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Blackmasking.org, Data News Weekly and Cumulus Media Brings You Second-Line Season 2018

By Oba Lorrius
Blackmasking.org Contributor

A New Orleans Sunday second-line feels like a procession to Heaven, rooted in American Aboriginal Cultural traditions. Social Aid & Pleasure Clubs march through New Orleans, backed by electric brass bands, percussive street orchestras, footwork for a lifetime, and all the heritage one heart can handle.

New Orleans is the only city in North America where the natives religiously take back the streets in a liberating demonstration that unites the people through music, dance, creativity, and countless centuries of indigenous culture. All traffic comes to a halt in awe as the brilliant colors and jubilee fill the southern air. Some lifetime second-lining natives are convinced

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Rain or shine, the second-line rolls through. (Photo by Oba Lorrius)



Lil' Shane of Dumaine St. Gang SA&PC (photo by Oba Lorrius)

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2018 LBJ King 2018, Andrew "Drew" Johnson (photo courtesy Lady Buckjumpers)



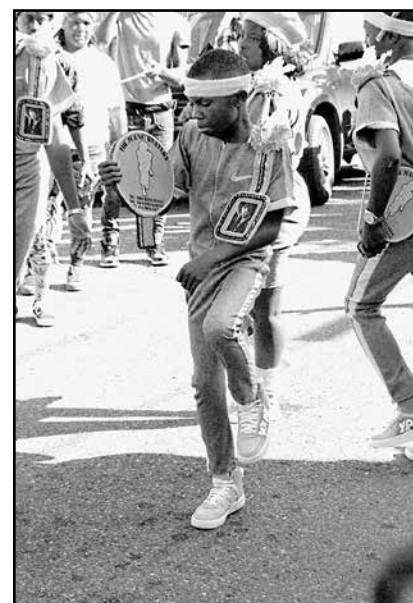
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Dumaine St. Gang SA&PC (photo courtesy KSB Photography)



2018 Dumaine St. Gang Queen, Bernetta A. Sims (photo courtesy KSB Photography)



The Young Rollers SA&PC (photo by Oba Lorrius)



Big Chief Tyrone "Pie" Stevenson of the Monogram Hunters (photo by Oba Lorrius)



The Original New Orleans Lady Buckjumpers (photo by Oba Lorrius)



Big 6 Brass Band

that the week doesn't feel complete or hasn't come to a start without a second-line.

For over 50 proud years, Data News Weekly has served New Orleans providing news straight from the source, dedicated to representing the voices of our people in our times. Highlighting the achievements of leading heritage keepers in a city that is known worldwide for culture is no easy

task. BlackMasking.org is a cultural education entity focused on preserving New Orleans' culture. From the history of the Black Masking Indian Tribes prior to colonization, to the present-day multi-layered gumbo culture, we have taken on the mission of illustrating our past, so the future generations have a clear and mighty image to identify with.

BlackMasking.org keeps the

pulse on the thriving legacy of the American Aboriginal; our copper-colored ancestors who built the Western Empire, found here by the Europeans. Together Data News Weekly and BlackMasking.org cast a wide cultural net and the weekly catch is the evidence of the daily sacrifices of our culture keepers. In a city with shifting demographics, where the outsiders who see the value in our

lifestyle, place a dollar value on it and essentially price out the natives, Data News Weekly has consistently provided a free weekly paper. With an unbiased platform to tell our own story, we are not at the mercy of an oppressive perspective or opinion. Data News Weekly and BlackMasking.org leverage the power of the press and multimedia technologies to remind our tribes near and far

that we have been here, we have been great, and that it is our responsibility to sustain this legacy of being cultural ambassadors to the world.

Stay tuned to KMEZ102.9, bookmark Blackmasking.org, and pick up your latest issue of Data News Weekly for a closer look at Social Aid & Pleasure Clubs, Second-Line culture, and Black Masking Indians from the forefront.

