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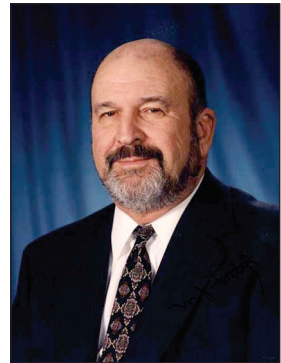
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Former Louisiana Governor Mike Foster Laid to Rest



Former Louisiana governor Mike Foster

FRANKLINTON, La. — Former Louisiana governor Mike Foster was remembered in his hometown of Franklin Wednesday with full military honors after a private memorial service.

Foster, 90, died Sunday at home surrounded by family.

Foster, who switched parties from Democrat to Republican to run for governor, served as the state's chief executive from 1996-2004. He also served two four-year terms as a state senator starting in 1988.

Gov. John Bel Edwards, a Democrat, noted the wide range of people, from across the political spectrum, who attended the public service.

"They wanted to come out here and pay their respects to a truly great Louisianan," Edwards said. "It was a short but moving ceremony, and I was glad to be asked to say a few words on behalf of the state."

The ceremony featured a military honor guard and a short religious observance. Foster was a veteran of the Korean War as a member of the U.S. Air Force.

State Sen. Bret Allain, R-Franklin, occupies the seat once held by Foster.

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Gov. Edwards Signs Executive Order Keeping La. in Phase 3



Gov. John Bel Edwards announced Thursday that he will extend the phase 3 order in Louisiana until Nov. 6.

"All of the data shows improvement in Louisiana's COVID situation because of the strong mitigation measures we have in place and because of the hard work of the people of Louisiana"

BATON ROUGE, La. — Gov. John Bel Edwards announced during a news conference Thursday, Oct. 8 he has signed an executive order that will keep Louisiana in Phase 3 of the White House's guidelines for reopening the economy until Nov. 6.

The governor's previous Phase 3 order was set to expire Friday, Oct. 9.

Gov. Edwards said he has

modified the new Phase 3 order to allow for alcohol sales at sporting events in parishes that have had at least two consecutive weeks of a COVID-19 positivity rate at or below 5% and have opted-in for bars to reopen.

"I'm announcing that Louisiana will stay in Phase 3 until at least November 6, as we continue to implement the mitigation

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New EBR Superintendent, Leslie Brown, Resigns

BATON ROUGE, La. — Leslie Brown, the new superintendent of the East Baton Rouge Parish School System (EBRPSS), has announced her resignation.

The announcement came down Wednesday, Oct. 7. Brown's husband sent the resignation letter to the school board on her behalf.

Brown announced her resignation today, and EBR School Board members were shocked by the announcement.

"My initial reaction is really just hope and prayers for the Brown family because not only has she become our new superintendent, but she had also become a friend," says Michael Gaudet who is the President of EBR parish school system. Brown's husband sent the resignation letter to the school on her behalf.

"Today, it is with great sadness I write to you, as her husband and as her power of attorney, to report her health has continued to deteriorate, leaving her unable to pen this letter herself and forcing her to tender her resignation," Willis Brown wrote.

School board member over district 2, Dadius Lanus says that he too will be praying for Brown and her family.



Leslie Brown

"You don't want anybody to go through anything like this especially coming into the job. I know that this job is very high stress and I know the things that it can cause. I also, understand how hard, and she was ready to work for this district." Brown did take a medical leave a few weeks ago. Visit <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aai:d:scds:US:b55625c3-1d0a-490d-b82e-2551451d7e57> to read the full letter.

This comes just weeks after Brown announced she was taking

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New BR General Clinic Opening in Prairieville



Architectural rendering of the new Baton Rouge General's (BRG) new hospital and emergency room will soon be open in Ascension Parish

PRAIRIEVILLE, La. — Baton Rouge General's (BRG) new hospital and emergency room will soon be open in Ascension Parish.

The new (BRG) features a 14-bed emergency room and ten additional inpatient beds. The facility was designed around making it seamless for patients

to get into a room without having to wait. The self-rooming concept takes away all the paperwork, and makes it easier for nurses and doctors to help patients right away.

