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For many New Orleanians the road home has thus far been a road paved with disappointment, despair, and delays, as homes stand in once vibrant neighborhoods are now in a state of disrepair. Wreckage still lies as vestiges of the ruins of an American City with an uncertain future. Over one year after the catastrophe of Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans is staggering back to resituate and revive itself to the immortal, antiquated splendor of days gone by.

Many residents of the Crescent City are still dealing with many unresolved issues with insurance companies that are one of the many factors that have slowed down the process of repopulation. Now the state has stepped in to assist with its creation of the Louisiana Recovery Authority Road Home Program. It is designed to assist Louisiana residents return home. Louisiana Recovery Authority spokesperson, Natalie Wyeth spoke with Data News Weekly explaining what the program is and how it came into existence, “The Road Home Assistance Program is to assist homeowners rebuild or repair homes that were damaged by Hurricane’s Katrina or Rita.”

The process of getting the program fully funded was an uphill battle as opposed to Mississippi’s who was fully funded from the beginning as she continues to explain, “We lobbied Congress for the money to fund this program and they initially appropriated 6.2 Billion Dollars back in December, and while it was a generous amount it wasn’t enough to fully fund the program and address the needs of 123,000 homeowners that homes were damaged or destroyed by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.” “So we decided to go back to Congress: the Governor, the leadership of the LRA and other state officials to continue to lobby for and addition 4.2 billion dollars and Congress and HUD finally agreed to appropriate the full amount which was approved in June.”

The program has gotten underway amidst criticism from leaders at the state and local levels. One of its most adamant critics is New Orleans Mayor C. Ray Nagin, “I think the Road Home Program is going to struggle for a while unless they retool it, it may take years before this money gets into the hands of all the people that applies.” The mayor may be right in his assessment as evidenced by only 1 cash award being given thus far and 255 homeowner awards that have been calculated as of October, 2006. The Road Home Program so far has sputtered out of the starting gate. As a lower than expected number of homeowners has applied thus far only, 88 persons have applied across the state with 11,685 constituting nearly 5% of the applicants being from the city of New Orleans. Louisiana Road

“I don’t want our community relying on trailers the longer they stay the harder it will be for people to go out and rebuild, but if they can’t get money or their insurance proceeds they’re not going to rebuild anyway.”
Home Program advertisements have become ubiquitous fixtures on radio stations where there are heavy concentrations of displaced New Orleanians saying that homeowners can receive up to $150,000 dollars to repair or rebuild their damaged homes initially causing some to believe the cavalry led by Governor Kathleen Blanco was coming to save the day for many frustrated homeowners across the state. But recent award figures show that the awarded amounts thus far are considerably lower with the average amount awarded being $41,382 dollars.

An amount that falls far short of what it would take to raise and repair a home according to Jeffrey May a housing expert who works for DB Consulting Group in Silver Springs, Maryland and is the former Executive Director of the New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center. “Although I feel we do need a road home program or some federal, state and local initiative that works in concert, the amount of money is not enough for people to bring their properties back and improve them considering what is required of the city’s building codes.” He continues, “Raising a home three to five feet may cost somewhere between ten and twenty dollars and could go higher depending on how high you need to raise your property, also you have to re-do maybe 60-80% of the structure that could be anywhere between 50 to 150,000 dollars and when you look at a price tag like that for some its cost prohibitive for people to raise their house and make it livable again.” As to the question of the raising of some homes to meet new flood elevation guidelines, LRA Spokesperson Natalie Wyeth says in addition to the Road Home money there are additional monies available to homeowners where elevating their homes is an issue. “We have a program to provide ‘Hazard Mitigation’ that is to help you with whatever that might cost to help you elevate your house to meet the new flood elevation guidelines, and those grants can go up to thirty thousand dollars.”

The program’s intent and purpose has been interpreted, reinterpreted, and interpreted again causing much confusion about what is the actual goals and intentions and goals of the program. Wyeth feels there has been a misperception of the programs purpose. “This is a program for re-investment in Louisiana; it is really designed to cover the gap between what you might have gotten in insurance and FEMA and what you actually need to fully repair your house or buy a new one.” A point not lost on Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus Chair Cedric Richmond, “I understand the goal of the program is to make people whole as if they had adequate insurance.”

But he is not optimistic about the program’s ability to help all those in need. “At the end of the day I don’t think it’s enough money, but every penny you get helps, I don’t think its adequate but it helps.”

Criticizing what he sees as an arduous and taxing process that may effect many of those who desire to return particularly African-Americans. “This long drawn out process is going to add to the frustration of people who need the money to get back home and the majority of those who are displaced are African-Americans I think it’s another thing that can impeded Blacks from coming back.”

Granville Summers is a resident of New Orleans Lower Ninth Ward and a homeowner who witnessed his childhood home become a casualty of Hurricane Katrina where now an empty lot stands in the same space where the place for 40 some odd yeas he called home is now gone as ponders his fate. “It’s one thing to say you can rebuild, but the city is saying they are not stopping you, but we’re not allowing you either.”