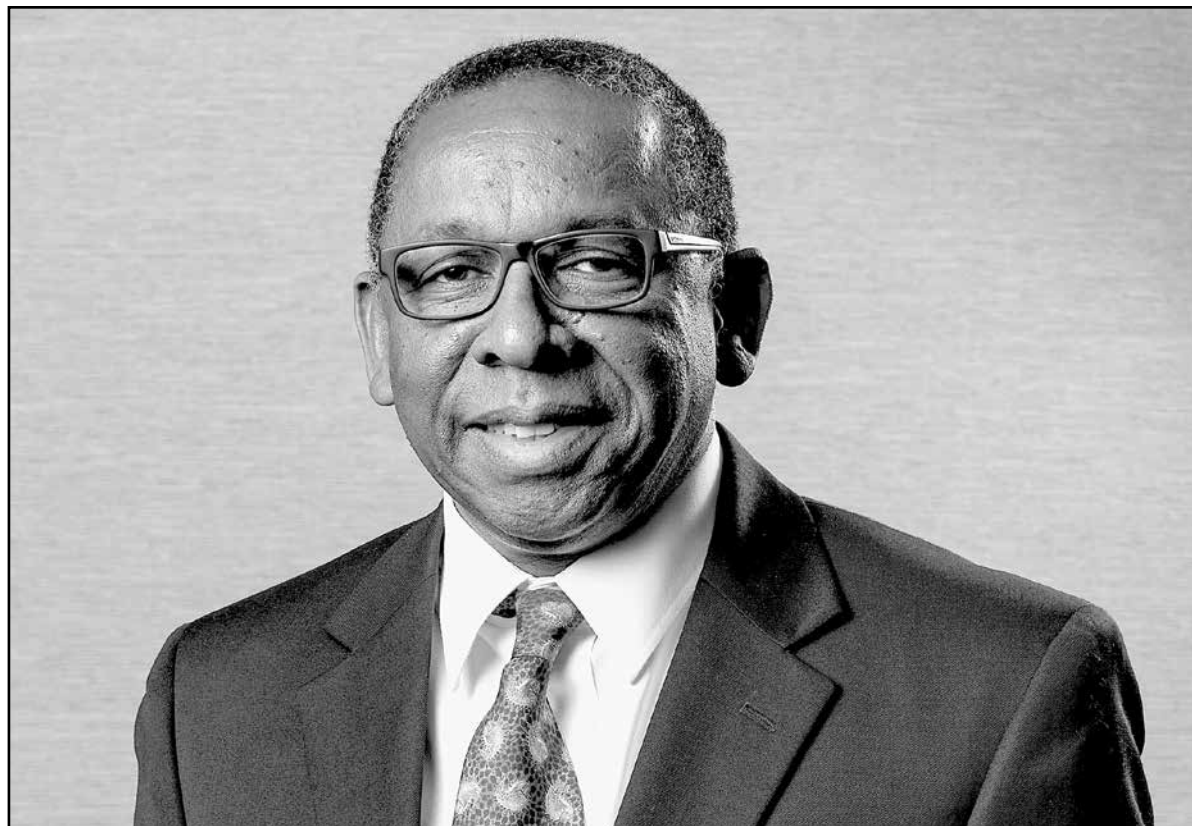
Xavier University of Louisiana President Kicks off Nationwide Tour in New York City on December 11th

Data Staff Edited Report

Continuing to build on the amazing legacy of Xavier University as one of the nation's leading HBCU's. It's current President, Dr. Reynold Verret, President is launching a tour across the United States with his first stop in New York City from December 11th-13th. His goal throughout this 15-month tour is to promote the strategic plan of the University. These visits will lead into the Celebration of Xavier's 95th Anniversary in 2020.

During his three-day visit, President Verret will engage with business and civic leaders to outline Xavier University's strategic plan, which consists of an eight-point program highlighting initiatives to sustain Xavier's mission and grow the university's success. One key element from the initiative is Xavier's new Doctorate of Education and Neuroscience program. It is the first neuroscience offered by a Historically Black College or University in the country.

Additionally, the university has also recently opened The Center for Equity, Justice, and the Human Spirit, the first of its



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kind. The center will serve as an incubator for thought, allowing community members of various disciplines to engage in conver-

sation centered around socioeconomic issues and power relations facing Americans today.

"As Xavier University leans for-

ward into the future, our goal is to be at the forefront of academic excellence and leadership in the community," said President Ver-

ret. "We will continue our fight for a more just and humane society in the years to come."