There's also equipment for physical therapy, as well as imag-

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Ex-cop Charged in George Floyd's Death Out of Jail on \$1 Million Bond

MINNEAPOLIS — The former Minneapolis police officer charged with murder in the death of George Floyd posted bail Wednesday and was released from prison, leading Minnesota's governor to activate the National Guard to help keep the peace in the event of protests.

According to court documents, Derek Chauvin posted a \$1 million bond and was released from the state's facility in Oak Park Heights, where he had been detained. Henne-

pin County jail records show he was released shortly before 11:30 a.m.

Floyd, a Black man in handcuffs, died May 25 after Chauvin, who is white, pressed his knee against Floyd's



Former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin

neck for several minutes as Floyd said he couldn't breathe. Floyd's death was captured in widely seen bystander video that set off protests around the world. Chauvin and three other officers were fired. Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder, third-degree murder and manslaughter; Thomas Lane, J. Kueng and Tou Thao are charged with aiding and abetting both second-degree murder and manslaughter.

Upon news of Chauvin's re-

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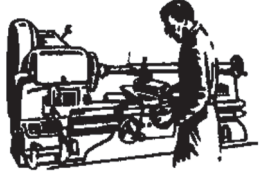
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President Trump Approves Emergency Declaration in Louisiana Ahead of Delta



President Donald Trump declared that an emergency exists in the State of Louisiana and ordered Federal assistance to supplement State, tribal, and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from Hurricane Delta

BATON ROUGE, La. - Governor John Bel Edwards requested a pre-landfall Federal Declaration of Emergency in a letter to President Donald J. Trump Wednesday, Oct. 7 in anticipation of Hurricane Delta. The president approved the emergency declaration later in the night.

The hurricane is currently forecast to make landfall along the Louisiana coast Friday as at Category 2 or 3 storm.

The president's action authorizes FEMA to coordinate disaster relief efforts.

Public Assistance Category B

emergency protective measures, including direct federal assistance, will be provided for the parishes of Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, Catahoula, Concordia, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Iberia, Iberville, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Livingston, Lafayette, Lafourche, Orleans, Ouachita, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Terrebonne, Vermilion, Washington, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana.

Public Assistance Category B emergency protective measures, limited to direct federal assistance, will be provided for the parishes of Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Claiborne, De Soto, East Carroll, Franklin, Grant, Jackson, La Salle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Red River, Richland, Sabine, Union, Vernon, Webster, West Carroll, and Winn.

Visit <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/president-donald-j-trump-approves-louisiana-emergency-declaration-100720/> to read the full details from the White House.

Judge Tiffany Foxworth, Ballot #81, Announces Her Bid for Re-Election



Dr. Jonathan Roberts, MD, Judge Tiffany Foxworth-Roberts and Tiffany Elle

Judge Tiffany Foxworth, ballot #81, announces her bid for re-election to the 19th Judicial District Court, Division M, Section VIII. The election will be November 3, 2020 and early voting October 16-27, 2020. Judge Foxworth was elected August 15, 2020. She defeated, longtime City Court Judge, Alexander, who is guaranteed to continue in her current position until December 31, 2024. Alexander will be 68 years old. Judge Foxworth was elected to fill an unexpired term which ends December 31st of this year. She thanks the citizens of this parish for their support and asks for your continued prayers and vote as she seeks re-election to the full six year term that begins January 1, 2021.

Judge Foxworth "hit the ground running" and immediately began presiding over Section VIII which is comprised of criminal matters that ranging from misdemeanors to major felonies such as homicide. She credits her faith and belief in God as a governing



Judge Tiffany Foxworth

factor in rendering justice in accordance with the law.

