

Lighting The Road To The Future

New Orleans

Data

News Weekly

"The People's Paper"

FREE COPY

Hennessey V.S.O.P Salutes Local Entrepreneur Larry Morrow

Data Zone Page 6

July 20 - July 26, 2019 54th Year Volume 12 www.ladatanews.com

A Data News Weekly Exclusive

Can We Weather the Storm?



Leaders and Citizens Rate the City's Response to Hurricane Barry

Page 2



Newsmaker

Delta Sigma Theta Suspends Convention - Donates Thousands of Meals in Wake of Hurricane Barry

Page 4

National News

Trump Issues Racist Attack on Congresswomen of Color



Page 11

Can We Weather the Storm?

Leaders and Citizens Rate the City's Response to Hurricane Barry



A cyclone forms in the skies near the lakefront during Wednesday's rain event. Tornado warnings stretched across the City from areas near Lakeshore Drive to neighborhoods on the West Bank.

By Edwin Buggage
Editor-in-Chief

Storm Leaves Many Questions Unanswered

It was a week filled with a rain event which caused flooding and the looming possibility of a Category 1 Hurricane. Wednesday's flooding crippled the city and

news of Tropical Storm Barry's projected path to New Orleans, set to hit late Friday/early Saturday, caused many citizens to relive the trauma associated with Hurricane Katrina. Miraculously, for New Orleans Barry proved to be more of a test in disaster preparedness than an actual disaster. But days after some have returned to the city, businesses have re-opened and the city is back to normal, there are varying opinions on what happened in the span of these several days and

many are left questioning the city's leadership and the adequacy of Sewerage and Water Board and the pumping systems that are designed to protect us.

A New Day: Leadership Working Together

Is the city and its leadership ready for a major storm? Is the infrastructure adequate and are the city's residents and businesses confident that the directives they are given will keep them out of harm's

Cover Story, Continued on page 3.

INSIDE DATA

Cover Story	2	Commentary	8
Newsmaker	4	In the Spirit	9
State & Local News . . .	5	Book Review	9
Data Zone	6	National News	10
Fashion & Style	7		

DATA NEWS WEEKLY

P.O. Box 57347, New Orleans, LA 70157-7347 | Phone: (504) 821-7421 | Fax: (504) 821-7622
editorial: datanewseditor@bellsouth.net | advertising: datanewsad@bellsouth.net

Terry B. Jones CEO/Publisher	Contributors Renetta Burrell Perry	Art Direction & Production Pubinator.com
Edwin Buggage Editor	Lauren Victoria Burke	Editorial Submissions datanewseditor@bellsouth.net
Renetta Perry	Macintosh Smith	Advertising Inquiries datanewsad@bellsouth.net
Managing Editor Calla Victoria	Edwin Buggage	Distribution On The Run
Executive Assistant June Hazeur	Stacy M. Brown	Courier Services
Accounting	Terri Schlichenmeyer	
	Data Staff Writers	
	James A. Washington	

Please call 504-309-9913 for subscription information or to obtain a back issue of the paper ONLY. Dated material two weeks in advance. Not responsible for publishing or return of unsolicited manuscripts or photos.

Cover Story, Continued from page 2.

way? Mayor LaToya Cantrell held several press conferences in the days during the rain event where several agency and department leaders briefed the city about their preparedness for the storm. One of the city leaders who was in the room and spoke at the press

conferences was Councilman from District B, Jay Banks, who is the City's Council's member on the Sewerage and Water Board. In words that sounded part preacher and part politician, it could be argued that he was a voice of calm and reason to the citizens in what

he called a team effort by all the city's leaders and agencies. "We had a comprehensive plan in place and the administration, the council and all parties worked together to one end. Additionally, the citizens played their part. This was an example of what can

happen when all people work together," says Banks of what he feels was a joint effort that was a success on many levels for the City of New Orleans.

