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43rd Annual Bayou Classic

Grambling State and Southern University Both Undefeated



Southern University Jaguars

Eric Craig
Multimedia Editor

After 43 years, the anticipated rivalry between Grambling State and Southern University will take place in New Orleans.

The Game

On Saturday, Nov. 26th, the Grambling State University Tigers and the Southern University Jaguars fulfil their traditional rivalry at the 43rd Annual Bayou Classic. The Classic will take place at the Mercedes Benz-Superdome, and will also be broadcasted over NBC’s network. The Kick Off

for the well-anticipated game starts at 4 p.m.

During this year’s classic, organizers are expecting over 60,000 people to attend the game.

“Excitement is in the air. The Bayou Classic is getting ready to take over the City of New Orleans from inside out,” Angela Young, Media Director of the Bayou Classic said in an interview with WDSU.

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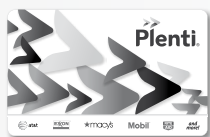
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"People are scrambling trying to get tickets and trying to become aware of everything going on around the game. The Bayou Classic is more than just about the game," she added.

The 2015 Bayou Classic brought nearly 63,000 people in attendance on game day, which has been the highest recorded Post-Katrina, and over 200,000 people tuned in nationally to watch the game.

The Stats

At the 43rd Bayou Classic, both teams are going into the game undefeated. According to the Southwestern Athletic Conference, both teams are 8-0. This past weekend, Southern University secured its undefeated record after winning against Mississippi Valley State (55-0 SWAC). Grambling State, on Nov. 19th, secured its 8-0 record after beating Texas Southern (47-28 SWAC). This year, both Grambling State and Southern University will have a chance to win the 2016 SWAC Championship.

At the last Bayou Classic, both

teams are also tied in their number of series wins. At the 42nd Annual Bayou Classic, Grambling State won against Southern University (34-23 SWAC). After that win, Grambling State has 21 wins and Southern University has 21 wins over the Classic's 42-year history.

In the Southwestern Athletic Conference, Grambling University has 23 championship titles, the most in the SWAC. Southern University has the second most with 19 titles.

The History

The tradition of Bayou Classic began 43 years ago, as the two highest-performing football teams, Grambling State Tigers and Southern University Jaguars, faced off in the Southwestern Athletics Conference.

The Bayou Classic took off as a media phenomenon in 1990s, after being moved to the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. Since then the game has traditionally been played the Saturday following Thanksgiving Day.



Grambling State Tigers

The Classic was held every year at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome since 1990 except 2005, when the City was devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

Impact on the City

The Bayou Classic brings over 200,000 people and over \$50 million into the City of New Orleans. While the Game Day is the flagship event

of the Bayou Classic, the event has transformed into a hub for college recruitment, family-centered events, Greek Step Show, Battle of the Bands and More.

Event Calendar

THURSDAY

Thanksgiving Day Parade in Partnership with the French Market Corporation
Thursday, November 24, 2016
Mercedes Benz-Superdome to the French Market
Parade will begin at 3:30P

FRIDAY

Career and College Expo featuring the IBM Cyber Café
Friday, November 25, 2016
Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Avenue, NOLA 70113
10:00A – 2:00P

Bayou Classic BizTech Challenge
Friday, November 25, 2016
Hyatt Regency New Orleans, 601 Loyola Avenue, NOLA 70113
2:00P

2016 Greek Show Presented by McDonald's
Friday, November 25, 2016
Mercedes Benz-Superdome, 1500 Sugarbowl Drive, NOLA 70112
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2016 Battle of the Bands Presented by The United States Marine Corps
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8:00A

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The 43rd Annual Bayou Classic Grambling State University Tigers vs. Southern University Jaguars
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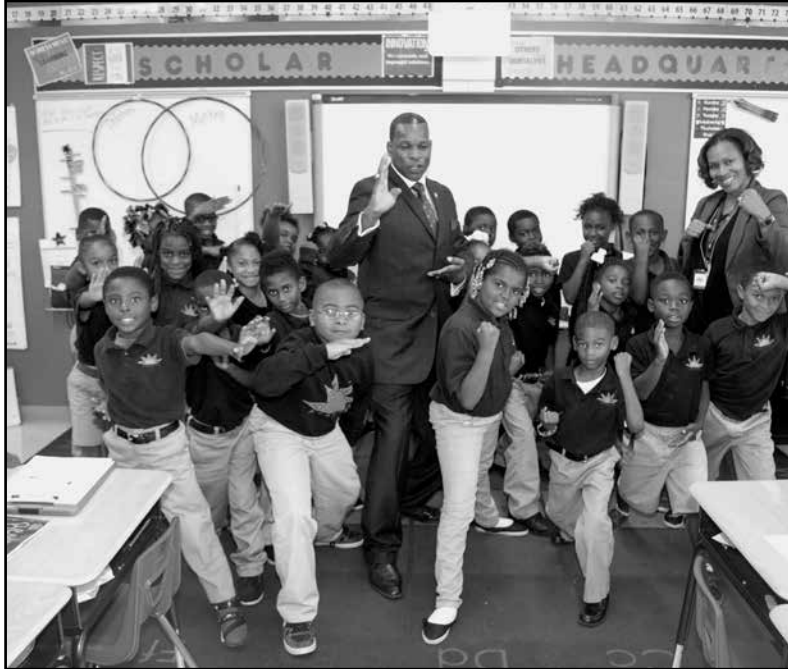
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Blue Lion Karate Academy is on the rise with Arise Academy.