These are the eight key tenets of President Verret's strategic plan - Xavier Learns Forward:

- Sustain our mission and honor our African-American traditions and Catholic values;
- Maintain academic rigor, standards of excellence, and outcomes;
- Promote an inclusive learning community that provides a safe and welcoming environment for all members;
- Elevate Xavier's reputation and recognition for providing its students with an exceptional academic curriculum;
- Contribute to equity and societal resilience in our region, especially by advancing high-quality pre-collegiate education for all;
- Build programmatic breadth in our undergraduate, graduate and professional schools;
- Grow enrollment through innovative recruitment;
- Sustain and support the environment of research and inquiry that addresses matters of import to the larger society, the Church, and the African diaspora.

Rep. Richmond Introduces Comprehensive Affordable Housing Bill

Washington, DC- On Tuesday, Congressman Cedric Richmond (D-LA) introduced the American Housing and Economic Mobility Act, a bill originally introduced in the Senate by United States Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA). This bill will reduce rent costs and provide greater access to home ownership through first-time homebuyer payment assistance.

"Having a home is one of the most essential human needs for thriving families and individuals, but many families long across the nation for far too long have been restricted from homeownership due to increasing rent prices and paychecks that don't match," said Rep. Richmond. "The American Housing and Economic Mobility Act is a comprehensive bill aimed



U.S. Representative Cedric Richmond (D-LA)

to combat the affordable housing crisis that continues to plague our nation. Having stable, affordable housing is life changing and brings the promise of economic freedom to all. This legislation aims to provide that for millions of American families, namely African American communities who have been historically and systematically left without stable housing. I applaud the work of Senator Warren on introducing this bill in the Senate and am honored to carry the torch in introducing it in the House."

"HousingNOLA has been working to implement policy and secure the investments necessary to create over 30,000 affordable housing opportunities, at an estimated \$5.8 billion, needed to end

the housing crisis that threatens New Orleans' future. The American Housing and Economic Mobility Act gets us closer to that goal and securing the economic stability New Orleanians deserve. This bill also represents a chance to align our policy priorities with other needs and truly put housing first by incentivizing the implementation of strategies like the Smart Housing Mix. As a country, we can no longer make substantial investments in our cities without ensuring that they are equitable and affordable for all." -Andreane M. Morris, Executive Director of HousingNOLA.

Cosponsors of this bill include Representatives Elijah Cummings (D-MD), Barbara Lee (D-CA), and Gwen Moore (D-WI).

Xavier Student Establishes a Business to Feed New Orleans Homeless Communities

By Amyre Brandom-Skinner

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Many know him as a dual-degree senior at Xavier University of Louisiana but to the New Orleans community he is a business owner that gives back as often as he can. Marloes Booker, 21, studies physics and electrical engineering as a major by day, but when he takes his student cap off, he puts on the hat of an entrepreneur, as the Founder of RedBeans Nola. During the Spring 2018 in his junior year, his business began serving the Greater New Orleans homeless populations with bowls of red beans and rice.

In Orleans and Jefferson parishes, the homeless population jumped 2.4 times higher than its pre-Katrina numbers according to a 2012 study conducted by UNITY, Greater New Orleans. A majority of the city's homeless seeks refuge in an estimated 42,000 post-Katrina abandoned properties across the city. This chronic homelessness or long-term homelessness in the city stands at 48-percent of the homeless population, where the national average is 35-percent, according to the UNITY report.

"Many students at Xavier are reticent when it comes to actually launching a business but Marloes is an exception," said Mark Quinn, an Assistant Professor of Business at Xavier, who directs the Entrepreneurship Program and serves as the Director of Xavier's Small Business Incubator. The X-ncubator is a program that helps entrepreneurs start and grow their business venture. Booker applied for membership to the program and was admitted to the X-ncubator in the Fall 2018 semester. He hasn't looked back since.

"Before it was a thought, a business, and even a brand [Marloes] spoke of the success of RedBeans Nola," said David Ford, a Xavier junior. "Being able to witness his vision come to life from the beginning continues to inspire me," Ford said.

The future of this startup is boundless because the founder



Marloes Booker is only a student, but the New Orleans native is a young entrepreneur aiming to impact the lives of the homeless. Photo courtesy Marloes Booker

continues to tie his business venture with the personal dedication to correct some of the conditions that the New Orleans' homeless population endures, namely hunger.

"I am motivated every time I pass by someone who is homeless and hungry," Booker said. Instead of helping an organization that caters to the homeless community in this city, Booker decided to launch his own business to be a part of the solution.