Neighboring Views

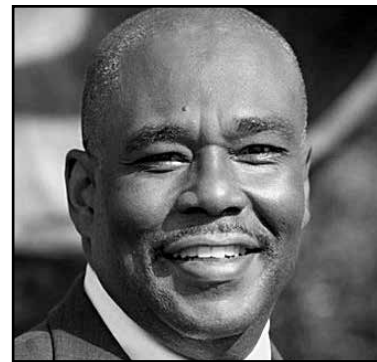
James Johnson is a homeowner in the Hollygrove Neighborhood. He recalls on Wednesday being awakened at 4:00 a.m. by lightening before the rain event began, even-

infrastructure decided he would evacuate with his family to Beaumont, TX to wait out the storm. "I am relieved we did not have to experience a storm on the scale of Katrina, that caused so many problems for the city and left so many people still affected by it today," says Johnson. "I can remember returning to the city after Katrina and when it began to rain hard, I would find myself feeling anxious, afraid and uncertain. Today I don't feel like this, but this week I saw people reliving this trauma including my neighbor Clarence."

It is the day after the storm and Clarence Smith, who lives in the home his family has owned since 1910, sits out on his stoop recounting what he felt over the last few days during the weather event. "James is right when he says I felt anxious. This house was flooded out and we had to rebuild and do so much after Katrina to rebuild," says Johnson. "So much of my life and memories are back here and to think something like this or the possibility of it is something that makes me nervous to this day."



Photo showing Mr. Chill's Barber Shop on S. Carrollton Ave. closed during the days following last Wednesday's weather event which shut down businesses across New Orleans. Owner Wilbert "Chill" Wilson says small businesses have a tough time making back revenue lost during weather emergencies, adding that he is looking to city government for answers on how to recover financially.



District B Councilman Jay Banks says city leaders and agencies had a "comprehensive plan in place" during last week's weather events and that all parties worked together with the cooperation of citizens. "This was an example of what can happen when all people work together."



Mayor Cantrell holds a press conference with city leaders and agencies, advising citizens during the days before Hurricane Barry.



An empty I-10 below gloomy New Orleans skies is an eery sight as citizens were urged to stay off roads during the 5 day weather event last week.



Streets flood an uptown neighborhood during last Wednesday's rain event.

usually dropping over eight inches of rain in a three-hour period and overwhelming the pumping system and leaving his and many streets flooded. He treads through water with his next-door neighbor Clarence Smith, to help some of the residents and look at the damage in the neighborhood that flooded out may cars along the road. This unexpected chain of events on this day, plus reporting that Barry, a tropical storm had been upgraded to a Category 1 Hurricane headed towards Louisiana, caused many who lived through Katrina to become anxious, trying to figure out what to do.

Johnson, at first thought he would stay in the city and "hunker down," but because he did not feel confident about the city's plan and

Smith who has the means to leave decided to not evacuate. "I could go somewhere else whether it is to evacuate or live, but New Orleans is my home. It seems this administration under Mayor Cantrell is doing a better job working together across agencies and with leaders at the state level to ensure we get the information we need, but as far as problems with our drainage systems and the pumps it is something that the city must invest in to improve and make more efficient."

A City Underwater: Affecting the Bottom Line

While the city was at a standstill many businesses were affected, es-

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Suspends Biennial Convention In New Orleans

Donates Thousands of Meals to City's Hunger Relief Organizations

By Renetta Burrell Perry

The sea beautiful African American women clad head-to-toe in red and white was a sight to behold when out and about in the city last week. Post Essence, you couldn't help but notice the regality of it all. But the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.'s Biennial Convention, slated to take New Orleans by storm from last Thursday to Sunday, had to literally dodge the storm as Tropical Storm Barry threatened to close the city down for the weekend.

During a press conference confirming the early closure of the convention Friday, Michael Sawaya, Convention Center President said, "Safety of our visitors is our absolute number one priority. We have a well-tested Emergency Operation Plan and were well prepared to support any decision Delta Sigma Theta made. We will now turn our attention to making certain the activities planned for today are concluded as planned, and our visitors can make plans to remain safe in New Orleans or return home."

The 54th Annual National Convention of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority had convened approximately 15,000 members on Thursday, and had activities planned through Sunday. The Convention Center staff had been in regular consultation with the organizers of the Convention throughout the development of the storm and a de-



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. convened over 15,000 members in New Orleans last Thursday. The convention had to be abruptly cancelled due to the onset of Hurricane Barry.

cision to close the convention came early Friday when the reality of Barry's potential damage to the city was deemed inevitable. But the sorority did not leave the city without making an impact. The Deltas donated over 17,000 meals (which were planned to be served at their convention) to various organizations throughout the New Orleans area, including Second Harvest Food Bank which dispatched a refrigerated truck to quickly retrieve food. The meals had been prepared by one of the Con-

vention Center's caterers, Centerplate.