Grandmaster Eric O'Neal, CEO and Founder of Blue Lion Karate Academy, partnered with Arise Academy Charter School in New Orleans. In their two-year-old partnership, O'Neal teaches Karate to Arise Academy students between Kindergarten and 8th Grade as part of their day classes. Currently Blue Lion Karate Academy works with 527 students attending Arise Academy.

This is O'Neal's second year working with Arise Academy students.

On Thursday Nov. 17th, the Arise Academy students demonstrated their newly-learned skills to



Grandmaster Eric O'Neal poses with second grade Arise Academy karate students.



Grandmaster Eric O'Neal and Data News Weekly's Publisher Terry Jones at Arise Academy.

Dr. James Gilmore, Jr., the Director of Children's Cabinet for the Louisiana Governor.

"My job as the Director of Children Cabinet is to develop program and policies that support the development of children," Gilmore said.

"I looked at it how this ties and align with school readiness, educa-

tion, and preparedness for life. And that's what I saw in the children today. But I've never seen anything like this before in my life," Gilmore said.

O'Neal uses karate to teach the academy students discipline, self-confidence, and self-worth.

"This second year lets me see the transformation of the children," O'Neal said.

Both Gilmore and O'Neal saw improvement in the children. According to O'Neal suspension decreased and discipline increased throughout the school program.

"Ninety percent of the kids in my program makes straight A's," O'Neal said.

"There has been a 75 percent reduction in suspensions at this school. You can't match that anywhere else in New Orleans."

New Orleans Opens VA Hospital



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On Friday, Nov. 18th, New Orleans opened its Veteran Affairs Medical Center, the first Permeant Medical Center for Veterans since Hurricane Katrina.

The new medical center is located at 2400 Canal Street, next to the University Medical Center complex. Both the medical center and the VA hospital were built by the International Architects NBBJ.

The Southeast Louisiana Veterans Healthcare System held a Rib-

bon Cutting Ceremony last Friday to celebrate the new hospital.

"For a decade, many of you worked and adjusted to ensure that Veterans of Southeast Louisiana can see their medical center rise from the floods of 2005, and together we have preserved," said Fernando Rivera, Director of the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System, at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Hundreds of Veterans were in attendance at the opening ceremony.

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Council Passes City-Wide Recycling Resolution following America Recycles Day

Data News Staff Edited Report

(Spears Group) Following the success of America Recycles Day, New Orleans City Council passed a resolution encouraging increased recycling to reduce the volume of waste sent to landfills. Local recycling community leaders including LifeCity, Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Cajun Encounters and Global Green partnered with District "C" Councilmember Ramsey, Chair of the Committee on Public Works and Sanitation, to promote increased City-wide recycling efforts.

"This initiative hopes to increase recycling efforts, which will support the City's resilience plan by leveraging sustainability as a growth strat-



New Orleans City Council Member Nadine M. Ramsey

egy, supporting more equitable public health outcomes for the community, creating a culture of environmental awareness, and significantly reducing the volume of material disposed at landfills," said Councilmember Ramsey.

The resolution was developed in response to a recent assessment, which found New Orleans only recycles approximately 5 percent of its waste (eligible for pick-up by the City of New Orleans). This is not only a waste of natural resources, but a missed economic opportunity in terms of jobs and revenue. As stated in the resolution, November 15th will now serve as the Annual America Recycles Day for the City of New Orleans.

As one of the largest tour

companies in New Orleans, Cajun Encounters felt they had an obligation to lead the industry forward in terms of environmental sustainability. This resulted in the launch of their new Green Tour in 2017 to help raise awareness and motivate other local businesses to become more green.