Continuing his thought with a tone of obvious frustration, “I would like to rebuild, but it’s not a so much if you want to, but the city leadership haven’t made sound decisions about what they want to do with this neighborhood. Yes I’ve registered for the Road Home Program, but I’m still waiting for a response.” Summers is like many New Orleans residents who are facing this dilemma of being placed in stalemate, not knowing what to do and how to rebuild their lives and deciding whether to stay in the city move to another part of town, move to another parish or leave the state entirely.

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Louisiana Get Ready For November Elections

By: Benjamin Bates

November 7th is right around the corner and it is a very important day around the state as candidate’s campaign to represent the state as it moves forward in its rebuilding. During the September 30th election voters from around the state approved thirteen amendments to the Louisiana State Constitution and elected a new Commissioner of Insurance James Donelon who won by a slight margin. Also as the race run-off for Louisiana Secretary of State became a heated contest between Republican Jay Dardenne and Democrat Francis C. Heitmeier; Heitmeir suddenly withdrew from the race with Dardenne being declared the victor.

The all important date November 7th is fast approaching with several key races one is the run-off for State Representative of District 97 between attorney J.P. Morrell and New Orleans City Council aide Brian Egana. But the most watched races are for those who seek seats in the U.S. House of Representatives for the state of Louisiana where there are three races.

In the First Congressional District there is former Gubernatorial Candidate Republican Bobby Jindal, who is running against two Democratic Party Candidates David Gereighty and Stacey Tallitsch and Libertarian Candidate Peter Beary. In the Sixth Congressional District there is a contest between the highly favored, powerful member of the U.S. House of Representatives and dean of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation Republican Richard Baker. The author of the Baker Bill in its non-amended form would have made the state the largest landholder in the state. A move that even some of his non-allies thought including Democratic Representative William Jefferson would help people return to the state.

But the most watched Congressional race is for the seat of Louisiana Second Congressional District where incumbent the embattled William Jefferson finds himself in a crowded field where he has several serious challengers in former City Council Member Troy Carter, Louisiana State Representative Derrick Shepard, Regina Bartholomew, but his biggest challenge may be from Louisiana Representative Karen Carter who has become a powerful member of the Louisiana House of Representatives and have aligned herself with the business community in a quest to unseat the previously unbeatable William Jefferson. Who has come under scrutiny, for allegedly unethical acts, one which has led to him no longer being a member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee.

These races are important as the state is being watched by the world, as this is the first part of two on the November 7th Elections. In the next issue we will have exclusive interviews with some of the candidates. If you have any questions you would like to ask any of the candidates please e-mail us at dataeditor@bellsouth.net.
Baraka to Visit Tulane

Ajamu Baraka, Director of the United States Human Rights Network (USHRN), will visit Tulane University to speak about human rights issues related to Hurricane Katrina on Monday, October 16, 7pm. The event takes place in Tulane’s Freeman Auditorium (in the Woldenberg Art Center), and is free and open to the public. For more information, contact (504) 314-2974 or tides@tulane.edu.

Baraka is an internationally-recognized human rights defender, who has been in the forefront of the effort to bring the international human rights framework to social justice work in the US.

As director of USHRN, Baraka leads a coalition of over 200 national human rights organizations that monitor everything from poverty, homelessness, discrimination and torture, to housing rights, employment rights, criminal justice and the “war on terror.” The Network strives to put those directly affected by human rights violations in a central leadership role, as well as connect the human rights movement with the broader social justice movement.

Baraka and USHRN have remained vigilant in speaking out for the rights of Gulf Coast residents both affected and displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. In his article “Hold the United States Accountable: The Internationally Recognized Rights of the ‘Internally Displaced’” (September, 2005, The Black Commentator), he writes, “The extent to which various aspects of the recovery should be funded will be a topic of much debate among policymakers, especially given the federal deficit and competing economic needs. But the rights of the displaced must be viewed as a separate and overriding issue. Receiving protection and humanitarian assistance from government authorities is not an act of benevolence, but rather is obligatory for displaced people – for the duration of their displacement. This will be especially important to remember after media coverage of Katrina has faded, and we must not compound the plight of the displaced by letting them fend for themselves once the dust has settled.”

“If we accept that it will take years to rebuild New Orleans,” he continues, “we must also accept that it will take no less time to rebuild the lives of the displaced from New Orleans and throughout the Gulf Coast.”

In 2001, Baraka received the “Abolitionist of the Year” award from the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. He currently serves on that group’s Board of Directors and previously served as Amnesty International (USA) Southern Regional Director.

Senator Duplessis is keynote speaker at the 4th annual Lights On Afterschool Program

On Wednesday, October 11, 2006, Senator Ann Duplessis will be speaking to the parents of Einstein Charter School about the importance of after school programs in the lives of children. This program will take place at 4:00 p.m. at the Einstein Charter School. Location: 5100 Cannes Street.

“Senator Duplessis is the force behind the existence of Einstein Charter, so I think that she should address our parents and students at our 1st event since the opening of our school,” said Cyndi Nguyen, President of the Board for Einstein Charter School. “Her leadership allowed 422 students in this community to have a place to learn.”

Lights On Afterschool is a national event designed to increase public awareness of the importance of having after school programs in the community. The Afterschool Alliance, Einstein Charter School’s partner, is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization supported by a group of public, private, and nonprofit entities. This entity is working to ensure that all children have access to after school programs by the year 2010.