Second Harvest spokesperson Jay Vise told nola.com that donations such as the ones made from Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. are "crucial" at times during disasters like the imposing Barry and that the meals were especially welcome going into the weather event. The meals reportedly consisted of 17,000 portions of chicken breast, potatoes au gratin, Mac and cheese, flourless chocolate cake and various other items.

National President & CEO of Delta Sigma Theta Beverly E. Smith issued the following statement via social media: "We are delighted Centerplate donated the food we purchased, making it available as a result of us terminating our convention early. With 16,000 attendees and two food functions canceled - our sisterhood luncheon and closing Soirée Celebration - there were inordinate amounts of food that would have been wasted. Kudos to Centerplate!"



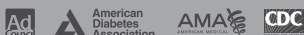
National President & CEO of Delta Sigma Theta Beverly E. Smith issued kudos to The Convention Center's caterers Centerplate for assisting the sorority with their donation of over 17,000 meals to the City's hunger relief organizations in the wake of the untimely cancellation of their annual convention due to Hurricane Barry

Smith continued, "While Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc had to end the remainder of our convention-related activities earlier than scheduled, our work and commitment to public service around the world since our founding in 1913, will go on."

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded in 1913 at Howard University, a Historically Black University in Washington D.C.

86 MILLION AMERICANS MAYBE EVEN YOU, HAVE PREDIABETES. PERSON-ABOUT-TO-FACT-CHECK-THIS-FACT.

DoIHavePrediabetes.org



Cover Story, Continued from page 3.

pecially small businesses. Wilbert "Chill" Wilson, who owns two businesses along the busy thoroughfare on S. Carrollton Avenue is no stranger to having a business submerged in water. During Hurricane Katrina, his shop had nine feet of water in it, but as opposed to giving up, he took a generator, tent and clippers and created a makeshift shop at an abandoned Shell Gas Station - eventually recovering and now being a symbol of the spirit of rebuilding a city working together. "For us who have small businesses, these few days of being closed affect us and sometimes we cannot make this money back. I am wondering in situations like this where the Emergency Declaration is in place, what programs are in place

for businesses that have lost revenue. Is it the City, FEMA, SBA, etc., that can help us? While not true for me, for some businesses, being closed for a few days may be the difference in them closing their doors or staying open."

We Are One: Hope for the Future

The City of New Orleans was fortunate this time, but this year's hurricane season is not over, and it is noteworthy that everyone from the elected leadership, agencies, and citizens worked together during this weather emergency. Councilmember Jay Banks, echoes these words when speaking of the leadership and harkening back to Katrina, where the water affected all and it took all working together to rebuild. Today he strikes an opti-

mistic note pertaining to the present leadership and citizens of New Orleans. "When it comes to us as leaders, citizens don't care whose responsibility it is, but just want to get the job done. When I look back to Katrina, it didn't matter what part of town you were from. There was no separation between us when the storm hit, and the levees broke. Today we are rebuilding a new city, with new leadership moving in a new direction. Yes, we still have our problems, but I believe we are better today than we were yesterday. We have many different types of people in New Orleans, but we are one, we can't separate ourselves from each other and we all have a role to play. The best of that was on display during Hurricane Barry."

Council Announces Massive Increase In Renewable Energy Capacity, Construction of Grid-Scale Solar Power Plant In New Orleans East

Edited By Data Staff Writers

Council President and Utilities Committee Chair Helena Moreno announced the pending addition of 90MW of renewable solar generation to the City's generation portfolio, representing an increase of over 20 times the current capacity and including the construction of a 20MW grid-scale solar plant in New Orleans East (NOE) on 200 acres of the flood-protected NASA Michoud property.

Estimates indicate that this would mean almost 10% of New Orleans power needs could be produced by renewables on a given day - 20 times more than today, and a tremendous step towards meeting our goal of at least 100MW of renewable generation by 2021. The yet-to-be-named NOE Solar Plant would create up to 537 local construction and operational jobs as well.

"This is nothing less than a transformational moment for the City of New Orleans," said Utilities Chair Moreno. "It's a win on all counts: these new resources help us massively decarbonize our power sector while providing cheap, renewable, and local power sources. If anything, this past week again reminds us we are in fact, a coastal city with a vulnerable population on the very front lines of climate change. Therefore, we must take bold steps to address the crisis head-on. Our action must be smart, equitable, and inclusive to ensure all benefit, and no one is left behind. While we have more work to do, this is a huge step forward."