His strategy is simple: make a profit that funds his philanthropy.

"Often people confuse the business as a non-profit because I feed the homeless," Booker said. "However, only a certain amount of the profits/proceeds goes towards feeding the homeless," Booker said.

Booker sells handmade gemstone bracelets and t-shirts in order to make profits. The gems in each bracelet are rare and authentic. His relationship formed with Global Vendors has made it possible for him to continue to create custom designs for each bracelet. He also sells t-shirts that are made with original designs. He sells the bracelets for \$15 to \$30 and the t-shirts are sold for \$25.

"The business would be easy to manage if I did not have to balance

making sure bracelets are made, packaged, shipped, and studying every night," Booker said.

Then he taps into his local and campus networks as a natural market.


"Unlike many entrepreneurial students, he recognizes that his own business is a job and his business can be a viable substitute to having jobs that many students have," Quinn said. Since Jan. 15, 2018, this startup has fed more than 2500 people. As a New Orleans native, he has grown up seeing the need for change. At a young age, he was given advice that he has never forgotten.

"Master P came to speak to my sixth-grade class about starting businesses and having financial freedom," Booker recalled about how he first got motivated to serve his community. "Since then, I have

started multiple businesses from selling snacks, cutting grass, washing cars, selling sneakers, and a bunch more," Booker said.

Finding a way to uplift his community and the people in it has never been something that comes hard to Booker. His continuous hard work and "grind" has gotten him featured in various entrepreneurship newsletters and he was invited as the guest speaker for various events on campus.

"Often times, people miss out on serving the community because they feel as if their way of serving is not as impactful as someone else's way of serving the community," Booker said to encourage his peers to establish a startup. "God gave each and every one of us gifts and talents that were meant to not benefit us, but to benefit the world around us."




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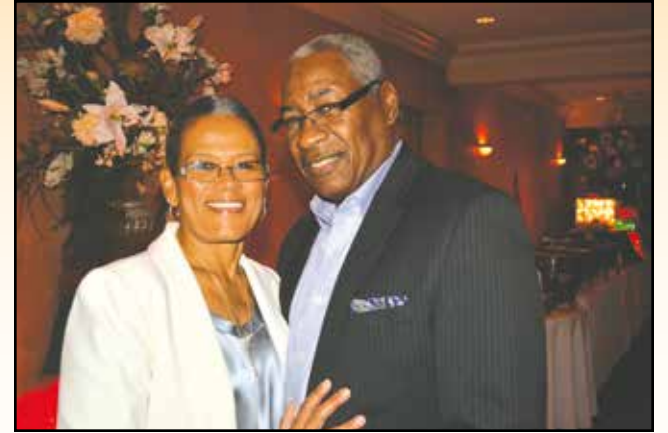
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Joseph S. Clark High School's Class of '72 Annual Christmas Party

Photos by Terry Jones
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The Joseph S. Clark H.S. Class of 1972 held its Annual Christmas Party which was once again a big success. Held on Friday, December 7th at the Wisdom Hall, the party former classmates and their guests were treated to music and dancing and had the chance to spend time catching up with each other. Of course, where there is a gathering of old friends, Data will always be there. Merry Christmas JS Clark Class of '72.



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Democrats 2020

Not the Person, but the Program



Julianne Malveaux
NNPA Columnist

Now that the midterm elections are over, and Democrats are savoring their victory, more than a dozen Democrats say they are considering running for President in 2020. The Democratic Party needs to get its act together if any of them has even a prayer of beating the clown that white conservatives love to love. The fact that Republicans stole an election from Stacey Abrams in Georgia suggests that our electoral infrastructure isn't what it ought to be. The fact that Republicans in Michigan, Wisconsin, and North Carolina are attempting to change

electoral rules suggests that the Party and civil society organizations need to spend some money ensuring fair elections. From where I sit, the focus on personalities is poorly placed. We ought to, instead, think both about our election mechanics and an economic agenda to empower the majority of our citizens who live in an economically precarious situation.

Too many of us struggle to survive on the minimum wage, and too many unions have seen their influence erode in the face of hostile legislation. Too many do not have access to health care. Too many cities and states are willing to offer exorbitant tax breaks to attract a few jobs. Meanwhile, our infrastructure is crumbling, our environment is decomposing, and civility is a thing of the past. There's a lot of rhetoric, but Democrats have to explain what they stand for more clearly.