More information on Lights On Afterschool is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org

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Jesse Jackson Accuses Wal-Mart of trying to ‘Buy’ its Critics

By. Hazel Trice Edney

NNPA

WASHINGTON (NNPA) – Wal-Mart, the giant retailer under criticism for some of its employment practices, appears to be trying to buy the silence of its civil rights critics, charges Jesse Jackson Sr., president and chief executive of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, based in Chicago.

“Rainbow/PUSH has criticized Wal-Mart openly and publicly and consistently and they’ve tried to virtually throw money at us,” says Jackson, who has declined donations from Wal-Mart. “I think they want to leverage our organization. I think they want to leverage us into silence. And, I’m not being self-righteous, but we feel that we ought to be the last one to stand if it comes to that.”

Wal-Mart denies they are trying to buy anyone.

“There are two ways to do this. You can give money to organizations to give them the resources that they need to go out and be advocates for economic development and self-improvement,” says Fenimore Fisher, Wal-Mart’s national director of diversity relations.

“But there’s a whole other side of that which is missing if you don’t pay attention to it. That is doing business with those organizations that are run by women and minorities. We take that very seriously.”

An NNPA examination of the company’s federal tax forms listing charitable contributions for the past five years shows contributions to Black organizations remained about steady between $325,000 in 2001 and $322,336 in 2002, rising slightly to $402,400 in 2001 and $22,6 in 2002, hit with the largest workplace bias lawsuit in U.S. history. That came in 2004, when Wal-Mart was hit with the largest workplace bias lawsuit in U.S. history. That was the same year the company formed an office of diversity.

This year alone, the contributions include a $1 million grant to the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation for scholarships and internships for Black students, a $5 million grant to the National Urban League to support workforce development initiatives; $1.5 Million to the United Negro College Fund for emergency assistance to UNCF institutions; and a total of $500,000 to minority journalism scholarship programs at 10 universities including Hampton and Howard universities.

Not all civil rights leaders feel pressured by Wal-Mart.

“Wal-Mart has in no wise tried to persuade me with money. In fact, I’ve had [Wal-Mart Chief Executive Officer] Lee Scott on my radio show,” says the Rev. Al Sharpton. “There’s where I held him accountable right there face to face. And callers really took him to task.”

As the head of Operation Breadbasket, the SCLC’s economic arm under Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Jackson pioneered making corporations responsive to Blacks. But, he has sometimes been accused of “shaking down” corporations. The title of former Wall Street Journal reporter Ken Timmerman’s book on Jackson is “Shake Down: Exposing the Real Jesse Jackson.”

Yet, Jackson has not only resisted Wal-Mart money, but he returned a contribution of more than $30,000 from British Petroleum (BP) last summer and announced a boycott of the company at his annual convention.

None of the major Black organizations receiving Wal-Mart funds have publicly criticized the $200 billion dollar a-year retail giant as it has mounted a civil rights record with millions of dollars in lawsuit settlements.

National Urban League President and CEO Mark Morial, said, “The National Urban League, we typically don’t do that because we feel that our time is better spent connecting people to jobs. We have criticized policies without naming companies,” he says. “What I have said to them in meetings is that Wal-Mart needs to get a goal of being the champion of diversity. It needs to be the best at everything.”

NAACP President and CEO Bruce Gordon says he has also held Wal-Mart accountable, just not publicly.

Last month, the Chicago City Council failed to override a mayoral veto to establish an ordinance raising the living wage standards by which Wal-Mart must abide in order to expand into the city. Gordon said he met with Mayor Richard Daley in an attempt to stop the veto of the law that would have required so-called big-box stores to pay employees at least $10 an hour plus $3 in fringe benefits by mid-2010. Illinois’ living wage is currently $6.50, $1.35 more than the federal minimum wage of $5.15.

“Do we take positions and are those positions compromised by the gifts we receive? I don’t expect it to do in any way affect the position we take on issues,” says Gordon.

He says to receive funding from Wal-Mart while also holding the store

Foley’s Departure, No Big Loss

By. Stephen K. Cooper

Special to the NNPA from Afro Newspapers

BALTIMORE (NNPA) – Just when Republicans lawmakers thought they were beginning to turn the tide in their favor for the November elections, along comes U.S. Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla, with a teenage sex scandal that focused nationwide attention on the party’s moral and ethical failures.

Foley, who represented West Palm Beach in Florida since 1994, resigned on Sept. 29 after ABC News exposed a series of sexually illicit emails and electronic instant messages between Foley and teenage boys who worked as Capitol Hill interns.

The disclosure sent shock waves through the GOP, and could end up costing the House leadership their jobs in Congress if FBI and state law officials determine Foley used the Interns to break child sexual predator laws.

An examination of Foley’s voting record in Congress by the AFRO shows that while the Florida congressman may have hypocritically spoken out against child sexual exploitation, he rarely supported issues of importance to African-Americans voters.

In fact, Foley received an F on the NAACP’s Civil Rights Federal Legislation Report Card for the first session (Jan. 4, 2005 - Jan. 3, 2006) of the 109th Congress. Foley voted against 70 percent of the legislation the NAACP said would have made a positive difference for Black Americans.

Foley recently voted for legislation reauthorizing the 1965 Voting Rights Act in July, but he also voted last month in favor of a bill requiring citizens to show federally-approved photo identification in order to vote. Democrats like U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., called the bill a modern day “poll tax.”

