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A Life Dedicated to the Fight for Justice



Data News Weekly sat down with Former Ambassador Andrew Young (pictured above) to discuss his new project and reflections on his accomplishments on his 81st birthday.



Pictured are (left to right) Mayor Mitch Landrieu, Andrew Young and Former Mayor Marc Morial as they participated in the 21 Century panel discussion.

By Edwin Buggage
Photos by Glenn Summers

He is a man that has iconic stature in the struggle for human rights. Andrew Young is a man who has worked with Dr. Martin Luther King in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, later he was elected to the U.S. Congress, then served as U.N. Ambassador under President Jimmy Carter, later he served as Mayor of Atlanta for two terms and now he is heading the Andrew J. Young Foundation. Recently, Data News Weekly had a chance to meet with Ambassador Young on his 81st birthday where he drew from his fountain of wisdom and life experiences.

New Orleans in the 21st Century: Lessons from the Making of Modern Atlanta

Ambassador Young was in town for a panel discussion called "New Orleans in the 21st Century: Lessons from the making of modern Atlanta" held at Dillard University where Young was once a student and where his parents met. His fellow panelists included former New Orleans Mayor and National Urban League President Marc Morial, present Mayor Mitch Landrieu and moderated by WDSU's Norman Robinson.

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Pictured above are Ambassador Andrew Young and Data News Weekly Editor Edwin Buggage

Ambassador Young speaking with New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu

Admittedly, New Orleans is a City that has had many problems pre-and post-Katrina. While it is a City with a rich and storied history it has gained a reputation as a City rife with crime, poverty, racial unrest and inequality, political corruption and cronyism. Ever the optimist Young sees the potential in New Orleans, as he compares it to Atlanta when he first entered office, "New Orleans can become a place where it is safe, honest and efficient, it can be a great place to invest your money and get a return on it. We talk about how bad New Orleans is with its crime rate, Atlanta was the murder capital when I took office, but we didn't let that interfere with business, we didn't let that become an excuse, we took that on just like we took on the work of attracting business. Truthfully, what we learned was that the killing that was going on was over drugs. And if you were not into drugs you were not likely going to get killed." His approach is based on focusing on what are solvable problems that can have the most impact, "We had to separate violent crime which was something we really couldn't control from the business atmosphere, which we could control to begin the process of remaking Atlanta into the city it is today."

When assessing the problems of government not being business friendly, he says that's what Atlanta did to make itself more attractive to investment, by making City Hall more efficient and transparent. He also says that today with globalization there are people with money and businesses looking for places to invest and that in the right mix of

government and business working together could create an environment where New Orleans can benefit. "In today's economy we have to think locally but act globally, we must use government to see that everyone can participate and have a seat at the table and benefit from a growing economy that must be from the bottom up." Speaking of his time in Congress and as Mayor, he says New Orleans can re-make itself and do some of the same things, "I was on the banking committee in Congress and we made some things happen in Atlanta; we literally bought in hundreds of billions of dollars of foreign or direct investment. And today there are trillions of dollars in the world looking for a place to invest and they want to make a profit, they don't want to throw their money away, and that is a challenge that government can make easier; and I feel New Orleans is in a unique position after Katrina to bring in a lot of new industries and public/private partnerships that can grow its economy and impact all of its citizens in a positive way."

Andrew Young Foundation and 21st Century Activism

Today as a man who's traveled to 152 countries he is heading the Andrew Young Foundation whose goals are global justice, education and economic development. "The foundation is trying to help people understand how to relate to the world we live in. My daughter has worked all over Africa and with the U.S. Senate, we also have staff that are involved in projects in Asia, the Pacific, Latin America and

the Caribbean, and we have people who by and large have grown up in America and figured out how to make cities work. In some ways it is like continuing the Civil Rights Movement, we didn't have a master plan for Martin Luther King Jr. When something cropped up in Selma we went there and dealt with it. So our foundation has been led by the needs and opportunities that confront us in the world."

The foundation is very 21st Century in its approach to education, activism and civic engagement using technology to spread its message. "We make films because there is so much going on in the world and we want to reach as many people as quickly as possible. If I wrote a book it would take me two years to write it, take another year to get it published and you may or may not read it. We can make a film in three months, put it on television and more people will see it than will ever buy a book and they will even write in and buy a copy of the film to show at their church or school. What we've been doing is what I would like to call audio visual education about Civil Rights and Africa and the world we live in."