Democrats have been so reactive, so anti-45, that they've not spun out a positive agenda. Oh, they say

“Too many cities and states are willing to offer exorbitant tax breaks to attract a few jobs. Meanwhile, our infrastructure is crumbling, our environment is decomposing, and civility is a thing of the past. There's a lot of rhetoric, but Democrats have to explain what they stand for more clearly.”

they stand for a living wage, for criminal justice reform, for access to health care and education, for racial economic justice (actually, they didn't say that I did), and more. But too often, Democrats have gone with the status quo instead of looking at the changing needs of our nation. And the party is expert at grabbing defeat from the jaws of victory,

failing to support progressive candidates who sometimes upset the status quo.

Now, former Vice President Joe Biden says he is the most qualified person to be President. Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren took a blood test to prove that she is 1/1024 Native American, falling for 45's BS. New Jersey Sena-

tor Cory Booker, also known as Spartacus, is considering the race, as is the incandescently intelligent California Senator Kamala Harris. There are another couple of dozen potential candidates, from the very well known to the lesser known. Democrats run the risk of having a Republican-style circus during the primaries unless the field narrows. Already, two who were considering the race have dropped out. Nobody will miss Michael Avenatti since many of us did not know why he was in the race in the first place, but former Massachusetts governor Deval Patrick, who has just announced that he will not run, might have brought gravitas to the primaries. Patrick told Obama advisor David Axelrod that “It's hard to see how you even get noticed in such a big, broad field without being shrill, sensational or a celebrity, and I'm none of those things.”

Our current President is shrill,

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Can Women Be Head Coaches of NFL Teams?

Jenny Ziegler
Miami Times

This [NFL] is a man's world, but it would be nothing without a woman or a girl ... (speaking in my James Brown voice).

Sure, we are on the sidelines as cheerleaders, owners, reporters and such, but there has never been a female head coach manning the sidelines in any male professional sport.

There's always a first time for everything.

Well, hold that thought as we are not there yet.

Recently, Condoleezza Rice was trending on social media when it was reported by NFL insider, Adam Scheffer that the Cleveland Browns were considering the former secretary of state for its most recent head coaching vacancy.

Rice, though hailed as being intelligent, a great leader and a woman of great character, is an unrealistic candidate for the head coaching gig with the Browns, yet she has brought the discussion of coaching opportunities for wom-

en in male professional sports to the forefront.

Condi, as she is affectionately called, is also an adamant Cleveland Browns fan.

“I love my Browns,” she said.

Her love for the team stems from times when her and her father watched games together and cheered on Hall of Fame running back Jim Brown.

But a love of the game does not make a head football coach.

She acknowledged that she doesn't possess the experience needed to take on such a role and had this to say on Facebook:

“I do hope that the NFL will start to bring women into the coaching profession as position coaches and eventually coordinators and then head coaches.”

Rice went on to say, “One doesn't have to play the game to understand it and motivate players, but experience counts – and it's time to develop a pool of experienced women coaches.”

Though Rice never played the game because she is a female, she knows a little somethin', somethin'.



For three years, she was a part of the College Football Playoff selection committee responsible for determining the top college football teams in the country; ultimately deciding what four teams would compete in the playoff.

How's that for “women don't know jack about football?”

The former secretary of state is wise enough to know that though she is not ready to be a coach in the NFL, there are women who can do

the job with the proper training and opportunities.

She has expressed an interest in the role of NFL commissioner. If she can broker peace deals in the Middle East, ceasefires and deal with terrorists and drug lords on behalf of our country — then why not?

She ended her post by saying, “BTW- I'm not ready to coach, but I would like to call a play or two next season if the Browns need ideas!”

At 4-6-1, the Browns could perhaps use a few plays this season as opposed to waiting until next season. I'm just saying.

The league however is making strides, as there are few teams that have opened their doors and are affording women the type of on-the-job-training required to be able to take that next step toward coaching in the NFL.

The Buffalo Bills, San Francisco 49ers, Oakland Raiders, Arizona Cardinals and the New York Jets all have hired females in some form of football operational capacity (offensive assistant, special team's coach, strength and conditioning coach, and assistant coach). Kudos to all of them!

Rice is advocating for more training opportunities for women to get the locker-room credential that will enable them to climb that proverbial NFL coaching ladder.