Foley voted to support a $2.10 an hour increase in the minimum wage in July, but only if it was tied to a provision giving the wealthiest Americans a multi-billion dollar break on paying estate and inheritance taxes.

Foley, a member of the GOP leadership and a chief deputy to indicted former House Majority Leader Tom Delay, R-Tex., was a staunch supporter of President Bush’s policies on the minimum wage, tax relief for the wealthy and the Iraq war.

But even before the teenage sex scandal broke, elderly African-American voters in his Congressional district had cause to grumble about Foley’s effort to secure President Bush’s victory in the hotly contested 2000 presidential election.

According to press reports at the time, Foley challenged former Vice President Gore’s effort to unveil problems with the presidential ballots that confused thousands of elderly Black voters who supported Gore.

Foley was an outspoken supporter of Bush and worked with other Florida state Republicans to organize the party’s political base. At the time, seniors in his district and in those living in areas with Democratic Black majorities complained that their votes were not counted.

Now, House and Senate Democratic leaders are charging GOP lawmakers, such as House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., House Majority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, and Republican National Congressional Committee Chairman Tom Reynolds, R-N.Y., knew about the emails and failed to stop the problem. Or the GOP leaders simply decided to cover it up in order to protect Foley’s congressional seat, Democrats charge.

All three lawmakers have denied any wrongdoing, saying they were fooled by Foley into believing his problems were under control. They admit knowing about the so-called “lover-friendly” emails to teenage boys for about a year, but not about the more sexually suggestive instant messages that took place two or three years ago.

In a statement to the press, Rep. Dale Kirkle, D-Mich., a member of the House Page Board which oversees Capitol Hill interns, noted
**His Way Works, the TV Show**

Well, it finally happened. After almost fourteen years of writing this column, three years previously on radio, and now in the fourth year of the “Between The Lines” TV show with co-host Paul Beaulieu, your “love doctor” is going live on television. Yes, as I now write, I am awaiting my second airing of “His Way Works”, my new live call in show on New Orleans Access Television every Monday night at 9pm on Cox-77.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being Paul’s straight man on “Between The Lines”, but I’ve been feeling an imperative to get a show on the air that focuses exclusively on family and specifically the role of men in providing for and raising children. Some people accuse me of oversimplification, but quite frankly, the way I see it men not raising their children is the root of most of what ails our communities, and men raising their children is the source of much of the achievement and upward mobility in our communities.

Some of you who are long time readers of this column will recognize that “His Way Works” is also the title of my first book. I chose that title for both because I want people to recognize that living like God prescribes doesn’t just pay off in the afterlife, but also in the “here and now”, but His Way, because after all “His Way Works” is more than a title for a book or a show. It is the truth, and I hope the truth will set us free from the crazy ways we deal with one another.

I’m not fooling myself. I don’t believe that there will be “His Way Works” viewing parties among the young men of the city any time soon, but like water wears away stone, I do believe that gradually, some will stop on the channel when they are in need (God works like that sometimes), and from then on access the show, perhaps even in secret never letting their “boys” know that they are supplementing their street smarts with God’s wisdom.

Eventually, I hope and believe that barbershops and beauty shops will find the show a good topic for argument and loud conversation, so yes, I talk trash on the show and call out all the foolishness. So yes the “love doctor” is on the air, well cable at least, and the plan is to teach, not preach.

- Harry C. Alford

**“Beyond The Rhetoric”**

What a perfect response to a naïve question. Recently, New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin held a press conference to formally announce his 35 percent Disadvantaged Business Enterprise procurement goal for all city projects and contracts. He made the announcement at Baker Ready Mix, a concrete plant owned by National Black Chamber of Commerce Board Member Arnold Baker. A Fox News reporter approached Arnold and asked the question “Why is the mayor doing this? Can’t Black business owners network their own way into business development without such affirmative action?” Without raising his voice or showing his anger, Arnold simply said, “Here’s the deal – your grandfather did not and would not play golf with my grandfather. In essence, this is why we are here today.”

It is concise but is also so profound. It reminds me of my personal story, which isn’t much different than yours, depending on which generation you fall in. My grandfather was born and lived as a sharecropper. He did not network with Whites, business wise or personal. In fact, in Louisiana it was against the law and downright unhealthy if one would attempt. He never spent a day in school. His 10 children were obligated to work with him nine months a year. In the winter months of December, January and February, (no crops to work) they were allowed to attend school. Three months a year and schooling stopped at the 8th grade. The nearest high school was 40 miles away in Shreveport and the tuition and boarding was totally prohibitive.

Such was the plight of my grandfather. The reporter’s grandfather certainly played by different rules as the sky was the limit. Schools were public and access was certain. His grandfather lived the American dream and everything his father had was passed on to him and his siblings. He had inheritance, land, networking infrastructures and other advantages that were very valuable to ensuring that the future would be bright. My grandfather’s father was born a slave and, like his son, was illiterate and boxed in by a society and nation that treated him as a bona fide third-class citizen. The contrasts are very enormous and the fact that the times have changed is a testament to the courage of the generation that came after my grandfather.

