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Review: Spike Lee's 'BlacKkKlansman' is daring and essential – starts in theaters on Friday, August 10



(AP) - In 1979, a man named Ron Stallworth who was the first African-American police officer and detective in the Colorado Springs Police Department also became a card-carrying member of the Ku Klux Klan and the leader of the local chapter. He would send a white co-worker to play him for in-person meetings as part of the wild undercover operation, but Stallworth was the one on the phone, insisting his hatred for non-white races with everyone from the local chapter members to the KKK's "grand wizard" David Duke himself.

It's Stallworth's story that provides the framework for Spike Lee's blistering new film, "BlacKkKlansman," but hardly the full picture. Deceptively epic in scope, in "BlacKkKlansman" Lee has made an immensely entertaining film about everything — love, friendship, ambition, civil rights, the power of words and images to uplift and destroy and the various shades and ideologies of racism and revolution that will leave you craving another viewing.

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An Emmett Till historical marker in Mississippi was destroyed by vandals



(AP) - In October, a Mississippi historical marker for Emmett Till was riddled with bullet holes in an act of vandalism.

Now, less than a year later, a second state historical marker has been defaced, destroying information about the black teenager whose name became a civil rights rallying cry after he was kidnapped and murdered in 1955, according to the Associated Press.

The sign was unveiled in 2011, as part of the Mississippi Freedom Trail, a route that includes landmarks highlighting the state's African American history.

"Who knows what motivates people to do this?" Allan Hammons, the owner of a public relations firm that produced the sign. "Vandals have been around since the beginning of time."

Hammons told the AP that the Freedom Trail marker cost more than \$8,000. He noted that repairs will cost at least \$500.

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John David Washington (Denzel Washington's son) plays Ron Stallworth, a composed and deliberate man who isn't afraid to ask for what he wants, whether it's a job or a quick promotion out of the dreaded records room and into undercover work.

Many around him are quick to throw labels and make assumptions about what he can and can't do. His co-worker calls him a toad, because of his race. His black student union girlfriend, Patrice, asks if he's a pig (i.e. a cop). At work, he seems extreme - a rookie suggesting a dangerous undercover operation to infiltrate the KKK. In life, he seems compliant. As Patrice (a brilliant Laura Harrier) tells him, meaningful change is impossible when working within the structures of a racist system.

But Ron has a plan to infil-

trate The Organization, and a few around him like the police chief (Robert John Burke), and detectives, Flip Zimmerman (Adam Driver) and Jimmy Creek (Michael Buscemi) are at least willing to go along with it for a while. Flip draws the card to be in-person Ron, which turns out to be a headache of its own when one of The Organization's members, Felix (Jasper Paakkonen), starts to suspect that he might actuallv be Jewish.

These scenes are riveting to watch, infused with a perfectly executed tension as Flip carefully navigates his way through meetings and interactions with the group, including the docile chapter leader Walter (Ryan Eggold), the maniacally sinister Felix and the perpetually drunk and dumb Ivanhoe (Paul Walter Hauser). They are, on the whole, dopes used for comedic effect, but there is something else going on below the sur-

face. You're always keenly aware that these shadowy. back bar racists could with the right leader become the mainstream.

The acting is expert throughout with standout performances by Washington and Driver, especially, who gets a powerful arc. The supporting cast is also notably strong, including Harrier and Topher Grace as David Duke, who is attempting to take The Organization into the mainstream with a gentlemanly demeanor, polished suits and a politician's smile.

Mind you, "BlacKkKlansman" is not a subtle film and is often repetitive where it least needs it. Stallworth's "white voice" and racist musings over the phone are perfectly used a few times, until the effect eventually begins to dull.

