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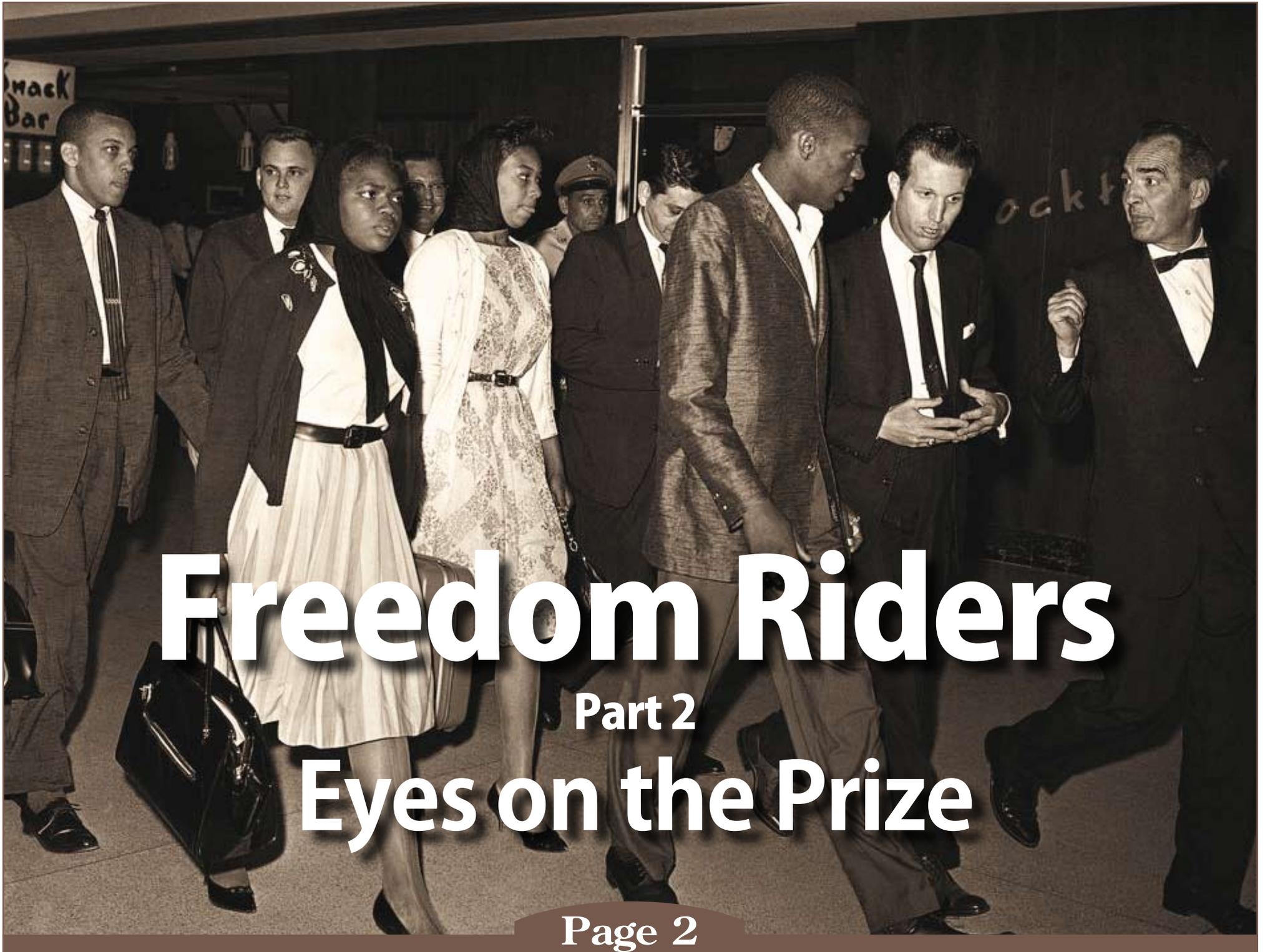
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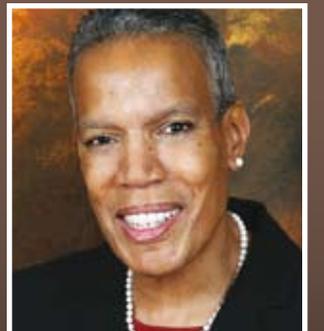
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Freedom Riders

Keeping Their Eyes on the Prize



Four Freedom Riders are flanked by newsmen on arrival at airport in New Orleans, Saturday, May 27, 1961, after posting bond in Jackson, MS., where they were arrested with 23 others at an interstate bus station. They are, from left, David Dennis, Doris Jean Castle, Julia Aaron and Jerome Smith. All live or attend school in New Orleans and walked quickly through the airport without incident to a limousine. (AP Photo)

By Edwin Buggage

Eyes On The Prize

The fight for freedom and justice is a struggle that continues. Last week Data News Weekly published an article on the New Orleans Freedom Riders. We originally intended it to be only a two-part series, but due to the breadth, depth, scope and importance of this period in our history we have decided to extend it to a four-part series. We at Data News Weekly are staying true to our motto of being "The People's Paper". Thus, we are committed to telling our story, for we understand that is our job to tell our story and

highlight those great persons who have impacted our City, the nation and the world.