"This is a huge step towards a smarter city with a more environmentally friendly and reliable blend of energy sources," said Councilmember-At-Large Jason Williams. "With this agreement, the City Council continues our work toward significantly expanding our renewables portfolio while decreasing our carbon footprint in a meaningful way. I stand with our Chair in collective commitment to be aggressive and aspirational in pursuit of unprecedented renewables access. The inclusion of 90 megawatts of solar generation and our ongoing efforts, through Smart and Sustain-



Councilmember-At-Large Helena Moreno

able Cities, to significantly modernize our electrical grid will pay dividends for our constituents in the near future."

"This is an exciting step as New Orleans positions itself as a leader in renewable energy policy. These resources remind us that clean energy is affordable and resilient energy. A deep transformation of our energy system away from fossil fuels is vital to protect our city, and we are glad this Council has responded to community members who are insisting on real climate action," said Logan Atkinson Burke, Executive Director of Alliance for Affordable Energy.

"We are in a climate crisis. Scientists are warning us that our world will soon see societies collapse, unless we rapidly implement drastic changes. We have to achieve zero greenhouse gas emissions with great speed, at the latest by 2040. The 90 MW solar project for New Orleans is one great first step in the right direction with many more that have to follow," said Renate Heurich, spokesperson for 350 New Orleans.

"This represents another impressive milestone for the Council in its balanced and unwavering effort to dramatically reduce carbon emissions while ensuring affordability and reliability," said Clint

Vince, Chair of Dentons' U.S. Energy Practice and Council Legal Advisor. "We are grateful for the constructive efforts of all of the involved stakeholders in supporting this exceptional outcome."

"We care about our environment and our communities. In this effort, we've offered a portfolio that balances environmental responsibility and affordability. The City Council's approval of our proposed 90MW solar plan will make New Orleans a national leader. Entergy New Orleans is already among the cleanest utilities in the U.S., and the approval of our 90 MW renewable plan will be integral in our continued fight against climate change with all resources available while maintaining the lowest rates possible for our customers," said David Ellis, President and CEO of Entergy New Orleans.

Critically, the new resources contemplated in this pending docket (UD-06) are expected to cost the average residential ratepayer no more than a dollar and a half (\$1.50) per month on their bill or just about \$17 a year. This additional win on equity is thanks to the hard, cooperative work of the Council, its technical and legal teams, the interveners, and Entergy New Orleans. Over \$10 million of potential costs were reduced from the New Orleans project alone. In addition to the 20MW from the NOE Solar Resource, the docket filing also contemplates two separate power purchase agreements (PPAs) totaling 70MW with solar plants in Washington and St. James Parishes.

All of these new resources are expected to be online by the end of 2020.



LIONMAN Foundation, Inc. in Partnership with BLUE LION Karate Academy International Presents The Legend Of LIONMAN 1000 Beams of Light



Helping Kids To Be Strong! Confident! Successful!



GrandMaster Eric O'Neal, Sr.
LIONMAN Foundation, Inc.
BLUE LION Karate Academy

9954 Lake Forest Blvd., Suite 5
New Orleans, LA 70127
818-252-9707
504-244-8395

GEO@LIONMANFoundation.org
info@BLUELIONKarate.com

www.LIONMANWorld.com
www.TheLegendOfLIONMAN.com
www.BLUELIONKarate.com

Hennessey V.S.O.P Privilege Salutes the Accomplishments of New Orleans Entrepreneur Larry Morrow

Edited By Data Staff Writers

Hennessey V.S.O.P Privilege recently held a toast to celebrate the success of New Orleans event curator turned restaurateur, Larry Morrow during the July 4th/Essence Fest weekend here in New Orleans. It was an exciting evening which included influencers such as Omari Hardwick, DJ Envy, Karen Civil, Keisha Knight-Pullman, Alvin Kamara, Kenny Burns, Toya Wright, Angel Love, Kristen Scott, Monyetta Shaw, Tahiri Joseph, Cortez Bryant, Omar Dorsey and more. #PrivilegeToast is an engagement crafted to celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of respected professionals who've become masters of their craft.