Judge Foxworth states, "District court is where everyday people have a first look at our justice system," "first-time offenders have the greatest opportunity to get back on the right track," and "repeat and violent offenders, or those involving domestic violence

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lease, Gov. Tim Walz activated the National Guard to help local law enforcement. Walz said the Guard was mobilizing 100 soldiers and providing equipment and facilities "out of an abundance of caution" in light of public safety concerns. Walz said 100 state troopers and 75 Department of Natural Resources conservation officers were also mobilized to help local authorities. Floyd family attorneys Ben Crump and Antonio Romanucci released a statement saying Chauvin's release "is a painful reminder" that the family is far from getting justice. "The system of due process worked for Chauvin and afforded him his freedom while he awaits trial. In contrast, George Floyd was denied due process, when his life was ended over a \$20 bill. There was no charge, no arrest, no hearing, no bail. Just execution," the attorneys wrote.

Floyd's aunt, Angela Harrelson, told FOX-9 that she was still trying to process the news.

"It's something that I'm not happy with. I'm not pleased with it. But I know I have to accept it because this is what the judge allowed to happen. ... I know our family is not happy with this decision," Harrelson said.

It was not immediately clear where Chauvin got the money to pay his bond. In Minnesota, someone who posts bond is required to pay 10%, in this case \$100,000, to the bail bond company. Then, the company and the defendant work out an arrangement for collateral to back all or part of the rest of the

bond amount, said Mike Brandt, a criminal defense attorney who is not connected to the case.

A message left with the company that posted the bond, Allegheny Casualty Company, was not immediately returned.

The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association, which has a legal defense fund, did not provide any money for bail, a spokeswoman said. Bob Kroll, president of the Minneapolis Police Officers Federation, said his union was not involved.

The website GiveSendGo.com, which says it is a free Christian crowdfunding site, has a Derek Chauvin Bail Fund that says it was created by his family. According to the site, as of midday Wednesday that fund raised \$4,198 of its \$125,000 goal, with donations from more than 35 people. A posting on the site dated Sept. 12 said it took time to set up a fundraising effort due to the high-profile nature of the case.

Chauvin had the option of posting bail for \$1.25 million without conditions or \$1 million with conditions. Under the conditions of his release, he must attend all court appearances, cannot have any direct or indirect contact — including social media contact — with any members of Floyd's family, cannot work in law enforcement or security, and must not possess any firearms or ammunition.

Chauvin's attorney had no comment Wednesday.

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emergency medical leave. The school system did not specify the reason for her medical leave.

The school system released the following statement Wednesday:

"On behalf of the East Baton Rouge Parish School Board, please be aware that today, Leslie M. Brown announced that she will step down as EBRPSS Superintendent of Schools, effective Thursday, October 8, 2020.

We are deeply saddened by her departure, and our thoughts and prayers are with Ms. Brown, her husband Bill and her children during these trying times. Ms. Brown has chosen not to disclose the nature of her illness, and we respect her right to privacy.

Although her time here was brief, her passion for education and students was evident in every decision she made. We have nothing but the deepest respect for Ms. Brown, and we are appreciative of her service to this community. While no longer an employee of this system, she will always be considered a member of this family. Our 5,000+ employees will continue along the path to excellence as one team with one mission.

The East Baton Rouge Parish School Board will follow Louisiana state law and policies to appoint the next superintendent. The board is expected to consider agenda items related to this matter

at the scheduled board meeting on Thursday, October 15. We will continue to communicate with families and staff as more information is made available."

Now, the school board must prepare for another superintendent search.

"This is not the time for us to hold onto any petty differences that we've had in the past. The public is looking for us to do what is best for our school district, but most importantly what is best for our students and that's the only thing that I ask of all my board members at this time," adds Lanus.

So far board members do not have anyone in mind for an interim superintendent, but they are hoping the process will be quicker than last time. School board members will meet regularly next Thursday to discuss the next steps moving forward.

Liz Smith, senior vice president of the Baton Rouge Area Chamber (BRAC), says they're saddened to hear about Brown and wish her the very best. Smith says BRAC is hopeful the board, in hiring the next superintendent, will "aim high again and recruit someone of the same caliber."

Brown was selected to become the new superintendent by the school board back in August. She beat out finalist, Dr. Nakia Towns, for the job.