Uncovered in part-one, is the untold story people in the face of opposition and adversity who had the courage to take a stand. These brave individuals are the soldiers who stood on the frontlines, and those whose names may never be known, who stood up and were knocked down, but in the words of one the most popular freedom songs, would not be turned around. They continued marching on protesting so that today would be a brighter day for America. As a result of their struggles and sacrifices, today things have changed for a group of people who were counted 3/5ths a person when the Founding Fathers forged what was to become the United States

of America. Because of their courage, today a man with African blood running through his veins holds the nation's highest elected office. Also today hands that once picked cotton now can pick Presidents. Today we look back at some of the heroes and sheroes of our City as they reflect on times past, looking at the present and the future of the struggle for justice and equality.

To Be Equal

Julia Aaron-Humbles is a native New Orleanian whose life has been one of fighting for what's right. Today residing in Atlanta, Georgia where she has been living since 1988 she reflects on the tumultu-

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Jack Young, attorney for the 27 Freedom Riders tells newsmen in Jackson, May 26, 1961, that his clients have elected to remain in jail "at least for the present." Additional Freedom Riders from across the country vow to take the place of the jailed original Freedom Riders. (AP Photo/Fred Kaufman)

ous days and circumstances of this dark time in history that led her to want to get into the fight for freedom. "Growing up in a segregated society, and its effects, it was simply unfair, something as simple as riding the bus or going to Canal Street and the indignities you would have to suffer where you could buy clothes, but you could not try them on, you could not sit down and have lunch at the lunch counters, or you could not go to the bathrooms in some stores and we would get books and the pages would be torn out," recounts Aaron-Humbles of the living in days of Jim Crow. Continuing she says, "It was a combination of all those things I hated, so I always had a rebellious streak in me, so I would move the sign on the bus or drink out the White water fountain." Talking about the importance of her family and their part in giving her the will to fight injustice she says, "My father always encouraged us and told us we could be whatever we wanted to be and that we should stand up for what we believed in. It was something that could compel me to want to stand up in the fight for freedom."

While many were committed and in full lockstep with the movement from the beginning; Some began as reluctant warriors because as the first generation of

high-school graduates or college students, they were putting themselves, their future livelihoods and life at risk by taking small steps to fight in the struggle to secure equal rights. David Dennis who rode beside Julia Aaron-Humbles on the Freedom Rides says of his early days of being involved in the movement, "I was a student at Dillard and students were active in the struggle for civil rights and it sparked my interest, The Congress for Racial Equality (CORE) were doing sit-in, Doris Castle and her sister Oretha were recruiting on campus, initially I was not fully committed to joining because I was the first person in my family who sacrificed for me to graduate from high school, and my family made many sacrifices for me to attend college and I did not want to disappoint them." But as he continued to participate in the protests he spoke of the moment he decided to fully dedicate his life to civil rights "I remember being in Alabama, the Klan was there and mobs of Whites opposed to desegregation and there was talk of stopping the rides," recounts Dennis. Continuing he says, "In this meeting we had Dr. King, James Forman, James Farmer and Wyatt Tee Walker. It was not that they were afraid but were concerned." He says of the fire and determination the young

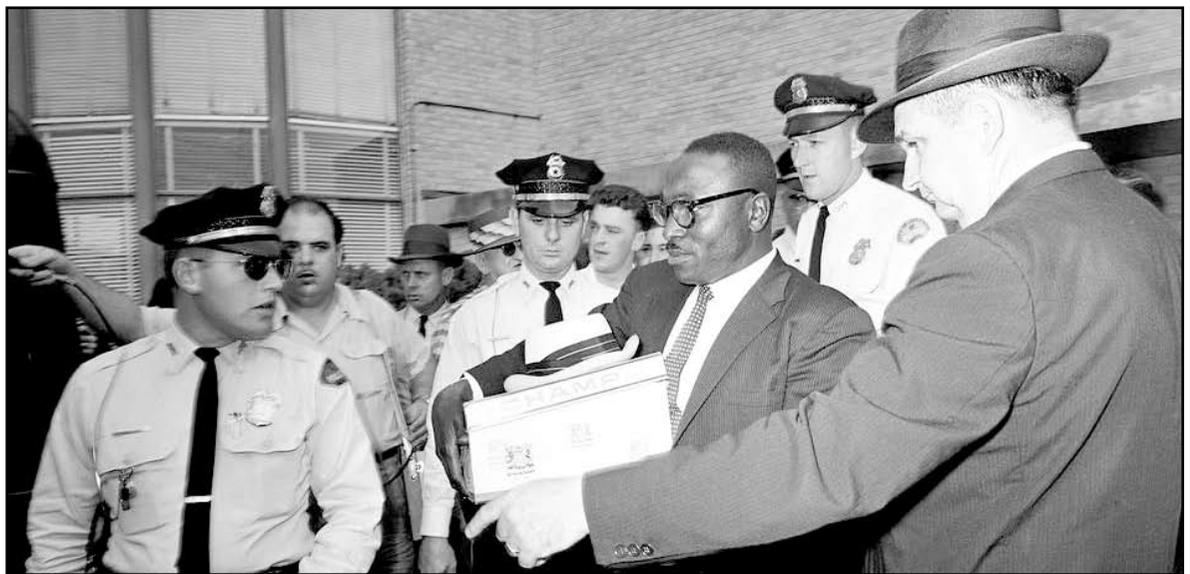
White mobs to get on the bus but we were committed, and that experience and after that I worked full-time for CORE."