Besides curating some of the most lavish events in New Orleans, the millennial entrepreneur is also an author and restaurateur. In 2018, Morrow launched one of the hottest restaurants in the country, Morrow's, according to Forbes, GQ magazine, the New York Times and the loads of celebrities pouring through the doors.

#PrivilegeToast attendees enjoyed crafted cocktails, a decadent spread of New Orleans cuisine and a soundtrack curated by DJ Keith Scott. A highlight of the evening was a surprise toast by Omari Hardwick crowning Larry Morrow, who's an avid fan of the Starz hit tv show Power, the 'Ghost of New Orleans'.



Larry Morrow, Keisha Knight-Pullman, Omari Hardwick



Angela Love (far left) and Monyetta Shaw (left) and Keisha Knight-Pulliam (far right) with Toya Wright (right) are joined by three partygoers (center) who all came out to celebrate Morrow's success.



Toya Wright & Tahiri Joseph



Alvin Kamara, DJ Envy, Karen Civil, Larry Morrow and Kenny Burns

Travel Wear Reimagined

Media Relations PR
Photos by Macintosh Smith

During the 2019 New York fashion showcases, Shangani Fashions reimagines fall-winter styling for the modern traveler. The brand emerged on the New York runways starting in 2017 by redefining women's travel-wear with a contemporary African esthetic that embodies African culture and history. The name is derived from "Shoshangani" which means traveler. And is also an African tribe who dwelled near the Shangani River in Zimbabwe, Africa.

The brand continues these fundamental aesthetics with added features that contribute versatility and luxury for the modern traveler. The introduction of his and her matching style sets are an ador-

able signature look by Shangani that can add to the romance of any travel get-away. Shangani offers men's apparel and accessory pieces that often complement the women's collection. Each look is classic for the metropolitan man. Shangani caters to a "One Size Fits All" approach to different body types. The women's collection is always multi-functional with added sex-appeal. You will always see showy legs, a peek of cleavage and African fabrics that flow.

"Our goal is to reach and inspire a much bigger market." Explains Creative Director, Mary Moore. "Most of our pieces are versatile and can be styled to offer numerous looks. I began adding detachable fur collars within this season's collection. Traveling is part of my lifestyle and having a

garment that transcends climate and seasons is so convenient. I lived in Russia for a few years, and I fell in love with fur during my stay. I have always wanted to work with fur. This season I have applied detachable fur as a luxury feature to the garments."

Shangani's showcase includes striking jewelry and leather handbags with bold African prints and contemporary shapes that match the signature garment. The handbags range from cozy clutch purses, to colorful handbags for the business traveler. The looks are suitable as traditional ethnic-wear or casual business attire. A mix of modern contemporary shapes and ethnic fabrics for the active traveler is the passion behind Shangani Fashions.



AUDUBON NATURE INSTITUTE EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

DAINE APPLEBERRY
 DIRECTOR OF GUEST SERVICES

Daine works with frontline staff to ensure the highest quality guest experience during a visit to Audubon. Daine has been part of the Audubon family since he was 13 years old, when he volunteered as a Jr. Keeper. Daine is passionate about enriching New Orleans' culture through Audubon and as a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., the Krewe of Endymion, and the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions Young Professionals Mentor Program.

Celebrating the Wonders of Nature

Be a part of the Audubon Team: AudubonNatureInstitute.org/Careers



Being Black and Republican in the Era of Trump Presents Real Challenges

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire
Correspondent

It's likely that identifying as a Republican today isn't as easy as it once was, particularly with President Donald Trump's policies that have included separating children from parents; the administration's escalating racial rhetoric; and a special counsel report that strongly suggests the nation's commander-in-chief committed crimes that may not just end with obstruction of justice.