Brown announced her resignation today, and EBR School Board members were shocked by the announcement.

Southern University Ag Center Launches Medical Cannabis Product Line for Autism



HOPE™ is the state's first Medical Cannabis Product scientifically formulated for Autism patients of all ages

Baton Rouge, La. – The Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, with Ilera Holistic Healthcare today announced the statewide launch of the HOPE™ line of medical cannabis tinctures based on groundbreaking scientific research on using cannabis to treat the symptoms of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) in both children and adults.

Grown, cultivated, processed and packaged in Louisiana, HOPE™ products are available exclusively through state-licensed medical marijuana pharmacies and available to all Louisiana patients and families through a doctor's prescription.

"After seeing the success of HOPE™ in Pennsylvania, we were determined to bring it to patients of Louisiana, a state where we exceed the national percentage of autism diagnoses—while at-risk and under-served patients still struggle to receive safe and

effective healthcare," says Ilera Holistic CEO Dr. Chanda Macias. "Louisiana families deserve full access to all the benefits that cannabis medicine can provide, and we are thrilled to have HOPE™ in this market and available to everyone."

Scientific research shows cannabis to be safe and effective on patients (including children) to treat ASD, and patients who use it have reported significant improvement in their quality of life, mood, and sleep—and less reliance on other medications.

HOPE™ is the brainchild of Erica Daniels, founder of Hope Grows for Autism, a nonprofit aimed at improving the lives of families affected by autism through research, education and advocacy of medical marijuana.

"The autism community in Louisiana is blessed to have a partner in Ilera Holistic Healthcare to bring HOPE™ to families affected by ASD," says Daniels. "Now more than ever, patients are struggling with the symptoms associated with autism. I am so thrilled that Ilera Holistic Healthcare is bringing HOPE™ to so many Louisiana patients who need it!"

"HOPE™ is another product with which we are proud to be associated," said Janana Snowden,

director of the Southern Institute for Medicinal Plants at the Southern University Agricultural Research and Extension Center. "The work we do aims to not only provide valuable research but to also provide potentially beneficial and accessible treatments for symptoms due to conditions that thousands of people live with daily, like autism.

HOPE™ was formulated by Zelira Therapeutics a leading global therapeutic medical cannabis company with access to the world's largest and fastest growing cannabis markets. The company's focus is on developing branded cannabis products for the treatment of a variety of medical conditions including insomnia, autism and chronic non-cancer pain.

HOPE™ is gluten, dairy, soy and nut-free; scientifically formulated, lab tested, and pesticide free; and only available in the state of Louisiana at licensed cannabis pharmacies. HOPE™ will be available in two formulations: "HOPE1," a 1:1 THC:CBD tincture, and "HOPE2," a 5:1 THC:CBD tincture.

To View the list of Louisiana Licensed Dispensaries visit <https://www.suagcenter.com/index.cfm?action=pagebuilder&pageID=5594>

Mayor Broome Proclaims October 2020 as Cyber Security Awareness Month

BATON ROUGE, La. – Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome issued a proclamation Thursday recognizing October 2020 as Cyber Security Awareness Month – an annual reminder for residents to take simple, measurable steps to change their behavior and protect themselves online.

"Technology can be a wonderful thing, helping us operate government more efficiently, deliver services more effectively, and make decisions more transparently," Mayor Broome said. "However, as more services are available online, the more cyber criminals seek to take advantage of our residents, businesses, and agencies. Cyber Security Awareness Month is just one of the many ways we are working to keep residents safe, make our systems secure, and educate the public on how we can work together to accomplish these goals."

As part of the City-Parish's recognition of Cyber Security Awareness Month, Mayor Broome will host a virtual workshop from 6–7:30 p.m. on October 20, 2020. The event, "A Safe and Secure Digital Baton Rouge," will focus on the easy steps residents and businesses can take to be more aware of cyber security threats, protect their personal and professional data, and connect to the internet with confidence.

Participation in the workshop is free, but registration is required. To register, visit brla.gov/2020cybersecurity.