Profiles In Courage

There is a saying that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. During the time of the civil unrest of the 1960's many citizens both Black and White came together in the quest to make Lady Liberty's light shine down brightly on all its citizens, as the doors of equal treatment were locked to its darker brothers and sisters. In this struggle it took a unified effort from all sectors of the community. During the Freedom Rides David Dennis recounts one of these acts of unity and togetherness, "Doing the Freedom Rides the New Orleans Chapter of CORE was supposed to be the host group for the riders, so we were preparing them to come, but as you know violence erupted in Alabama, so when those injured needed medical care, they came to New Orleans to Flint-Goodrich Hospital where there were a number of Black doctors, and some of the CORE members were housed at Xavier University at that time Dr. Norman Francis who is now the

to dream, "Julia Aaron said 'Dr. King in all due respect I think you should go down on the first bus,' and she is something like 18 or 19 years old and she is standing up to one of the greatest men in the country and so Dr. King came to me he thought I was one of the divinity students from Tennessee, and I said no he said how did you get the insight? I said, my family as we talked about the philosophy of non-violence and he was impressed and then he said to me 'this young lady Julia Aaron made me know that this movement is going to be a success' and he had a tear in his eye, and I thought about this girl from New Orleans and how her determination affected this man."

Smith reflects on his time in the movement and his time as a Freedom Rider, "I was on the picket line at Venus Gardens, that is now Ashe Cultural Center with Reverend Avery Alexander, I was picketing with the Consumer's League, and that is how I joined the sit-ins on Canal Street. Continuing he echoes the story told by David Dennis and how they as young people made a stand to continue, "There were questions about the rides continuing David



A Freedom Rider is shown the way to the paddy wagon in Jackson, May 24, 1961, as a second bus load of the integration supporters arrived. Fifteen in second bus were arrested when they entered the white waiting room of the bus station. After the arrests, Gov. Ross Barnett decides to send the Riders to the Mississippi State Penitentiary in Parchman, Mississippi to teach the Riders a lesson. (AP Photo)

people felt, we as young people believed if you are not free you are just living and not alive, so at that point I became fully committed in the fight for justice and if you want to die for something then. Then they asked for volunteers and Julia and I was on the first bus out of Montgomery going to Jackson, Mississippi. I don't think any of us getting on the bus thought we were going to make it out alive, we had to go through

President of the university was the Dean of Students."

Jerome Smith, is a name that is synonymous with struggle and the fight for equality, he is a committed soldier on the frontlines, talking about his days during America's darkest hour as it struggled, courageous young people fought to tear down the walls of segregation, he speaks of a young Julia Aaron whose words moved the man who dared

Dennis, Julie Aaron and myself along with other member of New Orleans CORE went to Alabama to participate." Smith talks of this time and says of his place in history, "There are several books out where you'll see I'm sitting in front of Martin Luther King, at a doctors house in Montgomery, this is the night before the buses went down to Jackson, Mississippi. We went down on the second bus and we were all arrested in

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Social Security is Vital for African-American Families

By A. Barry Rand
AARP CEO
Special to the NNPA from
the Capital Outlook

In these days of high unemployment and growing financial insecurity, the last thing African-American families need is a serious threat to the only guaranteed, lifelong source of income the majority of our families count on. It took too many years and too much blood, sweat and tears for African-American families to secure a place among America's middle class.

I'm talking about the current threat to one of the most successful programs in U.S. history – Social Security. Social Security is much more important to African-Americans than many realize. Social Security has become a prime

target of many in Congress for cuts to pay the nation's bills. Today, serious cuts in Social Security benefits are being considered by the so-called congressional "Super Committee." These are benefits that African-Americans have earned through a lifetime of hard work.

The "debt-ceiling" bill Congress passed in August charged 12 members of Congress with recommending additional measures to help reduce the federal deficit. They are due to report recommendations for further budget cuts to the full Congress next month.

There are those who speak of Social Security benefits as if they are something you don't deserve. You are not entitled to Social Security benefits simply by turning

age 65. Nor are Social Security benefits some sort of "handout." You've earned your Social Security benefits. They are based on a lifetime of payroll contributions from your years of work.

We must never let our elected leaders forget the beneficial impact Social Security has had on the quality of life for African-Americans, beginning with reduced poverty and better health. And most importantly, we must make sure they recognize the vital role of Social Security in building and sustaining the African-American middle class.

According to a report by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies commissioned by AARP earlier this year, Social Security benefits are the only source of income for two out of five Afri-

can-American retiree households that receive benefits.

According to the Social Security Administration, more than half of unmarried African-American and nearly one of every three married couples rely on Social Security for 90 percent or more of their retirement income.

In short, Social Security is all that stands between millions of African-Americans and poverty in old age. And the vast majority of middle-income African-Americans count Social Security as their largest source of income in retirement.

Social Security also provides valuable survivors' and disability benefits. African-Americans are more likely to receive both survivor benefits and disability benefits

than White workers, and these benefits are a significant source of income for African-American families.

A study by the National Urban League Institute for Opportunity and Equality found that African-American children are almost four times more likely to be lifted out of poverty by Social Security benefits than White children.

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."

We cannot afford to be silent about protecting our Social Security benefits. By speaking out, we can help preserve earned Social Security benefits for African-Americans for generations to come.

A. Barry Rand is Chief Executive Officer of AARP.

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The registrars of voters will open their offices from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day of early voting. When you go to cast your vote early, you will be asked to identify

yourself with either a photo ID or signature on a voter affidavit. You may use a driver's license, a Louisiana Special ID or some other generally recognized picture ID that has your name and signature.