But it is an exhilarating, distressing, funny and profound film, with one of the more memorable film scores in years,

composer Blanchard. Every frame is packed with meaning and metaphor from the opening, the famous crane shot from Victor Fleming's "Gone With the Wind," onward to the sins of the present day. It's a Spike Lee joint that is not to be

"BlacKklansman," a Focus Features release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "language throughout, including racial epithets, and disturbing/violent material and some sexual references." Running time: 135 minutes. Three and a half stars out of

MPAA Definition of R: Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

Follow AP Film Writer Lindsey Bahr on Twitter: www.twitter.com/ldbahr

SIX NEW BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OPEN

Hundreds of students in Dallas have new after school options in neighborhoods that didn't have them before after six new Boys and Girls Clubs opened their doors.

The majority of the new locations are in South Dallas or Oak Cliff. The Pleasant Grove neighborhood is getting its first club. The demand is so high that some school campuses were turned down.

The first of six new Boys and Girls Clubs for the city of Dallas opened Tuesday at Uplift Preparatory's Wisdom Campus in South Dallas.

Knowledge Is Power Program schools in Oak Cliff and Pleasant Grove next week. Three clubs will open at Dallas ISD's MLK, JJ Rhoads and Elisha M. Pease schools in Oak Cliff

the week after that. The club opening in Pleasant

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"A SURVEY OF THE BOOK OF ROMANS" **ROMANS 5:1-11**

THE BENEFITS OF BEING JUSTIFIED BY GOD

Thus far Paul, a grand Apostle of Jesus Christ, has affirmed in this supreme book of Romans that the entire human race stands under the condemnation of God because of sin. The Gentile world of Paul's day was steeped in sin (Romans 1:18-32). Whereas the Jews may not have committed the same kind of gross offences that the Gentiles were guilty of, they too were guilty because they did not completely obey God's law; therefore, they too fell short of God's glory (Romans 3:23). Each group had a grave need and that need could only be met by God's grace in the sacrificial death of His Son, Jesus Christ.

In chapter 5:1, the word "therefore" directs our attention to Romans chapter 4, where Paul argued that Abraham, a great faith model, was justified by faith, not by works. Just as Abraham was justified by faith, so we are placed in right relations with God through faith. The word "justified" is a legal term that means "to be declared righteous;" and we are declared righteous by God through our faith in Jesus Christ's sacrificial work on Calvary! We should be thankful that God has declared us "not guilty" on the basis of faith.

Because we have been justified by faith, we now experience "peace with God" (v. 1). Instead of being enemies of God because of sin, we experience the inner peace that comes through having a relationship with the God of the universe! To have God's inner peace right now is indeed a great benefit of being justified! Another great benefit to us is to be privileged to have access to the grace of God (v. 2). Because we have been redeemed by grace through faith, we can only "rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

In verse 3, Paul affirmed that he could "glory in tribulations because "tribulations produce patience or perseverance." That is another great benefit of being justified by God's grace; we can glory in tribulations, knowing that the fruit of going through hardship will produce endurance or perseverance. Moreover, as we bear up under trials, then patience or endurance will produce "experience" or "strength of character" (v. 4). It is certainly beneficial to know that as we undergo many tests of our character, it will eventually lead to our maturation.

Another benefit of God's justification is that ultimately "hope" will be the end result of enduring trials and tribulations (v. 4). The hope that we have placed in God, will never disappoint (v. 5). The security of God's hope is evident in that God's love has been implanted in our hearts by the Spirit of God (v. 5). What a marvelous benefit it is to know that God loves us! In verses 6-8, God exhibited the extent of His love in the sending of His Son to die in our stead - even exhibiting His love when we were powerless and could not produce a remedy for our wretched condition. Thank God that we benefited from His love in the sending of His Son to die for our sins, even when we

Because Christ has paid the full penalty of our sin, "we shall be saved from wrath through Him" (v. 9). In verses 10-11, another benefit of God's grace is that we have been reconciled, that is, put right with God "by the death of His Son" (v. 10). Finally, as a result of obtaining God's grace through faith, we can "joy in God" (v. 11). What a great benefit to know that salvation is a gift from God and we can rejoice about that fact.