Throughout the month of October, residents can tune into the City-Parish's Facebook page and Red Stick Ready social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter, where City-Parish technology and emergency preparedness staff will share helpful tips and resources that residents can use in their everyday lives to protect against cyber security threats.

For more information on City-Parish information technology and cyber security initiatives, visit brla.gov/is or redstickready.com/cybersecurity.

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after the former governor encouraged him to run for it.

"I've known Mr. Mike most of my life, since I was a teenager," Allain said. "He was somewhat of a mentor to me politically."

"He always said 'Do the right thing,'" said Allain, whose district runs through parts of St.

Mary, Terrebonne and Lafourche parishes. "That was the only instructions he ever gave us."

Reggie Dupre, executive director of the Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District, was elected state representative for the first time in the same election in which Foster won his first term as governor. Dupre said Foster immediately made him his point man for coastal and environmental issues.

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ing and lab services.

"We expect that we're able to get our patients very quickly back to our rooms. That's our number one

goal is to be able to get our patients directly back to rooms so that the care team can meet the patient in the room. So a lot of things will happen right there at the bedside, including their intake. They'll get to meet their patient caretaker team

really on arrival to the facility," said Marsha Bond, emergency department director for BRG.

The primary care clinic officially opens its doors Monday, Oct. 12 and is located near I-10 on Highway 73 in Prairieville.

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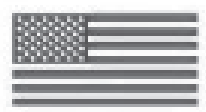
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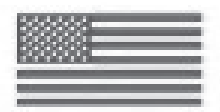
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Universal Music to Build \$1.2 Billion Hotel, Entertainment Destination in Biloxi



The UMUSIC hotel in Biloxi will be built on a 266 acre property that was once the gem of the Gulf Coast. (Source: UMUSIC)

BILOXI, Miss. - A new development announced minutes ago about the old Broadwater Resort. Universal Music Group is getting into the hospitality business. It just announced it will build its first three hotels under what it's calling the UMUSIC brand. One of those hotels will transform the

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measures developed for the state by the White House Coronavirus Task Force and supported by health experts that are having a positive impact on our battle against this public health emergency," Gov. Edwards said. "All of the data shows improvement in Louisiana's COVID situation because of the strong mitigation measures we have in place and because of the hard work of the people of Louisiana. These measures, which are supported by science, are allowing us to keep our case count and hospitalizations down, even as most of Louisiana's businesses have expanded their operations and more people are moving about.

"We know that as schools return to in person learning, restaurants and bars open even more widely and more events begin, there is more risk to spreading COVID. I also remain incredibly concerned about how Hurricane Delta will impact our ability to operate community testing and also displace people in ways that may lead to spread."

The governor also said his administration is working with the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal and Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) on guidance for small fairs and festivals to open up this fall.

He said outdoor fairs and festivals will soon be able to submit their plans to the state fire marshal for approval.

Fairs and festivals with more than 500 people will not be allowed.

Visit website to read the updated Phase 3 order.

Visit website to read to read the extension of emergency provisions that is also extended 28 days.

old Broadwater Resort into a \$1.2 billion destination.

Universal Music Group has quite a portfolio. Iconic companies like Abbey Road Studios, Capitol Records and Def Jam Recordings fall under its umbrella.

Now, a news release says it will combine its connection to music and some of the world's greatest entertainers with the rich musical heritage of Biloxi to develop a UMUSIC Hotel. Investors say the UMUSIC Broadwater Hotel in Biloxi will seamlessly integrate a stunning performance venue and a luxury hotel with an immersive architecture style.

In that news release, Biloxi Mayor Andrew "Fof" Gilich said, "Music and entertainment has always been a part of Biloxi DNA. What the UMUSIC Broadwater Hotel brings with its opening is reflective of this 320 plus year history. The people of the city of

Biloxi, the state of Mississippi and beyond will benefit greatly from the addition of this hotel to our landscape."

Universal Music Group selected Biloxi, Atlanta and Orlando as the first three cities where UMUSIC Hotels will be developed.