For the November 19, 2011 General Elections:

All Registered Voters, including Inactive Voters are urged to either Vote Early at one of the Registrar of Voters' Offices located in New Orleans City Hall, East New Orleans Voting Machine Warehouse, or the Algiers Court House, or Vote on Election Day November 19, 2011.

- Nov. 5-12, 2011 is the early voting period for the Nov. 19, 2011 Gubernatorial General (except Sunday and November 11, 2011-Veterans Day).
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Publisher's Letter



Terry B. Jones
Publisher

to secure us these rights. Today our City is at a crossroads and through our lack of participation at the polls we may be putting our fate in the hands of those who may not have our best interest at heart. We can prevent this from occurring by simply getting out to vote. I ask that you let your voices be heard on November 19th.

We would like to congratulate the winners in the contests that were decided in the primary and we hope that citizens get involved and make sure those who were elected are serving in the best interest of all the people of the City. We cannot go down this road as a City and prosper. It is time for all hands to be on deck in the remaking of our City. And in the remaking of our City we need bold, honest leadership with vision if we are to be a great City.

In two of the run-off elections

that are taking place, one is the race for Civil District Court Division E and the other the BESE Board District 2. Both races are important and those competing are all highly qualified candidates, but we can only choose one in each of these contests. In the race for Judge of Civil District Court Division E, we feel Clare Jupiter is the best candidate to fill this post. She is armed with stellar credentials as a graduate of Yale and receiving her law degree from Duke University. With over three decades of experience as an attorney handling all types of cases Jupiter is a woman who would be well suited to occupy the bench in Civil District Court Division E.

In the race for the seat on the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) District 2, we feel incum-

bent Louella Givens is the best choice with superior credentials and experience. Over the years she has been directly involved with the young people of the district, and in these tough times as the education of young people is being reformed, it is important we have a representative who understands the people of the district and their needs. Additionally, we

need someone who has a relationship with the people who would be affected by these changes in education. We need someone who will hear their voices and Louella Givens is that candidate. We at Data News Weekly will say again please go out and vote, this is your City and the power to affect change is in your hands.

On November 19th we will be back at the polls to vote for officials that will represent us. In keeping with being "The People's Paper," one that gives information as well as citizens a voice, we encourage you to exercise your right to vote. Voter turnout was dismal during the primary election, averaging in the mid-twenty percentile. We have to do better because so many before us fought



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New Orleans native Ledisi lights up the stage and the House of Blues and Data News Weekly was there.

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Cain Isn't Able... to Keep His Lies Straight



George C. Curry
NNPA

In Biblical times, Cain slew Abel. Today, another Cain – Republican presidential hopeful Herman Cain – can't put to death the allegations by at least four women that he sexually harassed them in the late 1990s during his tenure as president of the National Restaurant Association.

Cain's shifting and contradictory explanations are part of a larger pattern of what FactCheck.org calls "a proven ability to spread outrageously false information – such as accusing Planned Parenthood of 'genocide' and concentrating abortion clinics in black neighborhoods."

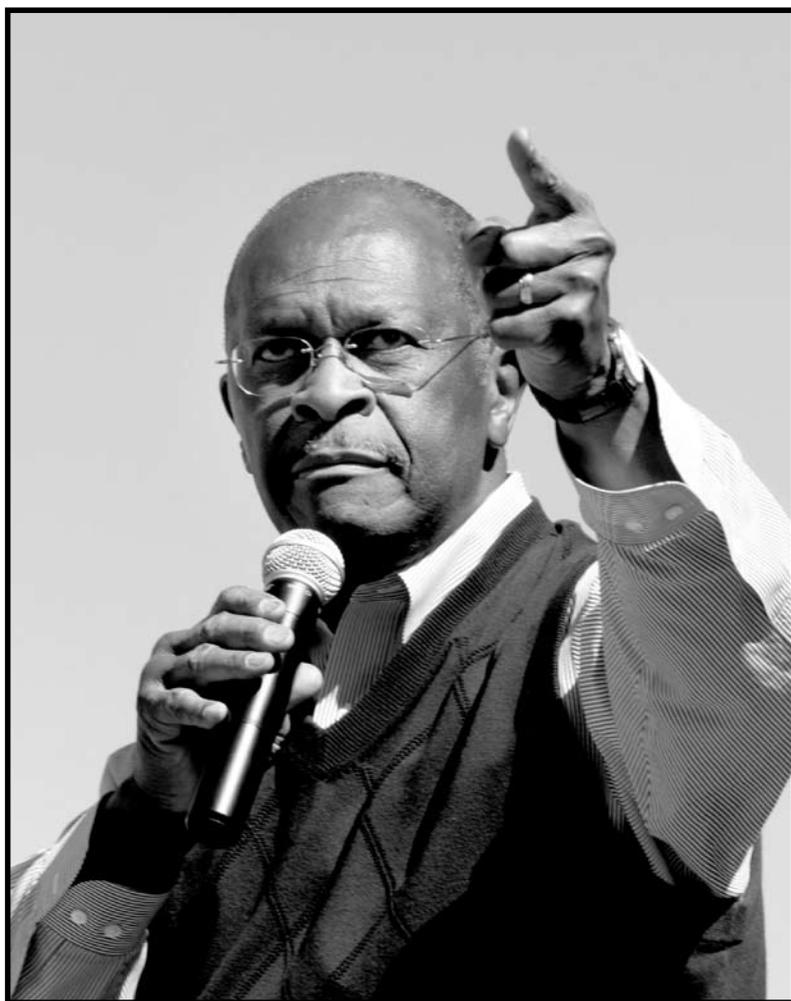
Cain has mismanaged the sexual harassment claims from the beginning.