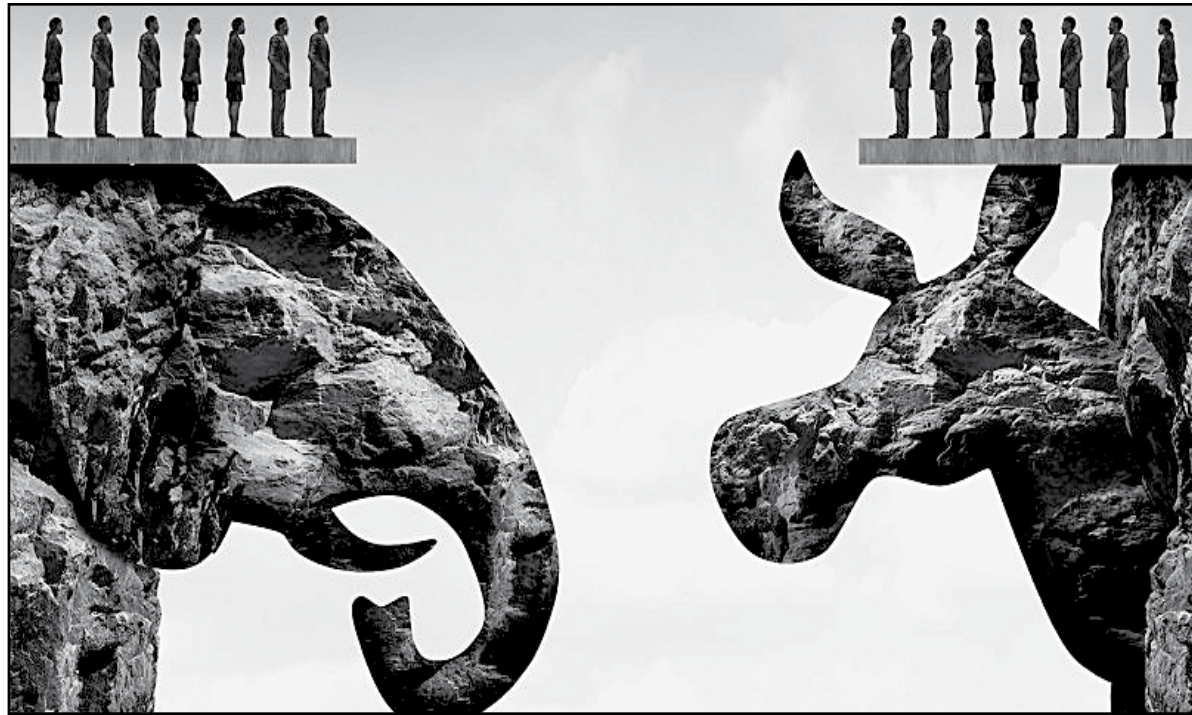
And, as tough as it is for White GOP members to identify with the party (See: Michigan Rep. Justin Amash's declaring his independence this month and leaving the party) African American Republicans may have an even more difficult task of letting people know where they stand.

In fact, prominent Republicans like South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott and Telly Lovelace, who once was responsible for African American outreach, press strategy and field engagement for the Republican National Committee, nixed requests by the NNPA Newswire to detail life as a Black Republican.

We also reached out to others without success including Herman Caine, Condoleezza Rice, Dr. Ben Carson, and Armstrong Williams.

Perhaps they weren't able to articulate what former RNC Chair Michael Steele could – “I mean, you know, people don't ask Democrats that question when they had their crazy left-wingers out there,” Steele said.

“But, you know in any political climate there are underlying arguments for being reasonable and in



my view, which is why I remain a Republican, is that despite Donald Trump, there's still a balance and there's still underlying arguments for Republicanism that are still valid,” Steele said.

“The principles are still valid,” he said before offering a reminder of what he told a Washington Post reporter in 2018. “You invite me over to a nice dinner and I come to your home. And during the course of that evening, I start breaking your china. I start slicing your drapes, tearing up your carpet, putting holes in your walls. “So, at that point, do you leave, or do you kick my ass out? You're going to kick me out. That's where I am. I'm not leaving. This is my house.

“I know I gotta repair the drapes and patch up the holes in the walls and replace the carpet. But your ass will be gone and that's the goal,”

Steele said. Shekinah Monee, of Perfect Vision PR Company, said as a Republican in the current climate it's often difficult when she discusses her views to fellow African Americans who don't favor her party. “My mother blames my boyfriend for my party change, although my views have never changed,” Monee told NNPA Newswire.

“I had to reevaluate my views and why I was with a [Democratic] party that did not support me. While I have always been conservative, I was told as a black woman I must be a Democrat. I attempted to become a Republican several times, but the Board of Election kept keeping me as a Democrat. I finally became a Republican in 2019,” Monee said.

“I think that the African American community truly needs to read and know their history. I think that

a lot of people dislike a person and let it speak for the party,” she said.

“There is no consideration taken about the entire picture. Also, we must hold everyone to the same standards,” Monee continued. Having worked in Republican politics for 15 years and being the head of the only black GOP political campaign consulting firm, Richard S. Holt said his experience shows that having an all-white administration makes many African Americans believe that the party is racist.