That next generation, my father, decided to make a difference. He took his 8th grade (3 months a year) education and moved to California during World War II and worked the docks of Ventura County, thus, avoiding the war effort. He later became a local truck driver while my mother was a domestic for Whites whose fathers and grandfathers made big bucks owning gigantic farms and ranches in the Golden State. He was resolved to make a good living, buy land and demand public access at all levels for his children especially when it came to education.

For this, there were multitudes of death threats. We woke up one morning at 4 A.M. and there was a 10-foot burning cross in our front yard. He would often say “They have us up against the Pacific Ocean, all we can do now is fight.” One of his proudest achievements was a lifetime membership in the NAACP. He was never really intimidated. I guess the fact that his father would have been lynched for the positions my father fiercely stood up for and remained alive was true progress.

My grandfather didn’t know what golf was and my father never learned of playing it. If they had, it would not have been a networking event and no Whites or business brokers would be anywhere around to cut deals and make profitable plans. No, it was my generation that finally got to the golf course and that was very late in life. As we attempt to enter this capitalistic society for the first time in the history of this nation, it is obvious that we are playing a very big game of “catch up.” Our college degrees are fresh and our skills are newly learned. We enter Board Rooms as a groundbreaking event. Although we have been paying taxes since the Emancipation Proclamation, access to this economy has been extremely limited.

So now we go into the great system of capitalism. We are neophytes to programs that exist through our oppression and unfair advantage benefiting those who really didn’t deserve such. Don’t think the field is level and nothing ever happened to make you on top. Affirmative action is here to right the present wrongs that were built through exploitation and unfair rigging.

The playing field is far from level.

- Harry C. Alford

**Your Grandfather didn’t Play Golf with my Grandfather**

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The Love Dr.
Data Columnist
Obesity is a Gateway to Serious Health Problems

Larry Lucas
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We’ve all heard about the dangers of “gateway drugs” such as marijuana and alcohol – that using these substances may lead to much bigger problems like chemical abuse, risky behavior and other concerns. But what you might not realize is that when it comes to your wellness, obesity is a similarly precarious gateway to poor health and potentially life-threatening diseases.

For many people, health problems can be traced to poor diet and exercise habits – two factors which primarily contribute to obesity. Yet despite an onslaught of public education campaigns, far too many of us just aren’t getting the message. Last month, at the final session of the Centers for Disease Control’s National Health Promotion Conference, a report was released that said the obesity epidemic for adults continues to skyrocket in all states, for both genders and among all racial and ethnic groups.

Obesity in America has reached massive proportions and the impact on the African American community is particularly profound. According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) more than half of African American adults are overweight or obese.

Being overweight isn’t just a vanity issue. It can steal years – and in some cases whole decades – from your life. According to the NIH, young African American men with a body mass index greater than 45 could lose up to 20 years of life; African American women, up to 5.

While there are many kinds of medicines to treat obesity-related diseases such as certain types of diabetes and high cholesterol, they aren’t the solution. The goal should be to prevent, not treat, these conditions and that can be done through improved diets, portion control and more exercise.

I’m not suggesting that all your health problems could be solved if you just stop eating greasy cheeseburgers and delicious milk shakes. But consider this: according to the Centers for Disease Control being overweight or obese can lead to hypertension, type 2 diabetes, heart disease, gallbladder disease, osteoarthritis, respiratory problems and some cancers. For women, it can also jeopardize reproductive health.

What’s also startling is that obesity contributes as much or more to the development of a group of chronic diseases – including cancer – as does smoking, according to a report published by RAND Corporation researchers in the British journal called Public Health.

It’s thought one possible explanation for why extra weight leads to increased cancer risk is that fat cells produce a form of estrogen that promotes rapid division of cells, increasing chances of a random genetic error while cells are replicating, which can lead to cancer, according to the American Cancer Society. In addition, fat centered on the abdomen may increase insulin and insulin-like growth factors in the blood, which may also increase cancer risk.

The good news is the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports health outcomes related to these diseases often can be improved through weight loss or, at a minimum, no further weight gain. Even a modest weight loss of 10 to 20 pounds can bring significant health improvements, such as lowering blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

There are easy ways to help reduce the health risks associated with obesity and being overweight. First, start with goals that are measurable, specific and attainable. While it’s wonderful to say you’re going to “eat healthier,” a better goal would be to “eat five servings of fruits or vegetables five days a week.” This holds you to an unambiguous standard, but is also forgiving.

Exercise is, of course, another key component to improving your health. As with aiming to eat healthier, your exercise goals should also be specific, measurable and attainable. There are easy ways to squeeze an extra 30 minutes of physical activity into your day, such as:

• Walk or bike to your destination.
• Exercise at lunch with your workmates, family, or friends.
• Walk to visit co-workers instead of sending an email.
• Go dancing with your spouse or friends.

I know it’s not always easy to choose the salad over the double cheeseburger, but you owe it to yourself and your loved ones to pick the salad more often than not. Consider it a kind of insurance for a longer, healthier life.

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Are You Preparing for a Comfortable Retirement?

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It’s not luck that enables people to retire younger, travel, and enjoy themselves. It’s planning. Relying on Social Security or a company pension used to be enough, but today your own retirement savings have become an increasingly important factor in how comfortable you will be when you retire.