Politico reported on Oct. 30: "During Herman Cain's tenure as the head of the National Restaurant Association in the 1990s, at least two female employees complained to colleagues and senior association officials about inappropriate behavior by Cain, ultimately leaving their jobs at the trade group, multiple sources confirm..."

The Web site reported, "... They signed agreements with the restaurant group that gave them financial payouts to leave the association. The agreements also included language that bars the women from talking about their departure."

Politico protected the identity of two women who had filed charges against Cain. The New York Times reported on a third woman. And on Monday, a fourth woman – the first to go public – held a press conference in New York to detail charges against Cain. Sharon Bi-alek said Cain tried to obtain sexual favors from her in exchange for his help in finding her a new job.

When the scandal first broke, Cain said in a speech at the Na-



Herman Cain

“And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.”

– Genesis 4:8

tional Press Club on Oct. 31 that he was "unaware of any settlement" with women who had accused him of sexual harassment. Later, on that same day, he gave a different answer in an interview with Greta Van Susteren on Fox News.

According to a transcript of

the program, Cain said, "The one [complaining employee] that I am familiar with worked in the Washington office. And I can't even remember her name because she had not been a long-term employee. But I do remember the formal allegations she made in terms of sexual harassment."

When asked about the settlement, Cain replied: "Maybe three months' salary or something like that, just vaguely trying to recall it."

The next day, in an interview with Robin Meade on CNN, Cain changed the payoff amount to "somewhere in the vicinity of three to six months."

According to the New York Times, it was even larger. On Nov. 2, the newspaper, citing three unnamed sources with "direct knowledge" of the case, said the women were given a year's salary to leave the trade association.

In his interview with Van Susteren, Cain said that he was having difficulty recalling all the details of the alleged sexual harassment incident because it was 12 years ago. However, in a story published Nov. 2 on Forbes magazine's online site, Cain said he had shared the sexual harassment allegations with a consultant he used in his failed 2004 U.S. Senate campaign in Georgia.

The Politico story also noted, "Cain, who has been married to his wife Gloria for 43 years, did tell at least one campaign staffer this year about the possibility that claims of sexual harassment could surface, according to the aide."

The candidate who likes to lecture people about personal responsibility has chosen to play the blame game. He told Van Susteren, "I have no idea who's egging this on, who's on this witch hunt..."

And there was this exchange on CNN:

MEADE: So you feel this is a smear campaign? From whom, do you think?

CAIN: I absolutely believe that this is an intended smear campaign using these two cases – like I said, I'm not even aware of the second one. It's a smear campaign. When they cannot –

MEADE: By whom? Do you know by whom?

CAIN: We don't know. We have no idea.

Later in the program, Cain blamed "the innuendoes from all the news reports that haven't been presenting the facts."

In the Forbes interview, Cain shifted the blame from the media to Curt Anderson, a former Cain

consultant now working for Texas Gov. Rick Perry's presidential bid. After Anderson denied the charge, Cain's backed away from his allegation.

That is not the only example of Cain flip-flopping. He was interviewed Oct. 19 on CNN by Piers Morgan. After Cain said he is opposed to abortion under all circumstances, Morgan pressed the GOP presidential candidate.

MORGAN: But you've had children, grandchildren. If one of your female children, grandchildren, was raped, you would honestly want her to bring up that baby as her own?

CAIN: ...No, it comes down to it's not the government's role, or anybody else's role to make that decision. Secondly, if you look at the statistical incidents, you're not talking that big a number. So what I'm saying is it ultimately gets down to a choice that that family or that mother has to make. Not me as president, not some politician, not a bureaucrat. It gets down to that family. And whatever they decide, they decide. I shouldn't have to tell them what decision to make for such a sensitive issue.

But in an Oct. 30 interview on "Meet the Press" with Bob Schieffer, Cain took adopted a different position.

CAIN: ... I am pro-life from conception, period. I was – that piece that was pulled out was taken totally out of context when we were talking about –

SCHIEFFER: Okay, so in other words – you don't – would not ever believe in abortion if rape, incest or the health of the mother was involved.

CAIN: Correct. That's my position.

As we have seen, Cain's position changes frequently, sometimes within the same day. Maybe contradicting himself or outright lying is the curse of Cain.

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Panel of American Doctors Urge for HIV Testing to Start at 16

By Kellee Terrell

In 2006, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention urged doctors to test all patients between the ages of 13 and 64 in all health care settings. But that universal testing approach has not quite caught on.

Recently, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) changed its HIV testing recommendations. The AAP now wants all teenagers 16 to 18 years old tested for HIV if they live in an area with an HIV prevalence rate higher than .1 percent of the population. In addition, the AAP suggested that rapid HIV tests be used and that STD tests be offered as well.

Older recommendations suggested that all teens who had admitted to being sexually active be tested for HIV.