Andrew Young: A Living Icon and Inspiration

Andrew Young has seen the society change to where access was denied and to see many of his comrades and friends in the struggle for equality sacrifice their lives so that others could live the American Dream. He has lived long enough to see the U.S. elect its first African-American President, Barack Obama; he says it was something he and Dr. King forecasted would happen even in the midst

of their struggle against segregation and access to opportunity during the Civil Rights Movement. "We have on film in 1972 when I was elected to Congress a time when there were not many Blacks elected from the south since Reconstruction and I was asked by a reporter, do you think we will ever have a Black president or vice-president and I said I am sure we will see that in my lifetime. Dr. King also said that in a separate interview, he said yes, but not in his lifetime, but it would not be long and that was just a few years before he was assassinated, but he expected it to be in a reasonable amount of time."

As he celebrates his birthday Andrew Young is a man who seems very comfortable in the skin he's in and in the time of life he's lived. Where today he is the wise elder using his life and its journey to inspire the next generation, "What one can learn from my life is that anyone can serve humanity, that you can come out of Valena C. Jones Elementary School and you don't have to have the best grades in the world; in fact, I may have had some of the worst and I could have flunked out of school just as easily as I could have passed, the margin was that thin. But when I took on problems in life I could succeed, in spite of what others thought of me. I never thought of myself that way and I always thought I was up to any challenge and some of the most successful people I know are people who have just accepted the challenges on their own and they've been able to do miracles and that is what my life has been about."

For more of this story, go to www.ladatanews.com

Shoot Ya Best Shot!

New Orleans Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Red Umbrella March

Photos by Glenn Summers

This all important event featured The Original Lady Buckjumpers and The Dumaine Street Gang, among many others who joined in a march to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS in the Black community.



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Daughters Of Charity Keeping Our Promises Gala highlights

Photos by Bernie Saul

Daughters of Charity Services of New Orleans (DCSNO) hosted its 2nd Annual "Keeping Our Promises" Gala on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at First NBC Bank, on Baronne Street. This exciting event featured live music by Tanya Boutte and Friends delicious food by The Kitchen, specialty cocktails by Glazer's of Louisiana, a silent auction with some unique offerings, and the Inspired Cross Awards Presentation. Sally-Ann Roberts of WWL-TV Channel 4 was the 2013 program emcee. Holley Haag and Julio Rodriguez served as co-chairs.



Top Left: Mitch and Jeanne Monsour, Gala Emcee Sally-Ann Roberts, Gala Co-Chair Holley Haag, and Patrick Quinn



Top Right: Tracie Griffin, Todd McDonald, Crystal McDonald, Margarita Bergen, Stephanie Osborne, and Terrance Osborne



Bottom Left: Pat Denechaud, Dottie Reese, Margaret Montgomery-Richard, Toya Barnes-Teamer, and Roderic Teamer



Bottom Right: Terry Jones, Ed Marshall, Darnell Prejean, Krystal Howard, Sharon Howard, Cade London, Edwin Buggage

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Where's Terrilyn Monette

City Residents Join Together to Search for Missing Teacher

Data Staff Report

New Orleans residents from all walks and neighborhoods have joined in the search for Jefferson Parish teacher gone missing, Terrilyn Monette as her disappearance now reaches the two week mark.

Monette's last known location was Parlay's Bar in the 800 block of Harrison Avenue about 3:30 a.m. She was last seen sleeping in her black two-door 2012 Honda Accord with the Louisiana license

plate WUN494 in the rear parking lot Saturday about 5 a.m.

It has been alleged that Monette told her friends she was going to sleep in her car, because she had just consumed alcohol, before driving home. In an interview with Jackie Reid of Black America Webb and the Tom Joyner Morning Show on Tuesday, Monette's mother Toni Enclade, stated that "she (Monette) did not call anyone and say she was going to sleep in the car." Police said she was seen in the parking lot with a man about 4 a.m. The man has been identified and interviewed by police but no further information is available on what if anything the interview produced in



Terrilyn Monette

the way of clues or further information which will help in finding her.

Monette's cell phone stopped working four hours before she disappeared, while she was at Parlay's, Williams said. The phone has not been turned on since, making it difficult for detectives to track her possible location. Further in the investigation but without success, Detectives have reviewed surveillance footage from nearby businesses, but have not released any details due to the ongoing investigation.

Police do not believe Monette ever made it back to her apartment Saturday.

Terrilyn's stats are as follows:

Case Type: Endangered
 Date of Birth: January 1, 1987
 Missing Date: March 2, 2013
 Age Now: 26
 Missing City: Lakeview
 Missing State: Louisiana
 Gender: Female
 Race: Black
 Complexion: Light
 Height: 5'8
 Weight: 180
 Hair Color: Brown
 Hair Length: Shoulder Length
 Eye Color: Brown
 Wear Glasses or Contacts: No
If you have any information on this case, please contact the New Orleans Police Department.