Robert Lavia is chairman at Dakia U-Ventures LLC. "Every destination holds a great story just waiting to be told through its cultural heritage and its music," said Lavia. "Through this new concept, we will both help people discover new ways to channel their love for music and the arts and help empower the transformation of communities worldwide through cultural, inspirational, creative and conscious collaboration. And we're thrilled to work together with Universal Music Group who shares our vision and passion about the powerful role of

culture and music for each community we touch."

The Biloxi hotel will be built on a 266 acre property that was once the gem of the Gulf Coast. In its heyday, the Broadwater Resort included a hotel, a marina, a golf course, and later a casino.

Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves says, "We are excited to welcome this new property to Mississippi! The gaming industry has provided countless opportunities for good work in our state, and brought in a tremendous amount of revenue. It attracts visitors from all over the globe. This will be a great partnership that will provide a lot of fun and economic growth for the people of Mississippi."

More information about the UMUSIC Hotel and when the Biloxi resort will be developed will be released next Thursday when Universal Music Group holds a news conference.

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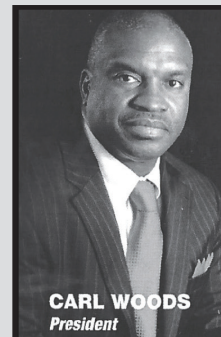
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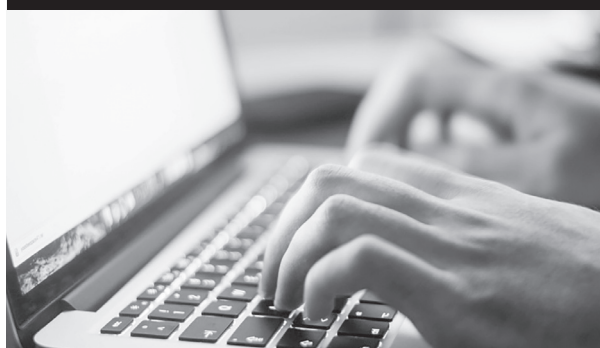
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satiable needs of the human heart.

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boldness and confidence (Heb. 4:16).

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to His will. Whatever you do, don't take matters into your own hands and go after what you want. There is always a high price to pay for rebelling against God.

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Marvin Sapp's New Album "Chosen Vessel" Now Available

Gospel music icon Marvin Sapp will release his 13th solo album on October 9th. Recorded live at his new Fort Worth, Texas based church, the album - titled Chosen Vessel - is his first live album since 2011 and the first recorded in his new home city.

Enlisting his trusted musical comrades Aaron Lindsey and Myron Butler to handle production and vocal production, Sapp has created an album that has a classic feel to it, but also a refreshing sound and lyrics that will uplift and encourage in the unprecedented times we are living in.

"The running theme of Chosen Vessel is understanding that every person possesses value and worth," says Sapp. "Regardless of what we are going through, we have to remember that when God chooses you - His plans for you are



Marvin Sapp

going to come to fruition." The first single, "Thank You

For It All," was written by Marvin Sapp along with Jarmone Davis,

Christopher Thomas Leach and Aaron Lindsey, and is currently #4 on Billboard's Hot Gospel Songs chart. It is Sapp's 12th Hot Gospel Songs Top-10. "Thank You For It All" also peaked at #1 on Billboard's Gospel Digital Songs sales chart. Other highlights on the album included the captivating "Undefeated" and the edgy "Praise Everyday" that exemplifies Sapp's signature "churchy-but-funky" style.

Fans can get an intimate look at the making of Chosen Vessel, as well as experience Sapp performing some of the songs live, during a virtual release party being held October 9 at 7 p.m. CST. The virtual event can be experienced live on Marvin Sapp's YouTube, Facebook and Periscope platforms.

Chosen Vessel is available now.

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Open Enrollment for Louisiana Medicaid members starts on October 15 and ends on November 30, 2020. During Open Enrollment, people enrolled in Medicaid's managed care program, known as Healthy Louisiana, have the opportunity to choose a new health plan or do nothing and remain with their current plan. In addition to choosing a health plan, Medicaid members will be able to choose a dental plan for the first time. Previously, all Medicaid members received dental coverage through one dental plan.