CNN reported:

"We're finding that when targeted testing is offered to sexually active youth ... we're not getting those youth to actually test and we have not decreased the number of new infections in [that] population," says Dr. Jaime Martinez, an Adolescent Medicine Specialist with Stroger Hospital of Cook County in Chicago. He deals with HIV-infected youth



When should teens get tested for HIV?

daily and is one of the authors of the AAP paper.

In 2006, there were more than 1.1 million HIV-positive people living in the United States. Of that population, the CDC says 5 percent were adolescents and young adults, ages 13 to 24 years old. That may seem like a small

overall percentage but consider this: Upwards of 70 percent of new HIV infections are caused by people of all ages who are unaware of their HIV-positive status. Roughly one of every two HIV-infected adolescents don't know they're positive.

"I can't think of a downside

[to testing]," says Martinez. "We find that youth who test and become aware of whether they're affected... become more conscious about engaging in safer sex practices."

Data also show that adolescents who engage in routine HIV screening are ultimately less

likely to transmit the virus. The sooner a teenager is made aware of his or her status, the sooner he or she can begin treatment, prevent future transmissions of the virus, and, doctors hope, delay the development of AIDS. Yet, despite the AAP's arguments, it's questionable whether health care professionals, particularly pediatricians, will adopt this new recommendation.

In addition, the AAP also wants HIV testing to be done in emergency rooms and urgent care clinics located in those areas with a prevalence rate greater than .1 percent, claiming that many at-risk youths may not have health insurance and thus only use the ER to access medical care.

In other HIV testing related news, last week, a French study found that HIV testing in the ER for HIV was not worth the money or time. Researchers from the Emergency Department HIV-Screening Group found that out of 12,754 patients, only 18 tested positive. The report's authors believe that focusing efforts on only at-risk people is the better way to target new infections.

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Cain Talks Race, Presidential Contest

By James Wright

The Washington Informer

NNPA Newswire - The leading contender for the Republican nomination for president said that his race should not be a factor in his bid for the White House and he has the support of a wide group of Americans to prove it.

Herman Cain, 65, told a sold-out lunch crowd at the National Press Club in Northwest on Mon., Oct. 31, that he is African-American and that should not deter anyone from supporting his candidacy.

"People should not be uncomfortable with the president because of his race, they should be uncomfortable because of his bad policies," Cain said. "We've become more [racially] divided as a nation because this administration plays the race card with class warfare and talk of a millionaires tax. I have the support of many white Americans and they are sending a message that 'we're not racist'."

He delighted the audience more than once saying that "this

many white people can't pretend that they like me," and later singing a gospel song: "He Looked Beyond My Faults (and saw my need)."

Cain is a 1967 graduate of Morehouse College with a bachelor's in mathematics and masters in computer science from Purdue University in 1971. He is the former chief executive officer of Godfather's Pizza based in Omaha, Neb., and his only stint in public service has been as deputy chairman and then chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

Cain is in a statistical tie with former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney in Iowa, which will hold their caucuses on Jan. 3, 2012. The poll, conducted by the Des Moines Register, has Cain at 23 percent with Romney at 22.

The Republican Party has never put a black person on its national presidential ticket. In 1888, at the Republican Party convention, Frederick Douglass became the

first African-American to receive a vote for president.

In 1996, Gen. Colin Powell was considered a serious possible candidate for the 1996 Republican nomination for president, but decided not to pursue it. Alan Keyes, an African-American diplomat and conservative activist, has run for the 1996, 2000 and 2008 Republican nominations, drawing minimal support.

Cain addressed recent accusations of sexual harassment while serving as head of the National Restaurant Association by denying the charges, saying that "I have never sexually harassed anyone and I am not aware of a settlement."

He said that as president, he will "stand firmly behind Israel" and "stop giving money to our enemies."

Cain made it clear that he is "pro-life" and that he backs legislation on the federal level to outlaw abortion. He explained his 9-9-9 tax plan, which would assess

a nine percent rate on business taxes, nine percent on personal income and a nine percent sales tax, as "simple, transparent, efficient and fair."

Cain said that he decided to run for president when President Obama signed into law comprehensive health care reform.

"We don't have a health care problem, it is a health costs problem," he said. "His [Obama] policies show a lack of leadership."

Cain said that he will use the leadership he had at Godfather's Pizza to turn the country around.

"When I became the CEO of Godfather's, I did not know how to make pizza," he said. Cain said that he talked with customers, staff, suppliers, and franchisers to get their perspective on what needed to be done to turn Godfather's around and "I will do the same as president."

While Cain has impressive numbers early in the presidential contest, David Bositis, a senior research associate at the Joint

Center for Political and Economic Studies in Northwest, said that it might not even matter.

"It is 100-to-1 odds that he will get the Republican nomination," Bositis said. "He has never been elected to public office. He has a crackpot economic scheme."

Bositis said that Cain "is a black face that will make conservatives feel comfortable."

"I don't even see him as a vice presidential pick because he brings nothing to the ticket," Bositis said.

Nevertheless, Crystal Wright, a black Republican in the District, likes what she sees in Cain.

"He is talking as a businessman and with common sense," she said. "His 9-9-9 plan is easy to understand and it is simpler than Romney's 59-page economic development plan. Herman Cain is shattering perceptions about black conservatives among White conservatives and Blacks in general and I think a Romney-Cain ticket in 2012 is doable."

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Jackson on the bus with me was James Farmer the National Director of CORE and John Lewis of SNCC."