"Our City is a City of renewal," said LifeCity Founder Liz Shephard. "There's no reason why we can't come together as a community and partner to put more resources back into the economy in a way that not only protects our environment but also creates jobs"

Citizens and businesses are encouraged who claim they recycle or learn more about recycling by visiting: www.value-louisiana.com.

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Mayor Mitch Landrieu said New Orleans has set the record with its care for veterans.

"You can take it to the bank that the City of New Orleans and this metropolitan region is going to win the health competition to make sure we treat veterans better than anywhere else in the United States of America," Mayor Mitch Landrieu said.

According to Nola.com, the hospital will have 220 doctors, and over

170 positions for medical students and residents.

The old VA Medical Center, located at 1601 Perdido St., was devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Plans for the new VA Hospital began at the end of 2005. After the land was acquired, the new VA Hospital broke ground in 2010.

The New VA Medical Center cost \$1 billion, and is 1.6 million square feet large.

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Morris Day at Xavier University

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On Friday, Nov. 18th, Xavier University celebrated its 2016 Homecoming with a cocktail party followed by a Concert headed by Morris Day and the Time. Several university alumni and staff, including President Emeritus Dr. Norman C. Francis and current President Dr. C. Reynold Verret. This event was a joint coverage by Old School 106.7 and Data News Weekly. For more photos, visit Ladatanews.com or follow us on Facebook @DataNewsWeek



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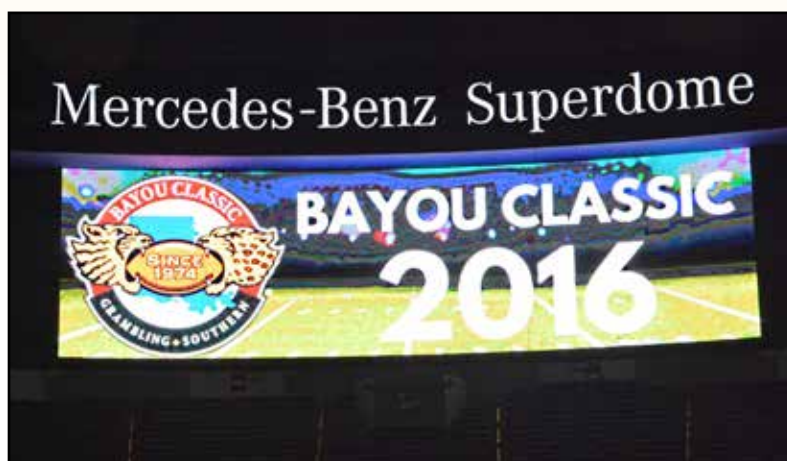
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Bayou Classic Press Conference

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On Tuesday, Nov. 22nd Grambling State University and Southern University unveiled the Limited-Edition Bayou Classic Boy Scout Badge to 200 attendees at the event's press conference. This new Limited-Edition Merit Badge symbolized the new partnership between the Boy Scouts of America, Bayou Classic and their united goal to empower African-Americans. Stay tuned for new Bayou Classic updates on our website, ladatanews.com and on Facebook and twitter @DataNewsWeek.



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A Community of Journalists and Politicians Deliver an Emotional Goodbye to Gwen Ifill

Lauren Victoria Burke
NNPA Newswire Contributor

A low key, but solid strain of references to current affairs was heard in the eulogies for much loved and respected Journalist Gwen Ifill at her funeral on November 19th.

The name of the next president of the United States was never spoken, but the subtext of her death six days before the end of an unstable political season was a repeated refrain. Several eulogists noted that her passing was the end of a career featuring clarity and objective reason, qualities that journalism is desperately in need of at this moment.

Ifill was a former reporter for "The New York Times" and "The Washington Post" before joining NBC News and then PBS in 1999 as host of "Washington Week" and the "NewsHour."

Ifill's Co-Anchor on the PBS "NewsHour," Judy Woodruff, said her on-air partner was needed "more than ever" in light of current events. Her cousin NAACP Legal Defense Fund President Sherrilyn Ifill, mentioned the importance of the immigrant experience. Gwen Ifill was the daughter of immigrants from Barbados. After Sherrilyn Ifill spoke the words, "she was the daughter of immigrants" the crowd in the packed church delivered a standing ovation.

Before those words former Attorney General Eric Holder told the crowd full of journalists of the importance to live in the principles Gwen Ifill demonstrated in her journalistic career. Warning against los-



A community of Journalists and Politicians mourn the loss of Veteran Journalist Gwen Ifill. (Lauren Victoria Burke/NNPA)

ing principles and avoiding asking tough questions and instead choosing to sell out those principles for "access maintenance."