There are many reasons why tomorrow’s retirees have to save more, including:

• More income may be required for retirement years as many people are retiring earlier and living longer.
• Health care costs, especially for the elderly, continue to rise faster than the cost of living.
• Inflation erodes the purchasing power of retirees.
• Many companies have replaced defined benefit pension plans with defined contribution plans that may not offer the same degree of assured income.

The good news is that careful planning can help fund a financially secure retirement. There are three basic components of retirement income.

1. Social Security

Social Security provides a financial foundation for nearly everyone’s retirement. Every year you should receive a copy of your Social Security Statement from the Social Security Administration. If you would like an interim copy or have not received your copy, you can call 1-800-772-1213. There is also an on-line calculator at www.ssa.gov. When you have the information, review the history of your benefits. While Social Security should be viewed as a building block in your retirement plan, you must remember that the higher your preretirement income, the smaller the amount of income Social Security will replace.

2. Company pension.

Next, consider any potential benefits from your company’s defined benefit pension plan. The amount of your pension benefit generally depends on your salary and your length of service with your company. Your company’s pension or benefits administrator will help you determine what to expect from this source.

Once you know what Social Security and pensions are likely to contribute, you can compare this total to your current annual income. A rule of thumb suggests that retirement income should equal approximately 65%-80% of your current income in order to maintain your current standard of living. And this amount will need to increase periodically in order to keep pace with inflation.

3. Your Savings

If there is a shortfall in your retirement income, where will the missing money be found? Personal savings are the third element in successful retirement planning. And it’s the most crucial of the three, because it is the variable that often determines how comfortable your retirement will be. Personal savings, invested as early as possible in your working career, combined with tax-advantaged strategies, can be the key to an independent and financially secure retirement.

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Once you know what Social Security and pensions are likely to contribute, you can compare this total to your current annual income. A rule of thumb suggests that retirement income should equal approximately 65%-80% of your current income in order to maintain your current standard of living. And this amount will need to increase periodically in order to keep pace with inflation.

3. Your Savings

If there is a shortfall in your retirement income, where will the missing money be found? Personal savings are the third element in successful retirement planning. And it’s the most crucial of the three, because it is the variable that often determines how comfortable your retirement will be. Personal savings, invested as early as possible in your working career, combined with tax-advantaged strategies, can be the key to an independent and financially secure retirement.
COMMENTARY

Another Date We Must Never Forget

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Having mournfully put another September 11th anniversary behind us, and as we move closer to October 11th, I urge you to stop for a moment on that day and remember the life and death of a brother who was just as significant as each one of those who perished on 911. Although he died alone, from an assassin’s bullet; although the nation does not pause for a moment of silence; although no bell rings in his memory; although his name is not called from a roll; and although there are no marches held in his name, we must never forget our dear Brother, Kenneth H. Bridges.

Ken was a family man just like many of those we mourn in the World Trade Center, in the Pentagon, and in Shanksville. Ken was also at work when he was killed. Ken is just as much a hero as those who died trying to help others on 9-11 because he died in the act of helping others. Ken sacrificed his life, before he was killed, by giving so much of his time to the cause of economic empowerment for Black people and taking so much valuable time away from his beloved wife and six adorable children.

On 10-11, at nearly the same time the first tower fell in New York, and after making his last cell phone call to his wife, Ken Bridges lie on the ground dying, a bullet having ripped throw his body, thinking the same things I am sure those who died in on 9-11 were thinking just before they transitioned. Knowing him the way I did, I feel confident in saying Ken was thinking about his family, his work, his brothers and sisters, and the quest he had been on since 1997: The MATAH Network.

Ken Bridges was a man among men and we should never forget him and that famous date, October 11, 2002. Just as we commemorate others who worked and sacrificed for our people and who loved us more than they loved themselves, we must do the same in memory of Ken Bridges. He deserves no less from those for whom he fought so valiantly, so eloquently, and so tirelessly.

Each one of the persons lost on 9-11 left loved ones behind, mourners who still love them and will never forget that tragic day. There can be no less from us for Ken Bridges, who touched thousands of individuals with his engaging smile, his bear-hugs, and his infectious and indefatigable enthusiasm for true economic freedom for Black people. Had he been on one of the upper floors of either of those towers, or on that plane in Shanksville, we would owe him the same homage, not because he happened to be there at the wrong time, but because no matter where he was when he met his demise, we know he would have been working for us.

As Ken’s long-time partner and friend, Al Wellington, said in his remembrance of his fallen confidant, “The world doesn’t know it yet, but Ken Bridges was the most significant Black leader since Martin Luther King.” How right Al was in his assessment. Ken Bridges “died on his way to freedom,” never lagging back, afraid to be out front, but as authentic leaders do, he led the way; he showed us how it was done; he lived what he taught. In so doing, Ken found himself in the right place at the wrong time, just as those who lost their lives on 911 did. They were where they were supposed to be that day, and so was Ken. He just stopped to get gas, as he was making his way back to his family after a marathon “freedom session” that could have catapulted Black people to new heights in economic freedom.

Ken was in the right place, doing the right thing, for all the right reasons, but just not at the right time. Those in the World Trade Centers were doing much the same. In both incidents there have been rumors of conspiracy and intentional targeting by someone other than the ones accused and/or convicted of these crimes. Parallels abound between these two occurrences, but the parables cease when it comes to how we treat the memory of Kenneth Bridges and how we treat the 9-11 tragedy. Yes, there were 2,900 lives lost that day, but to their families each person lost was a single horrendous act just as Ken’s death was to his family and friends.