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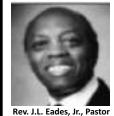
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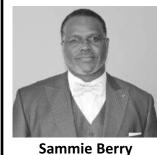
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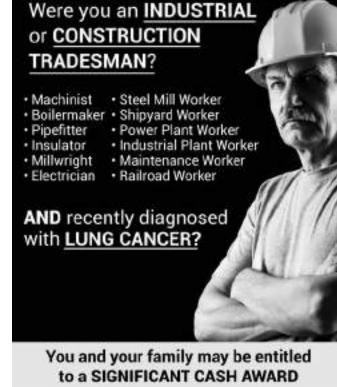
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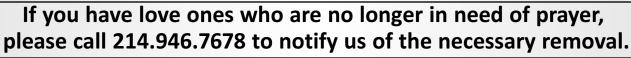
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MURAL SUGGESTING DAK PRESCOTT IS IN 'THE SUNKEN PLACE' IN DALLAS



By Jose Martinez, **COMPLEX**

In response to the polarizing national anthem protest remarks made by Dak Prescott last week, artist Trey Wilder made a mural which depicted Dallas the Cowboys quarterback being in "The Sunken Place."

The visual of a wideeyed Chris Washington, played by Daniel Kaluuya, with tears streaming down his face became arguably the most striking image from the 2017

"The Get Out. Sunken Place" has synonymous become with the idea of someone being oblivious or in denial of the social issues pertaining to people of color. Prescott received backlash, including from players in the league, after he spoke out against players protesting during the playing of the national anthem.

"I never protest during the anthem, and I don't think that's the time or the venue to do so," Prescott said. "The game of football has always

brought me such peace, and I think it does the same for a lot of people - a lot of people playing the game, a lot of people watching the game, a lot of people who have any impact of the game — so when you bring such controversy to the stadium, to the field, to the game, it takes away. It takes away from that, it takes away from the joy and the love that football brings a lot of people."

Despite Prescott claiming that his comments were "misunderstood," Wider is holding out hope that the mural will be the flash he needs to come to his senses. "Honestly, I know he's a superstar, but I'm not scared of Dak Prescott," Wilder told the Dallas Star-Telegram. "But like in the movie, maybe [the piece] will be a flash for him. I think, with that platform, it was just weird how he dismissed the whole situation, especially being a black man himself."

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Wells Fargo is helping empower students for their futures

Thandi Moses has always had clear plans for her future. As a high school student in Rochester, New York, she knew she wanted to go to a historically black college or university. Now that she's a student at an HBCU, she plans on attending an Ivy League law school after she earns her bachelor's degree.

"I want to go to school with people who want to succeed," Moses said. "It empowers you."

Thandi Moses applied and was accepted to Florida Memorial University in Miami Gardens, Florida, during

UNCF's Empower Me Tour in 2017. But as a high school student, she wondered how she would adjust to college life and the curriculum, so she attended United Negro College Fund's Empower Me Tour in Rochester, New York, in 2017 to find out more about college opportunities. There, she learned about Florida Memorial University — which she applied to and was accepted at during the event Tuskegee University, and North Carolina A&T University, and she even received one of five \$5,000 scholarships from UNCF, the largest scholarship granting organization for students of color. Today, Moses is a freshman at Florida Memorial University in Miami Gardens, Florida, majoring in law and government with a minor in business administration.

With support from UNCF, Najma Calhoun, a senior at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama, is working to complete her undergraduate studies.

The Empower Me Tour travels to colleges and universities nationwide, providing free information about financial education, college and career readiness, college completion, and self-empowerment for high school students; college students, alumni, and administration; parents; educators; and the community. High school student participants have the opportunity to attend HBCU workshops with speakers, presenters, and recruiters, who typically offer acceptances and academic scholarships on the spot.