Ifill died at age of 61 on November 14th at a hospice in Washington, D.C. after battling Endometrial Cancer for a year. The faces and themes of her funeral were a tribute to a well-connected, busy life full of shared experiences with close friends.

Ifill's jarring death was another substantial loss in the African American Journalistic Commu-

nity just 86 days after the sudden death of former NNPA Editor in Chief George Curry on August 20th. Many of Ifill's friends and co-workers were seen crying during and after the sometimes sober but often jovial service and the Historic Metropolitan A.M.E Church a few blocks from the White House.

The funeral was the second part of a series of tribute events for Gwen Ifill. The veteran journalist was a member of Metropolitan A.M.E. since 1989. Leaders of the historic church honored her by an-

nouncing the dedication of a pew in the seventh row of the church.

Ifill was eulogized by her friends including Woodruff, Holder and former New York Times Senior Editor Richard Berke and "Face the Nation" host John Dickerson. She was also eulogized by the first African-American woman to be hired as a reporter at "The Washington Post," Dorothy Gilliam.

First Lady Michelle Obama, Mayor Muriel Bowser, Attorney General Loretta Lynch, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson,

White House Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett and Assistant to the President Broderick Johnson also attended.

Also in attendance during the memorial on November 18th and at her funeral the next day, were interim DNC Chair Donna Brazile, Journalist Charlayne Hunter-Gault, Vernon Jordan, New York Times Columnist David Brooks, Federal Housing Finance Association Director and former Congressman Mel Watt, Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-OH), NBC News' Chuck Todd, Ifill's close friend Michelle Norris and Michele Martin, former CNN Anchor Bernard Shaw, former ABC News Producers Lynne Adrine, Rocci Fisch and Karen DeWitt, FCC Board Member Mignon Clyburn, Omorosa Manigault, Journalist Roland Martin, former NPR Executive Madhulika Sikka, Journalist Richard Prince, Children's Defense Fund President Marian Wright Edelman and PBS Correspondent Jeffrey Brown.

The funeral ceremony ended with a "ceremony of the sistahood." The ceremony was a silent prayer circle of seven of Ifill's female friends who held hands around an urn containing Ifill's ashes. At the end of the ceremony, the participants cried and hugged marking the end of the almost three-hour service.

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Democrats Could Lose Even More in 2018



Julianne Malveaux
NNPA Columnist

The apprehension that I felt upon Donald Trump's victory in the presidential election has only increased as he has announced the appointments of his chief of staff, strategist, and cabinet members. As of this

writing, he has mainly announced the selection of older White men, including the racist, Alabama Senator Jeff Sessions, to lead the Justice Department. The senator's use of highly inflammatory racial rhetoric (including describing the NAACP as an "un-American" organization, and expressing support for the KKK) prevented his confirmation to the U.S. District Court in 1986. Now, he will be charged with law enforcement in our nation.

Equally troubling has been the selection of Stephen Bannon, his campaign chairman, as chief White House strategist and senior counselor. Bannon is the Execu-

tive Chairman of Breitbart News, a news website that has been the home of the alt-right, the source of lies, hate, nastiness and racist rhetoric. President Barack Obama had to walk away from Minister Jeremiah Wright because one of his sermons was considered racist by some Whites. Trump openly embraces racists and is applauded for it.

The position that Bannon will hold does not require Senate confirmation, while the position that Sessions will be nominated for does. With 54 Republicans in the Senate, Sessions is almost certain to be nominated. Hopefully Demo-

crats have retained enough of a backbone to raise questions about Sessions' racism. Senate newcomers Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) may be among the first to raise the questions. Still, Republicans will have the votes to confirm anyone they want to confirm. Welcome to the age of Trump.

Will Republicans get more of an edge in the Senate when we go to the polls in 2018? Thirty-three Senate seats will be up for grabs then. Republicans hold eight of them. Independents Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Angus King (I-Maine), who caucus and vote with Democrats

are both likely to be candidates for re-election. A whopping 23 seats currently held by Democrats could be flipped. If some of the states that went Republican in this year's election can be tilted, Republicans can widen their margin in the Senate.

The Trump campaign (and its affiliated super PACs) have as much as \$60 million to spend, and can use it to build ground operations in states where Democrats closely lost this year. (Hillary and her affiliated super PACs may have as much as \$70 million to spend). Democrats lost Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsyl-

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Is Donald Trump the Alt-Right's Manchurian Candidate?