I think about Ken quite often, like nearly everyday, as I see his portrait in my office, his “If I Should Die on My Way to Freedom” poster in my basement, the African doll he gave my daughter, and the MATAH jacket he gave me the first day we met, which I still wear. I remember him as I listen to the tapes and watch the videos on which he speaks so passionately about the importance of Black economic freedom.

I remember him through his wife and children whom I speak to and see from time to time. I remember him through our mutual friends and associates, and I remember Ken Bridges because he actually brought to fruition an institution, an entity through which Black people could circulate our dollars among ourselves. He was an “authentic” leader who paid the ultimate price for his leadership and concern for his people.

It’s so nice when my daughter remembers something about Ken and mentions it to me. I am so glad she had the opportunity to meet him. It’s good to know that she will never forget 10-11. Will you? Go to www.kenbridges.org and get to know him. Rest peacefully, my brother.

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accountable “is like having our cake and eating it too.”

Rather than refusing Walmart's money, Morial said civil rights groups should be insisting on more.

“I think it’s about time that Walmart expands its philanthropy into the African-American community. I welcome it. The grant that we have will help people get better jobs.”

Nu Wecker, spokesman for Walton Watch, a group critical of the retailer, agrees that Walmart is doing the right thing by making the contributions.

“But Walmart's political contributions can’t make up for their record of discrimination law suits, EEOC violations, and other race issues,” Wecker says. “These organizations have to continue to hold Walmart accountable.”

Few Black organizations receiving money have done so publicly.

Walmart, which has 3,500 stores across the nation and a total of 6,500 in 15 countries, has an extensive record of charitable giving but also an extensive record of rights violations.

Walmart, with a total workforce of 1.3 million, boasts of being the leading employer of African-Americans and Latinos in the U.S., but the corporations' 225,000 (17 percent) African-Americans and 120,000 Latinos (11 percent) are among the leading advocates for labor unions that the company refuses to support whole families, but rather for supplemental income. Simley concedes, however, that Walmart is working on wages.

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and there is the fear that many will not return and even though the Road Home Program is in place for some it is a little too late. New Orleans Assessor Darren Mire sees this as a troubling trend. “I think to a certain degree the harder you make it for people to get money to rebuild, for some of them it would seem easier to stay where they are and I think it will hurt us as a community especially African-Americans because we’re the ones that are mostly displaced.”

There has been a recent firestorm in the media regarding what some consider the arduous process one must go through while being processed through the Road Home Program that includes fingerprinting and photographs or as Mayor Nagin called it a mug shot. This practice by the Road Home Program recently found itself embroiled in a melee with several civil liberty groups. Joe Cook, executive director of the Louisiana chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union called the fingerprinting, “An indignity, disrespectful, and potentially intimidating.” He also said, “People have waited now for a year to get some relief from the government, and now the government is treating them like a criminal suspect.”

Carol Hector-Harris, the Public Information Officer for the Road Home Program and calls the fingerprint and photo minimally invasive and a protection against fraud. “We have done fingerprint scans to eliminate fraud, it keeps someone from stealing a homeowner’s award.” The electronic thumbprint and the photograph are not arduous at all, the photograph is just like the one you take when you go to get your driver’s license or any I.D. and the electronic thumbprint is the same one that banks use when you cash a check at a bank where you don’t have an account.” It is to make sure that the individual that shows up at the appointment is the same individual who is standing at the property when we do the homeowner evaluation, and definitely is the same person sitting there at closing when the disbursement of the award is made.”

Which leads to the question how long will it take once someone is enrolled in the program for them to get a check after their initial appointment? Carol Hector-Harris says, “This is like a typical real estate transaction, it may take six to eight weeks, but if people have succession issues or other issues it’s going to take much longer.” Also as many people try to rebuild their properties and their lives, this trying situation is not lost on those who administer The Road Home Program, Hector-Harris says, “We understand this is a life changing decision and we have not placed a deadline for people to exercise their options once they’ve went through the process, we understand people have a lot to consider because property is the largest asset many of us have so we are not rushing people to make a decision about what they want to do with their award.”

The LRA has also come amidst criticism by those who said flood survivors in Mississippi have already began receiving their awards while others including Louisiana State Representative Cedric Richmond thinks the formula applied could have been done much simpler without creating another bureaucracy. “I think we should have just divided the amount of money we were appropriated by the number of people affected and sent whatever that number was out to people to rebuild their homes.” While understanding the criticism LRA’s Natalie Wyeth says, “Our program is designed to cover everyone including those that didn’t have insurance and those inside and outside the flood zone.” If we applied Mississippi’s program here in Lakeview, New Orleans East would be rather ineligible. “Mississippi’s program only covers people outside the flood zone with insurance; well they may have thought that was the beat approach, but for our situation we could take the time and extra effort to design a program to cover everyone all 123,000 homes affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.”

