journalism Alumni Association, California Association of Public Information Officials, the UNCF, NAACP, the Los Angeles Mission, and the All Nations Seven-days Advent Church.

Brown resides in Diamond Bar, CA, with his wife, Judy, and their daughter, Lauren, a high school senior, and son, Dexter, a senior at UC Berkeley.
The government figures released this week show the African American community saw virtually no change in its unemployment rate last month. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 11.1 percent of African Americans were unemployed in July, almost double the overall unemployment rate of 6.2 percent (Leader Nancy Pelosi said. “While Democrats are fighting to empower the Black/African American community with job creation package that would create one million new jobs in the next year. It is long past time for Republicans to abandon their disastrous policies and join Democrats in supporting legally and tradition of Black/African American culture, customs and commerce are celebrated through events that promote cultural awareness, fun and exciting activities in a bustling country fair atmosphere reminiscent of an African Village.

The purpose of the African Village Weekend is to positively present Black/African American life, culture and commerce to the community at large; to empower the Black/African American community; and to provide opportunities for economic growth and development. “We are extremely proud to be a part of this historic moment for our diverse community,” stated weekend founders Tommy and Dr. Gloria Moran.

Those who attended the African Village Weekend can expect many wonderful shows and events. Included in the African Village Weekend will be music, entertainment, and community awareness seminars on education, health and wellness, celebrity signings, cultural activities, storytelling and quilting, as well as great food. For those who want to shop, the African Village Weekend offers opportunities to purchase goods and services from the many vendors who will be in attendance. The African Village Weekend will display the wide array of sights, sounds, and smells that are representative of Black/African American culture and life.

For more information about the 4th Annual African Village Weekend, please visit www.africanvillageweekend.com or call (909) 392-6907.

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**CELEBRITIES SUPPORT MAGIC'S CAUSE**

By G. Montgomery

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**Staples Center**

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**KING JAMES**

-Labron James scored 38 points and led the rookie round to a victory of the veteran squad the 8th overall pick after taking his Texas pick is sure to be entertaining. The remainder of the rookie team to their first final four appearance the 8th overall pick after taking his Texas needed financial assistance, as well a inclusion in a mentoring and internship program. The scholarship recipient will go to Woodman's road to "free thinking" as they attend Howard University, UC Berkeley, UCLA and in a and A&M and a list of other institutions too numerous to mention. The Foundation makes a yearly scholarships program award and the diversity of students' achievements. The scholarship winners are more than 30 students with scholarships for students of color. The King of All Star Charity Game has over 300 celebrities and athletes, including Mike Tyson, Shaq, Lebron James, Carmelo Anthony making the difference.

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