Townhall Meeting Held to Discuss Trooper Misconduct

Photos Courtesy of Bonnefied Images, LLC

The Commander for the Louisiana State Troopers answers questions from a panel of city officials at a Townhall Meeting held at S.U.N.O. on the mishandling of two teens during the Mardi Gras season.

Civilians, along with members of the Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club, showed up and signed up as the search was on in City Park for missing school teacher Terrilyn Monette, hoping to find her or any clues that would this case to closure.



Do You Have the Guts?



Dr. Eric Griggs, MD
Data News Columnist

In honor of March being "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month," I felt it most appropriate to revisit an article on Colon Cancer:

Gut Check - noun

"a pause to assess the state, progress, or condition of something such as an enterprise or institution"
(www.websters-online.com)

It is a term often used in reference to sports scenarios or situations in life where one is forced to evaluate their character make up or inner strength. Many an athlete has been called upon to analyze their mettle in order to persevere

through a foreseeable hardship. However, in the medical world, the term takes on a much deeper and literal meaning that can mean the difference between life and death.

Colorectal Cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the third leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States in men and women. The lifetime risk for developing Colorectal Cancer, here in the United States, is approximately 5 percent for both men and women. According to the American Cancer Society, it is estimated that in 2011, 141,210 people were diagnosed with Colorectal Cancer, with 49,380 people dying of the disease in the United States alone. In 2007, the National Cancer Institute estimated that 1.1 million people were living with a history of Colorectal Cancer, some living cancer-free while others lived in various states of the disease process. African-American men and women have the highest incidence and mortality rates in the country. The incidence rates are

20 percent higher and mortality rates are 45 percent higher than those of Caucasians. Overall, the incidence and death rates of Colorectal Cancer increases with age. Ninety percent of new cases and ninety-four percent of colorectal associated deaths occur in people age 50 and older. In people age 50 and older the incidence rate is 15 times that of those in the age 20 - 49 group. (American Cancer Society. Colorectal Cancer Facts & Figures 2011-2013. Atlanta: American Cancer Society, 2011.)

So what does all of this mean? Facts, numbers and statistics are everywhere these days, from the TV stations to the radio to the internet. The reality is that if these facts are not translated to meaningful lifestyle changes and heightened states of awareness, they mean nothing. Colorectal Cancer is a very real disease that affects our lives every day. The problem is that, for fear of hearing bad news, we often ignore the warning signs until it is too late. If you smoke, drink, have a family history, live

a sedentary lifestyle, eat poorly with little to no fiber (fruits and vegetables), are male or female, African-American, and do not see a doctor for routine check-ups, you are at an increased risk for developing Colorectal Cancer. Warning signs include bleeding from the rectum, unintentional weight loss, dark or black colored stools, change in the shape of stool, blood in the toilet, new onset diarrhea or constipation lasting longer than just a few days, and cramping in the lower stomach amongst others. If you should experience any of these symptoms, you should go to your doctor immediately to be screened. Screening includes everything from answering simple questions to hemocult testing to blood work to colonoscopy. Don't be afraid.

Prescription for the week:

When was the last time you had your GUT CHECKED? Do you have the guts? It could save your life. Please go to www.cancer.org for more info. Just do it. Get checked. Get fit. Get Moving!

Pipeline to the People

By Corey Anderson



Corey Anderson

It's been over a year since the Trayvon Martin's shooting incident and there has been no jury, no sentencing, and no apology. As a young Black man, I find it appalling that little to no head-way has been made in this case. Physical and recorded evidence have been brought to the forefront, but we are at, what seems like, a perpetual stand still in this case.

I had the opportunity to talk to a local woman that shared her

feelings about the situation with me. She feels that "when it comes to the criminal justice system vs. The African-American male, it's always one-sided. It seems as if justice is never served respectively." To a certain extent, I concur. My mother has to constantly remind me, a 23-year old man, not to walk in stores with my hands in my pockets and to keep my hands on the steering wheel when stopped by police. To you this may mean nothing. To me, it's a constant reminder that I'm a target, along with other minority males. A great artist once said "[people] fear what they don't understand, hate what they can't conquer..." We are living in fear and by a different set of rules; this is not the American way.

I've been asked a few times "what would you do if you were in Trayvon's shoes"? My answer is hard to form because I wasn't in his shoes, but I could only venture to say that I would have done the same, exact thing. My answer comes from the realization that I am Trayvon and so are many of my peers. This is not the first case in which the criminal justice system has failed, but we can only hope and pray that this will be the last.

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