President-Elect Trump Embrace of White Nationalism by Choosing Steve Banon as Chief Advisor Sends Wrong Signal in Divided America



By Edwin Buggage
Editor, Data News Weekly

Americans Divided After Election

In a country that is divided after a contentious election, where people were visibly upset and as of the writing of this piece protests are going on all over America. It is truly unsure times in a divided America, where questions of who we will be in the 21st Century both at home and abroad. After 18 months of fiery and controversial rhetoric; President-Elect Donald Trump in his acceptance speech spoke of trying to bring people together and that he would govern for all Americans. Then two days later the nation saw a more sober and restrained Trump with President Obama shaking hands, something

that gave some a semblance of hope that perhaps the rhetoric during the campaign would not be reflected in his style of governing the country.

Shortly, thereafter while not as boisterous on the television program "60 Minutes" he returned to some of his most controversial positions like building a wall on the southern border and many of the other policy positions he spoke of during the campaign. Additionally, in his first major appointments he has caused a firestorm, by choosing Steve Banon, his Campaign Chair and former Chairman of Breitbart News, a media organization that embraces the alt-right and White Nationalism as his Chief Strategist. This choice while understandable in that Trump coming from a business values loyalty and Banon helped him win the election, but when it comes to governing the country for all Americans this is alarming to many Americans.

Trump: The Alt-Right Manchurian President?

Many would say that Trump's ego caused him to run for the nation's highest office and it is my

thought that he did not expect to win, but wanted to make a statement to the establishment. But in that process, I feel that Trump unwittingly made a deal with the devil by embracing the alt-right and become their Manchurian Candidate, that's defined as a person that has unknowingly been convinced to act toward some interest. And with his appointment of Steve Banon as Chief Strategist it seems this is the case. This is not the right signal for someone who wants to build bridges of understanding and get the country going in the right direction. It in fact does the opposite.

If this is the course of the country with seats on the Supreme Court to be determined and both houses of Congress being controlled by Republicans we may see attempts to turn back the clock on many of the gains so many have fought hard in the area of Civil Rights, Women's Rights and other marginalized groups in this country.

Trump Wants to Build a Wall but First He Must Learn to Build Bridges

In this time where bridges of understanding and calm need to be

front and center in our divided nation during these uncertain times, the appointment of Banon sends the wrong signal. And as opposed to this proposed wall with Mexico, President-Elect Trump is speaking of building he is already erecting a wall between the citizens of America.

Today it is the job of Trump who's been muzzled as of late to speak with a loud voice and show some sense of decency and respect for all Americans and let not just with his words but actions speak clearly about the type of president he will be. For it is he who will set the tone for who we are as a nation, not just for us but for the world and in one his first major decisions as president he has shown that he may not fully understand the scope and impact of what his actions mean.

It is time for President-Elect Trump to understand that running a business and running the country are two different things. Business is many times impersonal and focused on the bottom line and governing a country the bottom line is how policies effect people. And when you have a part of the country that is

afraid of what will happen next, your job is to help heal the wounds of a contentious election. It is time for him to be bigger than any slogan and show the country that he is fit to lead. And while many are questioning what happened on November 8th the election is over and people are still trying to figure out what kind of commander-in-chief Trump will be. And it is his charge as president to be one who must think big and realize that perception sometimes becomes reality for many. And in this case Trump is showing either his inexperience or naiveté in his choice of Banon.

America's New Fight: The Alt-Right vs What's Right

But in the end, it is not simply up to Trump or Banon as to the direction of this nation for the next four years. It is up to us the American people who are decent and want to see the nation move in the right direction to continue to be civically active for this is our democracy and our hands must be in shaping what it is to become. And while Trump has embraced the alt-right, it is up to the American people to continue to fight for what's right.

Managing Pain and Opioid Addiction in the Black Community



By Patricia Maryland, Dr.PH
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As America grapples with prescription opioid addiction, an epidemic shattering communities across our nation, healthcare providers face a challenging question: How can we help patients treat and manage their pain while reducing the risk of addiction?

Pain management is a serious health issue, as chronic cases of pain now affect more Americans than diabetes, heart disease and

cancer combined. Not only does persistent pain afflict the emotional and financial well-being of people and their families, it also exacts a significant strain on our country — in the form of healthcare costs, long-term disability and lost worker productivity.

Pain does not discriminate based on background or health status, yet research points to substantial disparities in the prevalence, treatment and outcomes of pain. For many African-Americans and other minorities, understanding why these disparities exist is paramount to achieving pain care equity and improving quality of life.

Minorities are not at a higher risk for pain-related conditions than their White counterparts, but African-Americans consistently receive less-adequate treatment for

acute and chronic pain — even after controlling for age, gender and pain intensity. What's more, research also shows that minorities are more likely to be prescribed less-effective, non-opioid medications — or opioids at a lower prescription dosage — than Whites, even when pain severity levels are comparable.