While an attempt to provide services for all is admirable the city and the state has had a sad history of fraud, waste, and abuse by those in government, which for those trying to rebuild feels very much like finger pointing of whose to blame is in all directions. Mayor Nagin told Data News Weekly, “I would never again depend on the federal government and the state, and I will never again commit for direct funding from the federal government and right now we wouldn’t be waiting for the state to act.” If I had to do it all over again I would lobby for the money which we did and was successful at doing, but I would have made sure the money came directly to the city of New Orleans. And while the mayor’s points may be valid and reasonable it doesn’t matter who is to blame as residents are trying to find the road home that for some is a road to nowhere. Homeowners whose lives are in a state a flux right now want politicians to get past the rhetoric, posturing and pontificating and down to the business of bringing people back home.

Granville Summers echoes the thoughts of many who feel politics, and a quest for power and privilege equals a recipe for possible corruption regardless of their race and feels that is one of the factors slowing down the disbursement of the resources for people to rebuild in general. “I’ve been to Houston and I’ve traveled to other cities and there’s nothing like New Orleans politics and corruption, and Black political leaders have been neglecting this city, and talking about whites are the cause; but they haven’t been running this city for the past twenty-five to thirty years.” From the mayor, the city council, we’ve had black leaders, and what’s happening all this time is now coming out with KTA and the DBE where people were giving contracts to their friends and families.”

Carol Hector-Harris says, “I’m tired of people offering up excuses for why things aren’t moving faster I just want to rebuild my house and my life and provide for my family and they people in City Hall and the State Capitol are power struggling while we got to be in unfamiliar places or living in trailers.”

In recent reports FEMA has said they will allow some trailers to stay past February, but this is only a short term, solution to the problem of housing and reoccupying New Orleans. Assessor Darren Mire says, “If we can’t get them off the road home money for many it’s going to be a struggle. “I don’t want our community relying on trailers the longer they stay the harder it will be for people to get their insurance proceeds and but if they can’t get money or their insurance proceeds they’re not going to rebuild anyway.” The truth of the matter is that we have to make it easy and accessible for as many people as possible to rebuild their homes. And if that includes banks being a bit more lenient at loaning money and having a different credit rating system these are the types of things that are important and the whole community needs to work towards; to get New Orleans where it was and our population back.”

The road home to New Orleans has proven to be a long road with many paths; some leading back to the Crescent City while others are filled with obstructions and obstacles leading to an unknown place as residents ponder the deafening cacophonous sounds, the colorful people, and lively family like atmosphere of New Orleans lie in their future. Hopefully this initiative by the state will provide the means to return and reconnect with a city that road to recovery is at the beginning stages of a long journey.
Emmanuel Jal: Soldier For Peace

By: Edwin Buggage
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Emmanuel Jal perfoms with members of several New Orleans brass band including the legendary Uncle Lionel Batiste of the Treme Brass Band.

His story is a story of passion, pain and perseverance. His name is Emmanuel Jal, and he is hip-hop artist from the Sudan now residing in the U.K. and in his short twenty some odd years his life story is one for the ages. During the age where many children in the U.S. are living a carefree existence Jal lost his mother during a bitter Civil War in his native Sudan and was fighting in his countries liberation army as a child soldier.

He was eventually rescued by Emma McCune a British social aid worker who smuggled him to Nairobi Kenya adopted him, but unfortunately was killed in a car accident a few months later. Her story and the relationship she had with young Jal is chronicled in the bestselling book Emma’s War and a movie is currently in production starring Nicole Kidman which is slated to be released next year.

Jal was recently brought to New Orleans by the Ogden Museum of Southern Art where he took a tour of the city and performed at the Historic Preservation Hall with an all-star cast including members of the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Rebirth Brass Band and Treme Brass Band. He has been traveling the country filming a documentary about his life. While many hip-hop artists glorify guns and violence Jal’s first album was entitled Cease Fire which was a project aimed at stopping the violence in his war torn country. For this project he teamed up with Abdel Gadir Salim of the Muslim north part of his country for he is from the Christian south together they rapped and sang in a plea for peace.

While in the city he toured New Orleans ravaged Ninth Ward, “It was a tough moment, I was speechless thinking about how the people have lost their homes, it reminds me of my country and how I ran away from home and afraid to go back, it looks like a place that been through a war.” He feels sad and shocked that something like this was allowed to happen in the U.S. “America is a place the whole world looks up to, and to not to come to the aid of the people of New Orleans I don’t know maybe because they were poor, its sad for me to see so many people especially Black people suffering and the leadership of this country should practice what they preach.”

But in spite of all that is not well in the city; the physical space although damaged does not define what makes this city such a wonderful place; it is the spirit and outlook of the people in the face of insurmountable circumstances. Jal observed that the people are still warm although they face an uphill battle trying to get back some sense of normalcy in their lives, “I love the spirit of the people, despite what happened they still smile, and there is a warmth and peace about them and people talk to you in a genuine way and expect nothing of you they are a very spiritual people.”

And while the city is torn apart Emmanuel Jal still sees its illustrious beauty beneath and says it would be a shame not to rebuild New Orleans. Throughout his life one that’s been filled with obstacles, challenges and triumphs, presently Jal’s personality and demeanor is one inner calm and peace and likens his personal struggle to the people of New Orleans and says better days are ahead. “Think about it this way, the storm is over and out of every terrible situation great things come out of it and great things will come to the people of New Orleans in my heart I believe that.”

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