There are three big things that students take away from the tour, starting with how to think of themselves and the set of experiences they have for a career," said Larry Griffith, senior vice president for Programs and Student Services for UNCF. "Often, students aren't able to associate their particular major with what might be out there for them in the world, so we help them think that through. The second thing we do is give them tools so that they can then take their knowledge, ready themselves for interviews, and make things pop on their resume. The third thing we do is give them a chance to practice. We put them in front of professionals who will look at their resumes and conduct mock interviews so they can receive feedback in a low-risk environment. The students come away thinking about what their opportunities are, are able to explore their opportunities, and put everything into practice."

The Empower Me Tour was created in 2008 by founding sponsor Wells Fargo, and the company continues to provide financial support and volunteers. It

provides \$1 million each year for UNCF's programs and scholarships, and Wells Fargo team members regularly volunteer at events like the Empower Me Tour, mentoring attendees, teaching financial capabilities, and serving on local UNCF boards. In 2017, 133 team members volunteered about 560 hours with UNCF.

Dewey Norwood, relationship manager for Wells Fargo's Corporate Responsibility and Community Relations, said it's important to provide students with guidance about college and their careers. "If you help them, they're going to want to come back and help the next generation," he said. "They are going to come back to their campuses. They are going to remember that person from Wells Fargo. They may not remember our names, but they are going to say, 'hey I met somebody from Wells Fargo who helped me build my credit,' or 'I was on a Wells Fargo webinar, and they told me the importance of building good relationships.' All of those pieces come to be a great reward long term."

Even though she is just starting her college career, Moses already plans to come back and share her story with younger students. She hopes to inspire others to take advantage of the opportunities UNCF and the Empower Me Tour provide.

"The Empower Me Tour can help people realize what they actually want to do in life and provide you with what you need," Moses said. "I would encourage all students to go to the Empower Me Tour, receive information, and put forth your best effort."

Wells Fargo ups donations to more than \$1 Million a day to charities

Wells Fargo & Company last year continued to invest in communities across the country through its philanthropy and volunteerism, donating more than \$286.5 million in 2017 to more than 14,500 nonprofits, the company announced.

The company's plan to target \$400 million in donations to nonprofits and community organizations in 2018 is an increase of approximately 40 percent from 2017. Wells Fargo already is one of the top corporate cash donors, ranking first among financial institutions and third among all U.S. companies in a 2016 report (most recent ranking) by The Chronicle of Philanthropy.

"We understand the important role we play in helping our communities, so we will continue to identify additional opportunities where Wells Fargo can make a difference," CEO, Tim Sloan said. "Wells Fargo's increased philanthropy will have a positive effect on the causes and communities we support and further enhance our Corporate Social Responsibility efforts, which will continue to focus on advancing diversity and social inclusion, creating economic opportunities in underserved communities, and accelerating the transition to a lower-carbon economy and a healthier planet."

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In addition to corporate donations, Wells Fargo's team members volunteered a record 2 million hours in 2017, valued at \$48 million (source - Independent Sector*), which included 183,528 hours of service on 3,679 nonprofit boards supporting community revitalization and resiliency, homeownership, small business, food insecurity, and other global challenges. During the company's annual employee giving campaign, more than 65,300 team members pledged \$85 million in 2017 to 40,000 nonprofits. As a result, United Way Worldwide named the company's workplace giving campaign No. 1 in the U.S. for the ninth

consecutive year. "We couldn't be more proud of our Wells Fargo team members who, year after year, exhibit selfless commitment to strengthening the communities we serve and enriching the lives of others," said Wells Fargo President and CEO Timothy J. Sloan. "We honor the volunteerism, determination, and leadership of our team members, who are the cornerstone of our efforts to build a better bank for all communities. Their generosity underscores one of our company's most important core values and inspires the investments in communities across the country that we will continue to make."

"We're grateful to Wells Fargo and its team members for their growing investment and commitment to building stronger communities," said Brian Gallagher, President and CEO of United Way Worldwide. "Whether it's volunteer financial coaching, charitable giving through their workplace campaign, helping to fight hunger or supporting new job opportunities, Wells Fargo is leading across the board to make a difference in every community across America."