That is not to say opioids are always the preferred tool for treating pain. Indeed, when appropriately administered, opioids can help patients relieve or manage their pain. However, the prescription of less-effective medications or lower dosages does signal a troubling gap in instances when opioids can be an effective, pragmatic solution for African American patients.

Many factors are at play in understanding why African American patients are more likely to receive inadequate pain treatment, but physician bias is perhaps the biggest factor. While most physicians are strong advocates for health equity, negative preconceptions can creep into how pain is addressed in the clinical setting. Eliminating these biases is one key way we can achieve better outcomes for African-Americans experiencing pain, and that starts by understanding a patient's heritage and belief system. With greater cultural competence, physicians can better manage pain in a manner that's

compatible with and respectful of patients' backgrounds.

Access is another instrumental lever in erasing the pain care gap. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) helped to increase access to healthcare considerably for African-Americans, but too many individuals remain uninsured or unable to access basic medical services, including pain relief. Encouraging loved ones to take advantage of the opportunities provided by the ACA can help them access the care and treatment they need to live comfortably.

But access alone is not enough. Equally important is building trust with the healthcare community — so that pain-related conditions can be treated, managed and prevented. We know some African-Americans continue to be skeptical of the healthcare system, and that lack of trust can lead African American patients to underreport their pain levels, only furthering inadequate pain management. African American patients must take charge of their health and feel empowered to honestly communicate and set expectations with healthcare providers in order to receive the right care at the right time.

At Ascension, we're working to achieve equitable pain management across all minority groups. We know our field is at a tipping point, and a failure to treat pain is not only

poor medicine, it's denying our brothers and sisters a basic human right. That's why we are working in concert with our patients to develop national, comprehensive guidelines to pain management — standards that embed healthcare equity with our understanding of patient history and cultural sensitivity.

Guided by this understanding and deepened by our relationships with our patients, we are committed to the highest standard of pain management along the care continuum. This work also requires we actively engage African American patients and explore all pathways to care — including non-medicine, integrated forms of therapy.

There is still much more work to do to truly and fully eradicate disparities in pain management, and every member of our community has a role to play. Too many of our family members, friends and neighbors are hurting — often in silence — from pain in many different forms. Together, healthcare providers and the communities we serve can empower and support vulnerable patients along their pathway to relief.

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Troy Carter

A Life Dedicated to Building Bridges in our Community

by: Edwin Buggage

Selfless and service are two words that describe Troy Carter; a man who has dedicated his life as both a public servant and private citizen to helping others. "To whom much is given much is required and I grew up in a household with a mother who instilled in us the importance of giving back and the passing on of life's lessons," says Carter of the origins of his will to give back. "From a young age, I have enjoyed volunteering, helping people, so it was natural for me to live a life that is centered on serving my community."

In addition to his work as an elected official, Carter serves on several boards most notably the Police Athletic League and Boys and Girls Club where he was the Chairman of the Southeastern region. While he is passionate about helping young people, Carter is also concerned with helping all that are in need. He is the type of elected leader who when the cameras are off he is still doing the work of serving others. Several times a year this is on display as he hosts an Annual Thanksgiving Dinner that is in its 24th year. Additionally, he gives away gifts for Christmas and school supplies to children at the beginning of the school year.

Speaking about these events he says, "I will be celebrating my 24th year of serving Thanksgiving Dinner to the community.



It is free and we provide food with all the trimmings and we have door prizes and entertainment. It is a great time to fellowship, and to share with the whole community and it has evolved and it demonstrates the true meaning of what Thanksgiving is about." Continuing he says, "It's for senior citizens, people who are having a hard time economically, for people who may be transitioning and find themselves homeless and it's for anybody who do not have somebody to spend their Thanksgiving with and we become their family for the day. We also give toys away at Christmas, and School supplies to kids at the beginning of the year. These are things

I did before I was elected and will do long after I leave elected life."

Throughout his political career, he has been a bridge builder bringing diverse populations together. In the various offices, he's held as a State Representative, City Councilman and now State Senator, Carter is the first African-American elected in the districts he's represented. When asked of what is about his message and leadership style that connects with diverse voters he says, "I am proud I have been able to be a bridge builder and cross the aisle to work with Democrats and Republicans both White and Black. To me it is simple; you treat people the way you want to be treated. Do-

ing a lot of listening, being sincere and reaching out. If you treat people, the way you want to be treated. It is not about party but doing what's right and you can get things accomplished."