Reflections: Civil Rights Today

As we approach a half a century since young people from New Orleans and people from across the country made a stand; while there are African-Americans in every sphere of life in the U.S. and even as an African-American occupies the oval office, today some of the same problems persist. David Dennis looks back at his time in the movement and today is still fighting. In retrospect he says, "I think what we did in the 1960's was worth it, but what I wish we would have done differently is that looked more at issues of economics, economic development and education because political power has to be combined with economic power and making sure our young people get a quality education. That is what I

am working on now because that is where you build the floor for economic development and that is what will help us to become independent."

The will to give back is still there and Julia Aaron-Humbles is still involved in helping people, she does community work in Atlanta working in a ministry with James Morton, brother of Greater St. Stephen's Bishop Paul S. Morton feeding the homeless and the needy. Looking at the struggles of young people today she says, "The struggles are still the same, but one of the things I see not in our young people today is they do not have any light in their eyes, by that I mean, we had desires in things we were trying to do and trying to be and I feel some of that is lacking in our young people today." Continuing she says, "They have so many opportunities that I don't think they realize." She feels the power to change starts with individuals, "When you look at the amount of people who par-

ticipated in the struggle it was a small group of people compared to the rest of society, and I believe one person can make a difference, I say get involved, vote, participate because the oppressor never gives anything we have to fight."

New Orleans: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Jerome Smith feels that much of the heritage of New Orleans is being in his words "bleached away" and that it is important that African-Americans try to maintain their institutions and cultural traditions. "When we look around and see so much of what we contributed being written out of history I feel it is wrong." Continuing he says, "It is important that we tell our own stories and continue to fight to have a place in this society and this City where people have fought and died, and it important that people get involved in organizing and know that injustice still exist."

As the public schools have been re-made after Katrina with the mass firing of teachers, Dennis feels that the City must focus on educating its youth if it is to have a better City as it rebuilds, "I am fighting so children can have an adequate education, New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina is experimenting with charter schools and I feel it is the children that are being cheated in the process and in addition to that the mass firing of teachers have made a dramatic impact on a segment of the Black middle-class and that is an issue that is not being addressed enough in my view."

Julia Aaron-Humbles visits the City regularly reconnecting with the place of her birth and still feels like it is a great place but is troubled by some of the developments in the City as they relate to African-Americans and their quality of life, "I love New Orleans and it will always have a special place in my heart, it has its own richness, the food, music, culture and

its people. When I come to the City what I see is less of its coming back but emerging as a new personality, I don't think New Orleans will ever be the place it was because a lot of its heritage has been washed away and a lot of people because of necessity have settled in other places." But even in the face of all the problems of the City and its politics she sees the greatness of the City is in its people, "Nowhere in the world are people like New Orleans the spirit of giving, the resilient and spirit continues to come out the grave to, I reminisce about the places I grew up and they are no longer there and it makes me sad, I see the areas I lived in Gert Town, The St. Bernard Project, Pontchartrain Park, it makes me sad because of the slow progress of the recovery in these areas and I ask myself will they ever be the same, but New Orleans will always be my home and it is still a special place that gave me the will to fight for what's right."

O.K. I'm Reloaded!!!!

By Kingfish
Data Sports Columnist

"The Bat Game" is reminiscent of the Robert DeNiros' scene as Al Capone in "The Untouchables" where he uses a bat to emphasize teamwork. Coach Sean Payton had small bats with the Buccaneers' nickname engraved in the bat, placed in the teams' individual lockers to let the players know that this game, he wanted them to over power and be more physical than the Buccaneers. That is exactly what the Saints did, and then some. The Saints Defense made a statement. The Offense made a statement.

As horrible as the game was last week, is how great the game was this week. I'm not sure I've seen a more dominant performance against another division opponent. The running game this week is what every Saints fan thought they were going to get when they realized the running back core that the Saints had been amassed. Chris Ivory is back, Pierre Thomas is back, and added to that, the greatest off-season acquisition in the NFL, Darren Sproles and The Heisman Trophy Winner Mark In-



gram; this how the Saints should dominate every week in the running game. A 195 yard game by the running back committee is

the only way they will get back to the Super Bowl. As great as Drew Brees is they can't do it on his arm alone. Drew Brees and Sean

Payton said this in their post-game interviews. Yes, the Saints have the philosophy of next man up, but the truth of the matter is that the Offensive line is not deep enough to do so. That means that as well as the Saints O line does is how well the Saints will do.

With that said this week's game against the Falcons ("Fal-caints" as they are referred to on the blogs) is pivotal for the success of the Saints this year. As we all know the Defense has been anything but consistent. The emergence of Julio Jones their number one draft pick is showing his worth of late. That means the Defense has its work cut out for them this week, knowing how to play a true three-headed threat in Jones, Gonzales and Turner. To be honest with you, on paper the Saints have way more weapons on Offense than the Falcons. The Saints, if the Defense plays the way they played this week shutting down the RB Blunt and the very talented TE Winslow they should fair well.

Let's Geaux Saints!!! The time is NOW!