Given the right opportunities, the sky is the limit: general manager, commission or even president.

The only thing that is standing in the way of a woman coaching in the NFL is air and opportunity.

AARP Poll: Majority of Caregivers with Family Suffering from Dementia, Spend Less Time with Friends

By Stacy M. Brown
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For family caregivers, the holidays can be a joyful time when spirits are lighter and it feels good to care for loved ones and enjoy time together, celebrating with family traditions.

But for most family caregivers, the holidays also bring stress, according to Amy Goyer, a family and caregiver expert at AARP, the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age.

"We're already very busy with caregiving, and there's even more to do during the holidays," Goyer said.

A major concern is for those caring for sufferers of dementia.

A new AARP poll on dementia care has taken a closer look at the experiences of caregivers for family members with dementia and found more than half say their social life has suffered and nearly 45 percent say they feel alone.

In addition, they are more likely to grow further apart from the ones they care for and other family members because of their caregiving responsibilities. Social isolation



"Family caregivers take on big responsibilities that can be physically, emotionally and financially challenging. AARP's new research shows that this can be particularly true for those caring for loved ones with dementia," said Nancy LeaMond, AARP Chief Advocacy and Engagement Officer.

and loneliness are linked to poorer physical and mental health outcomes, health experts said.

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Engagement Officer.

"That's why AARP has developed resources to help family caregivers balance their own needs with the needs of their loved one."

Not only are the millions of family caregivers for those with dementia less socially connected, they are significantly more likely to

put off medical care – over half (55 percent) have done so, compared to just 38 percent among the total caregiver population.

However, there were positive health behaviors identified in the poll as well – 79 percent took steps to maintain or improve their brain health and 47 percent exercised more.

Still, when caring for those living with dementia, everyday stress is even higher, and holiday celebrations may be limited, Goyer said.

"Caregivers may feel particularly isolated or lonely – especially if their loved ones aren't able to understand or take part in holiday traditions and if caregivers are unable to get out to be with friends or other family members," she said.

"It's important to acknowledge and validate dementia caregivers' feelings and needs, and to connect them with resources that can help, especially during the holiday season."

Many family caregivers feel alone in their situation, but there are others who understand as they are going through similar experiences, Goyer said.

"I recommend connecting with other caregivers in an in-person

support group, at a caregiving event, or online. The Alzheimer's Association offers support for dementia caregivers, and AARP has teamed with them to offer the online Community Resource Finder, where caregivers can find local events and support groups," she said.

AARP also offers a free online Caregiving Community where caregivers can post questions, comments and topics as well as get advice from Goyer and other caregiving experts.

Many caregivers also join closed social media groups, such as Facebook.

Other family members, friends or neighbors can help as well.

A previous AARP poll found that almost 8 in 10 family caregivers say it would be helpful to have someone to talk with during the holidays.

"If you are long-distance, you can call those you know who are caring for someone and really take the time to listen to them," Goyer said.


"For those nearby, offer to come by with a meal or a cup of hot cocoa and let them know they can confide in you, or offer to care for their loved one so they can enjoy some holiday activities."

Commentary, Continued from page 8.

sensational and a celebrity in his own mind. Democrats should not attempt to replicate that level of insanity that 45 brings to the table. The issue, also, should not be one of who is the most sensational, but who has the most focused program, and the basis of the Democratic program must be economic justice for working Americans. Back in the day, we used to say, "It's not the man, it's the plan." In gender-neutral terms, it's not the person, it's the program. For Democrats to build on the momentum of the midterm election, they must drill down on communicating dynamic economic programs.

I'm encouraged by folks like LaTosha Brown and Black Voters Matter. They are doing ground up, not top down, organizing, going into communities and focusing on the races they deem essential, which are not always national or statewide races. When people come out for a key local, they will also vote in the "big" races. But too often the Democratic Party focuses only on the biggest elections, with an agenda people can't necessarily identify with. Democratic Party leaders need to sit down with Black Voters Matter as soon as they can and learn how to connect with the voters who can make a difference in 2020. Or, they can continue with business as usual and experience the consequences.


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Grambling State University to Host 2019 and 2020 NAIA Championships

By Stacy M. Brown
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The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) has announced that Grambling State University will host the 2019 and 2020 Football National Championships at the Historic Eddie G. Robinson Memorial Stadium.