In his many years in public life Carter has met many great people and been inspired by their

work and now he is on the front lines of the struggle for equality and fairness for all people. Speaking of his meeting these iconic figures and his contribution he says, "I have been blessed, honored and humbled to meet President Obama on multiple occasions, Coretta Scott King, Jesse Jackson, Eric Holder, Michelle Obama, Hillary and Bill Clinton, Nelson Mandela. But in the work, I do what's meant most to me was helping a family in need doing something as simple as helping them keep their lights from getting cut off or for some regulatory reason a small business fell behind on their taxes they want to pay it and for me to be able to make a phone call and grant them some relief to save their business or keep their lights on or their home from going into foreclosure. For me that is the greatest gift I can have as it relates to service and that is to help someone in need."

Carter has dedicated much of his adult life to public service, but he says what also gives his life meaning and purpose is his two sons Troy Anthony Carter Jr. 17, and Joshua Anthony Carter, who will turn 15 next month. "For all I, have done in public life having two wonderful sons and looking at them and being the best father I can be is what wakes me up in the morning. That's my pride and joy. With all the wonderful titles I, have been blessed to have the most significant one for me is dad."

Carter believes anyone can serve and after this Presidential election feels it is time for more people to get involved in bettering their communities. "Volunteer every chance you can. We have got to stand up and fight together and it is going to take preparation, education, engagement and involvement from all of us to build the kind of communities we want for ourselves and future generations."

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The Black Unemployment Rate is Double that of Whites

By Freddie Allen
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Black workers lost ground last month, as the unemployment rate increased from 8.3 percent in September to 8.6 percent in October, according to the latest jobs report from the Labor Department.

October was a bad month for Black workers, in general. Not only did the share of Black workers in the labor force slide, the share of Blacks who held jobs (employment-population ratio) also declined. The employment-population ratio for Blacks decreased from 56.8 percent in September to 56.5 percent in October.

The White unemployment rate improved slightly from the 4.4 percent mark set in September to 4.3 percent in October. The labor

force participation rate for White workers ticked down from 62.9 percent in September to 62.8 percent in October. The employment-population ratio slipped from September's 60.2 percent to 60.1 percent in October.

Among adults 20 years and older, Black men suffered the biggest setback in October. The unemployment rate for Black men jumped from 8.2 percent in September to 8.7 percent in October. The participation rate for Black men remained unchanged from September to October (67.5 percent) and the employment-population ratio also decreased from 62 percent in September to 61.7 percent in October.

The jobless rate for White men hasn't changed since July (4.1 percent) and the share of White male

workers that were employed (69 percent) hasn't changed since August. The labor force participation rate decreased from 72 percent in September to 71.9 percent in October.

The jobless rate for Black women over 20 years-old ticked up from 7 percent in September to 7.1 percent in October. The labor force participation rate for Black women remained at 62.3 percent the same mark set in September, but the employment-population ratio weakened slightly edging down from 58 percent in September to 57.9 percent in October.

Last month, the unemployment rate for White women was the lowest of all adult working groups at 3.8 percent, but the participation rate for White women took a step down from 57.5 percent in September to 57.4 percent in October. The em-

ployment-population ratio for White women was 55.3 percent, the same mark set in September.

Elise Gould, a senior economist at the Economic Policy Institute, said that there was some good news in October's jobs report noting that the economy added 161,000 new jobs and that "nominal wage growth increased 2.8 percent over the year" which could indicate that workers are starting to gain some leverage in the labor market.

The national unemployment rate improved from 5 percent in September to 4.9 percent in October. The healthcare sector added 31,000 jobs in October and 415,000 jobs over the past 12 months, according to the Labor Department.

"The economy continues to move in the right direction, but considerable slack remains and the recovery has yet to be fully realized

in all parts of the economy or for all workers," said Gould.

Rep. Bobby Scott (D-Va.) agreed. "While we celebrate this progress, we also remain committed to making meaningful investments in our nation's families and in our economy to ensure that our growing prosperity is broadly shared," said Scott.

"There is no doubt we have made great economic strides under the Obama Administration, but we must build on this progress. There is more work to do to ensure that we build an economy that works for every family in America," said Scott. "That's why Committee Democrats continue to fight for the Working Families Agenda so we can boost wages, help people better balance work and family life, and level the playing field by ending discrimination in the workplace."

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vania, Florida, North Carolina, and Arizona by less than five percent. Incumbent Democrats Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisc.), Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), Bob Casey (D-Pa.), Joe Donnelly (Ind.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), Bill Nelson (D-Fla.), and Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) are all in states that Republicans won in 2016. While many of them are popular, and incumbency is a challenging thing to overcome, we've just seen that the right kind of Republican candidate can prevail.