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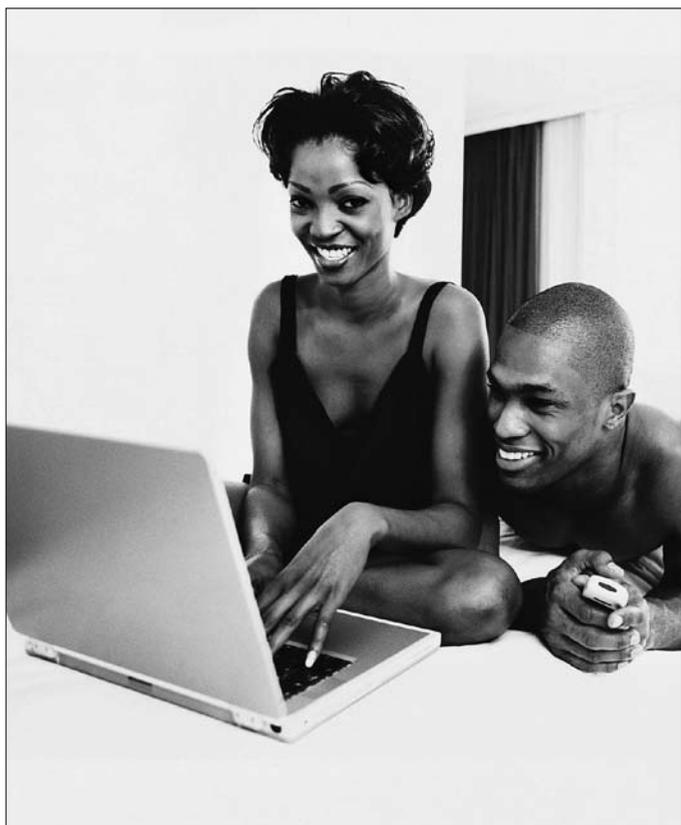
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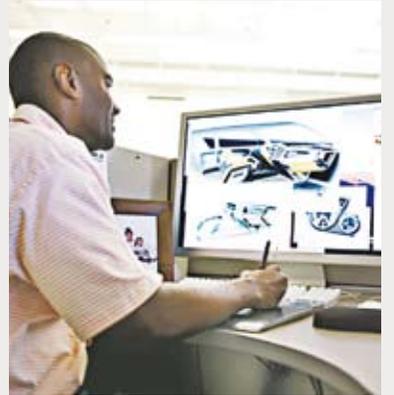
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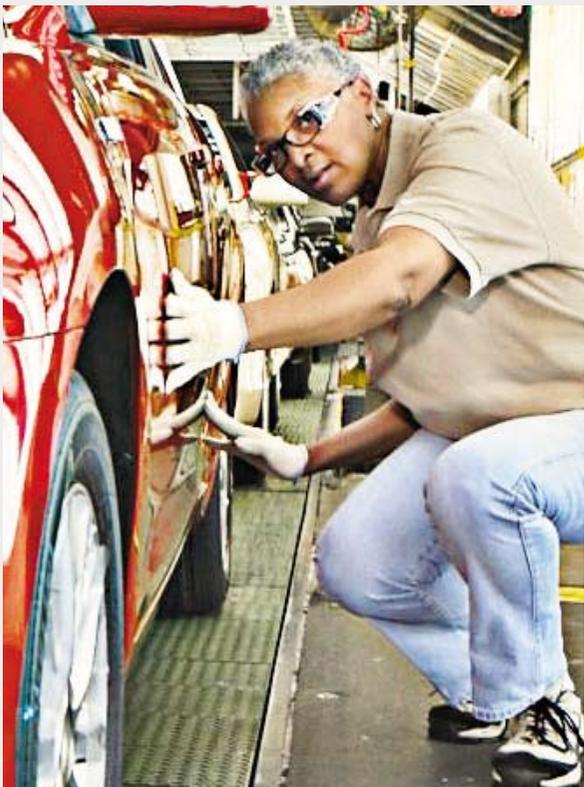
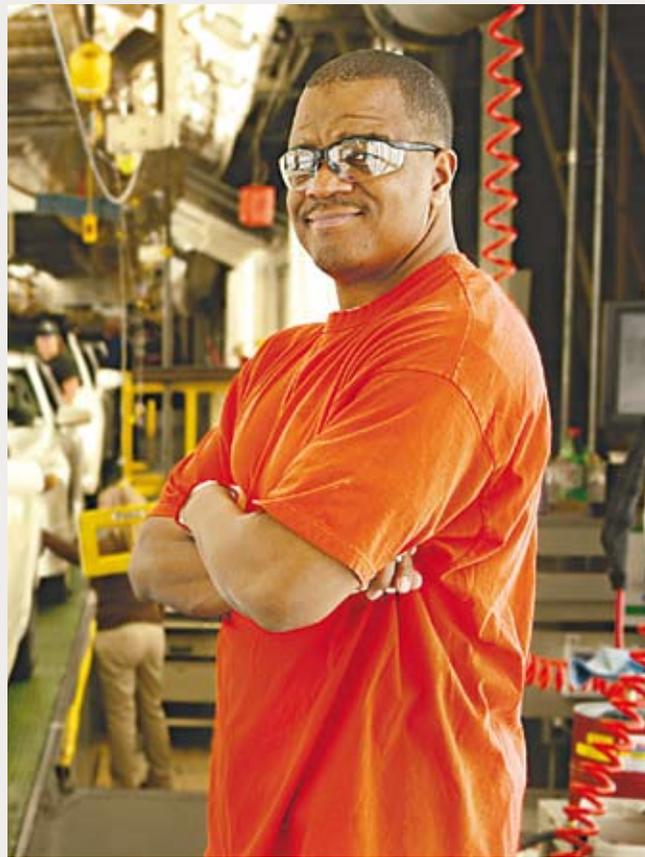
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