Historically, the event draws student-athletes, fans and media personnel to host cities; and includes broadcasts to ESPN3 and regional networks throughout the country, according to a news release on Monday, Dec. 3rd.

"The Grambling State University campus is synonymous with both football and academic achievement," Jim Carr, NAIA President and CEO, said in the news release.

"We are grateful to add a host city with this incredibly rich legacy to our list of partners," Carr said.

Formerly held in Daytona Beach, Florida, the mid-December game is expected to generate more than \$1 million in economic impact to North Louisiana, officials said in



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the release.

"From homecoming to Bayou Classic, our team has proven time

and again that we're one of the best at delivering game and fan experiences," said Marc Newman,

Vice President for Advancement, Research, and Economic Development at Grambling State.

"We are working to leverage that reputation to move our University and City ahead and are excited to have NAIA join us as partners in that effort," Newman said.

The 2019 and 2020 host opportunities are a result of the continued work of the Ruston-Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau in partnership Grambling State University and the City of Grambling to better collaborate with local hotels, transportation providers, and businesses to drive growth.

"This selection is a major accomplishment for our area," said Travis Napper, President and CEO of the Ruston-Lincoln CVB. "Each major event adds value for the citizens, businesses, and the students who call Lincoln Parish home."

Edward Jones, who's Mayor of the City of Grambling, said officials couldn't be more excited about hosting NAIA and the students and athletes.

"They will get to experience the town and culture that has produced hundreds of football legends," Jones said.

N.O. City Council Holds Annual Military Appreciation Day

Data News Staff Edited Report

As the first and only special order of business on December 6, 2018, the Council hosted nearly 200 servicemen and women in celebration of Military Day. Mayor LaToya Cantrell introduced Mayor's Military Advisory Committee (MMAC) Chairman Major General David Mize, who provided an overview of the organization's 2018 Annual Report.

Following Major General Mize's presentation, the Council heard operations updates from local senior military officials including General Bradley S. James (Marine Forces Reserve), General Rodney B. Painting (Louisiana National Guard), General Vincent B. Barker (U.S. Army Reserve), Captain Kristi Luttrell (U.S. Coast Guard and first female Captain of the Port of New Orleans), Officer



Presentation of the colors by the Joint Color Guard. (Photo Credit: New Orleans City Council)

Garrett Miller (U.S. Marine Corps Reserve), Colonel Michael Clancy (Army Corps of Engineers), Colonel Dan Harlow (Louisiana National Guard), Captain Anthony F. Scarpino (Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base), and more.

The presentations highlighted various support programs offered to local service members and veterans, the economic and

social benefits associated with local military organizations, and the retention and growth of military bases throughout the New Orleans area. To conclude the celebration, the Council received a performance from the Marine Forces Reserve Band Quintet and presented the event's guests with a proclamation in recognition of Military Day 2018.

Awards Ceremony and Student Panel Discussion on African-American/Jewish Relations led by Faith Leaders from both Communities



The Alex Schoenbaum Jewish Scholarship Fund at St. Augustine H.S. has been established in memory of the former Ohio State All-American and Founder of the Shoney's Chain of restaurants.

Data News Staff Edited Report

Alex Schoenbaum Jewish Scholarship Fund Launches at St. Augustine H.S.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. - On Wednesday, December 12th, The Jewish Federation of Greater New

Orleans and St. Augustine High School, on behalf of Philanthropist Emily Schoenbaum, announced the creation of the Alex Schoenbaum Jewish Scholarship Fund.

Alex Schoenbaum, Emily's father, was an All-American football player at Ohio State University, the founder of the Shoney's Restaurant Chain, and a generous philanthropist himself who frequently awarded scholarships to deserving students.

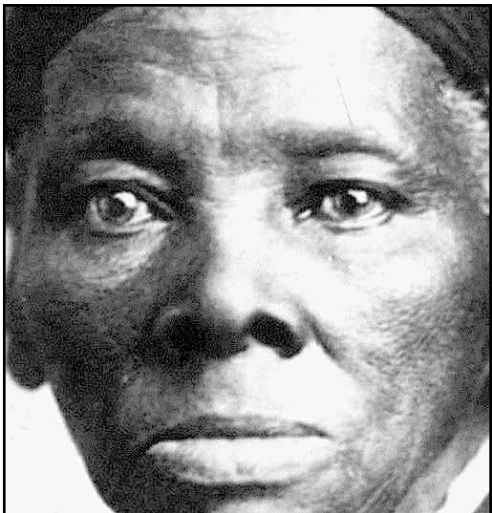
The Jewish Federation, St. Augustine, and Schoenbaum inaugurated the exciting partnership by awarding \$1,000 scholarships to two students at a ceremony on Wednesday. on St. Augustine's campus. The scholarship award ceremony on December 12th were held in conjunction with an assembly and student panel discussion on African-American/Jewish relations led by faith leaders from both communities.