Members who are eligible for Open Enrollment were sent a packet in the mail with information and instructions. Some may have received this information electronically if they have opted in.

Beginning on October 15, members will be able to select health and dental plans. Members can make their choices online at www.myplan.healthy.la.gov, by using the Healthy Louisiana mobile app, by calling the Healthy Louisiana enrollment center at 1-855-229-6848, or by completing the paper enrollment form that comes with their open enrollment letter and following the directions on the form to return it. Information about the plans was included in the packets sent to members, and it will be available at www.myplan.healthy.la.gov beginning October 15.

Those members who were affected by the hurricane and did not receive their Open Enrollment information can call the Healthy Louisiana Enrollment Center at 1-855-229-6848, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., to request a packet be sent to them wherever they are.

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and crimes against children, should expect to receive a very firm treatment and penalty."

Judge Foxworth is a U.S. Army veteran who served 13 years as an enlisted soldier and commissioned officer. She has been a licensed registered nurse for the past 19 years and practiced law 14 years before being elected judge. Judge Foxworth states her experience in State District Court sets her apart from her competitor. She is the only candidate with District level judicial and felony trial experience. In addition, Alexander has no significant ties to the community as she lives a significant distance away in the Kenilworth area and cannot even vote for herself.

Judge Foxworth is a graduate of Southern University A&M College School of Nursing and Southern University Law Center. She is married to Internal Medicine physician, Dr. Jonathan Roberts, MD, has an eleven year old daughter and is also a dog mom to their pet Maltese Prince Warbucks.

Judge Foxworth voices she would be honored to continue serving as your District Court Judge.

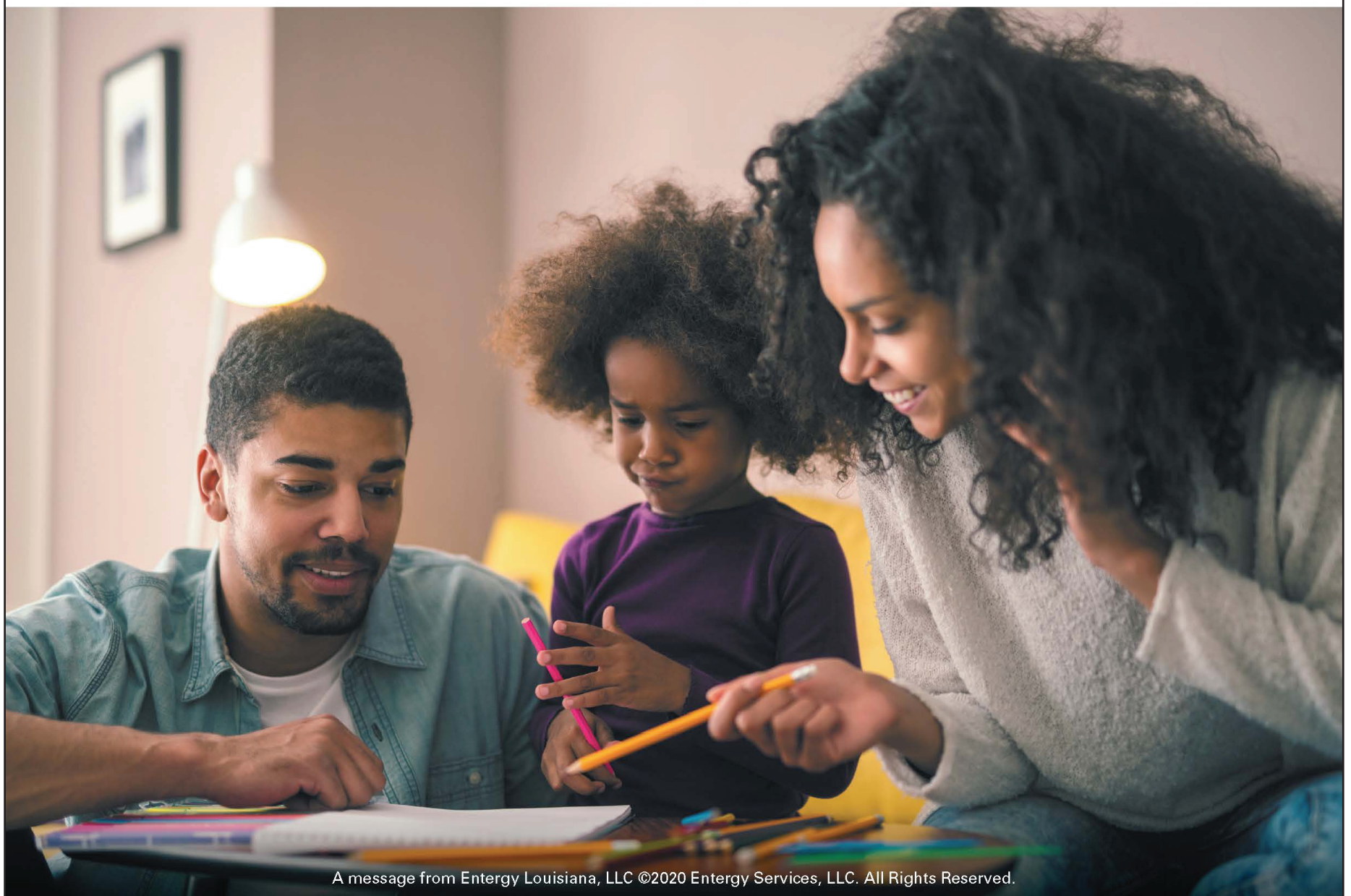
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2021 Bayou Classic to be Held at Independence Stadium in Shreveport