Wells Fargo commits \$3.5 million to increase financial capability across U.S.

Toncé Jackson was at a low point four years ago. In Chicago's Cook County Jail for a fourth time, she was struggling with substance abuse, had no job, a limited education, terrible credit, and was burdened with debt she didn't even have a bank account. Caught in a painful cycle that was destroying her family, she resolved to change.

"I wanted to start my life over," said Jackson. "I just needed a little help with my beginning."

The Wells Fargo Financial Capability Grant program focuses on helping people, like Jackson, who are facing destabilizing economic challenges. Started in 2017, the program's grants help people from diverse populations who are underbanked by connecting them to income supports and financial training.

The program has just awarded \$3.5 million to two nonprofits with thoughtful and focused financial capability programs - the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), and the Cities for Financial Empowerment (CFE) Fund.

The Wells Fargo grants will provide \$1 million funding for the CFE Fund and \$2.5 million funding for LISC financial capability programs in a total of 25 U.S. cities and regions over three years.

"All of the cities we are working with demonstrated that they are looking to make financial empowerment front-and-center in the work they can do," said Tamara Lindsay, a principal at the CFE Fund. "The long-term vision is to create a permanent home for this work, to help make sure it is sustainable.'

City leaders collaborate with CFE Fund partners to open Financial Empowerment Centers, or FECs, for their residents. At FECs, professionally trained counselors help consumers with low and moderate incomes manage their finances, pay down debt,

increase savings, establish and build credit, and access safe and affordable mainstream banking products. The FEC model integrates counseling into other social services, including housing and foreclosure prevention, workforce development, prisoner reentry, benefits access, domestic violence services, and more. First piloted in New York City under Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg in 2008, the FECs are a proven success — about 80,000 consumers have reduced individual debt by almost \$94 million and increased their families' savings by about \$12 million. A recent CFE Fund evaluation showed that this program works even for residents with very low incomes and other complex financial challenges.

*Offering financial counseling as a public service, though local governments, helps stabilize struggling households and communities. Local leaders know the importance of helping families and neighborhoods build financial stability and make better use of social services," said Jonathan Mintz, president and CEO of

the CFE Fund. Wells Fargo's grant to LISC will strengthen and expand the Financial Opportunity Center, or FOC, model across 15 target markets. Working through local nonprofits nationwide since 2006, FOCs offer services including employment and career counseling, one-on-one financial coaching and education, and connect individuals with low-cost financial products that help build credit, savings and assets. FOCs also have a remedial education component that provides participants with foundational reading and math skills that they need in order to get into job training programs that can lead to higher paying, living-wage

"Promising talent exists in all our communities, and we have to invest to help people realize their full potential. That's where FOCs come in," said LISC CEO Maurice A. Jones. "By connecting people to the tools they need, they can compete for the quality jobs that employers must fill to innovate and grow. They'll be able to earn more, save more and access life-changing opportunities for themselves and their families."

During a conversation with her parole officer, Jackson found out about a local Financial Opportunity Center housed at Chicago's Jane Addams Resource Corporation, a nonprofit local community resource center. The FOC helped Jackson find additional education opportunities and got her into a job placement program. After she successfully landed her welding job, Jackson continued to receive guidance from a financial coach. She created a budget, reduced her medical debts, and established credit.

Mike Rizer, head of Wells Fargo Community Relations, said results like Jackson's are the goal.

"We are very excited to be working to help build strong and resilient communities by improving the financial capability of American families," Rizer said. "We take our responsibility to the communities we serve very seriously, and with the help of organizations like LISC and the CFE Fund, we will continue to invest in community-based programs that address critical needs at the local level."

Now addiction- and debt-free with a solid credit score and a path to a career, Jackson said one of the keys to her transformation was getting a financial plan.

"I am very focused now that I've started my life over," she said. "I want to do my very, very best. So whatever it takes - I say, 'Put me in, coach!""

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