New Film Honors the Life of Harriet Tubman

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When one speaks of freedom fighters, Harriet Tubman's name should always be among the first – if not highlighted as a primary justice crusader.

For it was on this date 169 years ago – Dec. 6, 1849 – that Tubman escaped slavery.



Award Winner Cynthia Erivo, who plays Harriet Tubman. Tony and Grammy Winner Leslie Odum, Jr., along with Singer-Songwriter Janelle Monae, portray characters in the film. Gregory Allen Howard crafted the story and will produce the film along alongside Daniela Taplin Lundberg and Debra Martin Chase

As noted in a television broadcast on WTVR in Virginia, the

story of the abolitionist, who died in June 1913, has been told in academic textbooks, television series, and even YouTube history segments, but her story has never been told in an exclusive feature-length project.

Virginia Commonwealth University African-American Studies Professor Dr. Chioke I'Anson told WTVR that it's absurd no feature film has previously been made.

“Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.” - Harriet Tubman

The brave African-American who became known as the “Moses” of her people, didn't stop with her own freedom but went back – repeatedly – to help others and over the course of a decade, led countless slaves along the Underground Railroad so that they too could taste freedom.

Tubman became a leader in the abolitionist movement, and during the Civil War she served as a nurse and spy for the federal forces. last week, a film – slated for a 2019 release – wrapped that will highlight the life of Tubman, who was born into slavery.

The cast of the film titled, “Harriet,” includes Tony and Grammy

“There is a growing tide of Black representation on television and in movies,” I'Anson said. “Old myths about the unprofitability of Black-led films are slowly falling away. Maybe a film about Harriet Tubman, one of the greatest heroes of Black history, isn't getting here too late.”

“Maybe it's right on time,” he added.

Said George Mason University NAACP President Dyonah Contee, “If the story is portrayed accurately, viewers will learn more about the harsh conditions of slavery and gain an understanding of the strength and courage needed to do what Harriet did.”

Rep. Karen Bass Elected New Chairperson of Congressional Black Caucus



Rep. Karen Bass and House Democrats hosted a press conference to discuss the Trump administration's proposal to separate migrant families and place separated children in foster care. (courtesy photo)

By Brandon I. Brooks,
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In 2008, Congresswoman Karen Bass made history after being elected as the first ever African-American woman to become Speaker of any state legislature. Since then, Bass has continued to represent the 37th congressional district of California by being an active voice for criminal justice reform, fighting for America's foster care system, and strengthening the United States ties with Africa. Now Bass will have the opportunity to continue making change in her new role as the Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC).

Bass' colleagues from the DNC, CBC as well as local and religious leaders extended their warmest congratulations on her latest feat.

“[I am] truly excited to see the energy and determination Karen Bass will bring to her role as chair of the Congressional Black Caucus,” said minority leader of the United States House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi.

Bass, who is the eighth woman to hold this position, will replace outgoing chair Cedric Richmond. Other

members of Congress who were also elected include: Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (D-OH-03), first vice chair; Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence (D-MI-14), second vice chair; Congressman Hank Johnson (D-GA-04), secretary; Congressman A. Donald McEachin (D-VA-04), Whip; and Congressman-elect Steven Horsford (D-NV-04), Parliamentarian.

“From her days in the California General Assembly where she became the first African-American woman in U.S. history to lead a state legislative body, to her work in Congress to address both domestic and international issues affecting people of African descent, Congresswoman Bass has demonstrated tried and true leadership,” said Richmond in a statement.

“There's much work to be done next Congress to ensure equality and justice for African-Americans and other marginalized communities, and I am confident Congresswoman Bass will continue to provide strong leadership in this regard.”

Bass and the newly elected members of the CBC Executive Committee will take office on the first day of the 116th Congress.

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