SHREVEPORT, La.- The organizers of the Bayou Classic have decided to move the 2021 Bayou Classic from the Mercedes-Benz Superdome to Independence Stadium in Shreveport. Renovations to the Superdome will not be complete by April, so a neutral site within the state was chosen.

The organizers of the Bayou Classic joined with school leadership from both Grambling State University and Southern University and A&M College, Mayor Adrian Perkins of Shreveport and Shreveport-Bossier's Sports Commission to announce that the 47th Annual Bayou Classic would be temporarily moved to Shreveport, La.

The 47th Annual Bayou Classic will be played on Saturday, April 17, 2021, at Independence Stadium in Shreveport. More details regarding the Bayou Classic will be released at a future date.



"It is definitely an honor and a privilege for us to be speaking about playing the Bayou Classic in this current state of pandemic that we've been in," said Grambling State head coach Broderick Fobbs.

"It has been extremely tough for not only the coaches and administrators, but also our players. We've gone through and dealt with a lot. Not only that but the fact that we've been watching others play, even though we feel we are doing the correct thing by not playing at this particular time. Overall we're looking forward to playing the Bayou Classic in Shreveport, La. and it's going to be great for north Louisiana and it's also going to be great for south Louisiana as well to have this game being played on Louisiana soil, so we look forward to it," said Fobbs.

The Bayou Classic is the annual legendary football game between Grambling State Univer-

sity and Southern University. The Bayou Classic has proven to be a steadfast beacon of legacy and tradition that extends beyond the HBCU community. Fans from across the nation journey to witness the electrifying football game between Grambling and Southern, while eagerly awaiting the highly anticipated halftime show featuring two of the greatest marching bands in the nation.

Due to the substantial scope of the Phase 2 renovation work to begin in January 2021 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans, the annual home of the Bayou Classic, this rescheduled annual matchup between the Grambling Tigers and the Southern Jaguars had to be temporarily moved to another location. This is a one-time, temporary move of location, similar to 2005 following Hurricane Katrina when the Bayou Classic was played in Houston, Texas.



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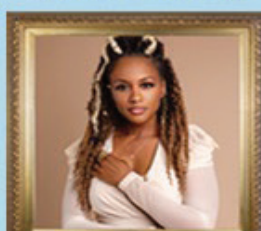






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