These candidates, and the Demo-

cratic Party, can't afford to take incumbency or popularity for granted. They can't afford to savor a polling lead and conclude that they don't have to fight for every vote. If these folks want to go back to Washington, they'll learn from the Hillary Clinton loss and work indefatigably, starting now, to keep their seats. They'll make lots of visits back home, host town hall meetings, and make sure their voters understand what their contributions have been and what challenges they face.

If Trump and his team can brag of results, if his actions are perceived as "making American great again," then incumbent Democrats

may be in trouble. Virginia Senator Tim Kaine, also on the ballot, has described Democrats in the Senate as the "emergency brake" on Trump's policy proposals. I expect the Democrats to vocally take Trump and his team on when they revert to the racist rhetoric and proposed racist, misogynistic, and jingoistic policies that Trump promoted during the campaign, but will they? They may not want to be perceived as obstructionists (though Republicans surely didn't mind being obstructionists with President Obama), and they will certainly need to pick their battles carefully, but they must speak out.

Midterm election turnout is always extremely low – it was just 36 percent in 2014, the lowest level in 70 years. Democrats must start now to educate and encourage people to turn out for the midterm elections. Voting rights organizations must begin now to reverse the voter suppression that kept millions from voting on November 8. If Democrats don't get busy now, Republicans will, indeed, prevail in 2018. So, let's stop wringing our hands and moaning. Let's get busy!

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Xavier University's Fame Fashion Show Review



Delaney George
Columnist

Last Wednesday, Xavier University held its Annual Fall Fashion Show titled "Fame." Themed Nouveau Noir, students dedicated the show to 'The New Black,' demonstrating their culture and attitude throughout the performance.

The showcase debuted designs from over 10 local designers and shops, including Foreign, Vaku, and Yazzle Dazzle. With a mix of male and female models, each model displayed excitement and their own flare as they walked in each line. Each clothing line gave the crowd a different vibe, with some like Tvenchy being urban and concrete and others like Beige being subtle yet high fashion.

"So many of the lines I wore on the runway reminded me of my own style and some of my favorite brands, which made it even easier to model in if you like what you have on," said Nigel Palmer, a Xavier University junior and second



Three Xavier University students walk the runway decked in urban wear from local designer Foreign.

year model for the show.

While models for the show consisted of only Xavier University students, the crowd consisted of a balance between Xavierite's and non-Xavier affiliates. Stylists, alumni, parents, photographers, and even students from other local schools such as Tulane and Dillard

attended the Nouveau Noir Show.

Local blogger and Dillard University student Janae Hurst attended the show in hopes of catching the perfect shot and to support the Dillard University brand Vaku.

"The models really gave good energy from what the crowd reciprocated to them, I felt a lot of school



Xavier University student and male model poses wearing Dillard University brand Vaku.



Xavier University student and model gives a sassy smirk as she poses in an elegant pink velvet dress with a fur accent over her shoulder.

pride at Xavier, I loved the energy in the room," Hurst said.

Xavier University will be holding their next Fashion Show fall of 2017, with new designers and a new theme. More information and content on the showcase can be found on Instagram at xufashionshow16_ or xulahomecoming2016.

The Curly Corner

Don't Touch My Hair



Destiny Johnson
Natural Hair Columnist

Solange Knowles released a beautiful album which includes a song titled "Don't Touch My Hair". This song is a testament to Black women around the world who have ever felt like a petting zoo animal in a room full of people who don't understand why your hair "does that".

Accordingly, the burning passion non-curly haired people

may have to touch our hair may be insulting and demeaning to some. This is definitely the sentiment when someone touches your hair without warning and then you feel violated. Our hair is not public property and it's always up to you as to whether or not you want to allow someone to experience its texture.

As a teacher, students ask me if they can touch my hair often. Sometimes, I let them because I know they're curious especially because the school I teach at is about 97% Hispanic/Latino. They want to know why my hair grows out curly and if I can straighten it.

I have had students come up to me and touch my hair without permission but I always re-



spond by letting them know that I feel uncomfortable when they do that and they need to ask me next time. Usually the children understand what I mean and realize that their teacher's hair is not a science experiment.

In public, I've had people stop me to talk about my hair and ask what products I use. I always tell

them what keeps my curls so springy and how I came a long way from extreme heat damage. I don't mind answering questions but I do mind unwelcome touching of my hair.

It is my duty to remind everyone of all backgrounds that as a woman I am not here for your entertainment or to alleviate your curiosity. I am a woman just like any other woman. I am not an item in a museum or in a zoo to be touched for someone else's enjoyment. I am kinky haired. I am Black. I am a woman. So don't touch my hair without permission. Thank you.

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