“My friends and family understand this narrative and how it works in terms of the politics of race,” Holt said. “My father was very conservative and hated the Democrats who he saw as holding back black progress. As I grew up, I began to get a better understanding of his ideas,” said Holt, whose father was the first in his family to

get a college degree and the first black chemist to graduate from his college,” he said. “I was taught a very ‘up by the bootstraps’ idea that we had to be smarter, be wiser, and work harder than whites to get ahead,” Holt said.

“Once I read the book, ‘Conscience of a Conservative,’ in college back in 1999, I was sold on conservatism overall,” he said. Holt did say he disagreed with the author's ideas on the Civil Rights Act, but the overall philosophy of conservatism just made the most sense for the kind of America he wanted to live in. Jonathan Farley, whose father is a native of Guyana who holds a Ph.D. from the London School of Economics, and his mother who is Jamaican and holds a Ph.D. in American history, said he's an independent who voted Republican in the 2018 midterm elections.

“I decided to do that because of the Democratic Party's support for alternative lifestyle groups and the party's support for women who make false allegations against men like the #MeToo movement,” Farley said.

Despite his conversion, Farley said he doesn't believe African Americans as a whole will ever be convinced that the Republican party has the community's best interest in mind. “Republicans should make it clear that the Democratic party supports anti-Christian efforts like teaching kindergarteners about transsexuals and Republicans should stop taking the side of neo-Confederate groups and the party should publicly state that Confederate statues need to be removed,” Farley said.

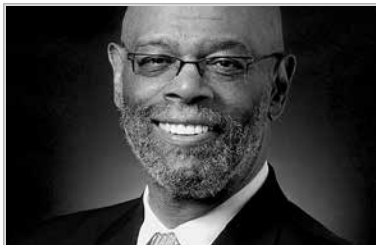
@StacyBrownMedia

NO ONE GETS A DIPLOMA ALONE.

If you're thinking of finishing your high school diploma, you have more support than you realize. Find free adult education classes near you by texting FINISH to 97779 or by visiting FinishYourDiploma.org.



Did You Insult or Exalt God Today?



James A. Washington
NNPA News Wire
Columnist

consistent in my journey towards eternal salvation.

Have you ever been there? It is then that my prayer life is more often weak not strong. I've finally figured out at times like these that if I only do one thing, I have to continue to pray. However casual or cavalier I might think it is, if I do nothing else, I've learned that I've got to pray my way through it.

If you've ever been lost on a nameless highway and know that you're lost, you probably understand what I'm talking about. No exit, no gas stations, no people or other cars around. No one to ask for directions. You just keep driving and you just keep looking, hoping against hope. It's just you and the needle on the fuel gauge.

Given your and my circumstances, prayer is probably very

appropriate when one is spiritually lost; especially when you are forced to acknowledge that you are. My word to you is to just keep praying.

At this stage of my spiritual development, I can't think of an alternative. I just so happened to look up prayer in my bible's Concordance and found out that I'm correct in my assumption that prayer(s), pray(ed), praying, all hold a special place in spiritual history and in the eyes of God.

For every quote I could give you right now, there are many of you who could quote at least three more appropriate ones for this message. James 5:15-16 "And prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore, con-

fess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you might be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

I will not sit here and profess to you to be a righteous man. What I will do is profess to you and anyone who will listen that I am a sinner seeking God's forgiveness.

I am also on record as praying for you, my fellow man, that you too, will understand God's faithfulness. Mark 11:24-25 "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

I'm not making this stuff up.

This is what the text says. Hopefully, what I'm trying to convey to you is once I was lost. I'm sure I'll get lost again and when it happens, prayer will continue to lead me home.

It is an irrefutable spiritual fact.

Try it. Speak to God from your heart. Let Him know that you know He knows you are lost. He will then step up and act out on your behalf proclaiming for all to see that you are never really lost and certainly never really alone. He has known where you were from the beginning of time.

May God bless and keep you always.

James A. Washington is a father, husband, Christian, writer, entrepreneur and the owner/publisher of the Dallas Weekly.

Book Review

"Women with Money"

"Women with Money"
by Jean Chatzky
c.2019, Grand Central
\$28.00 / \$36.00
Canada 288 pages

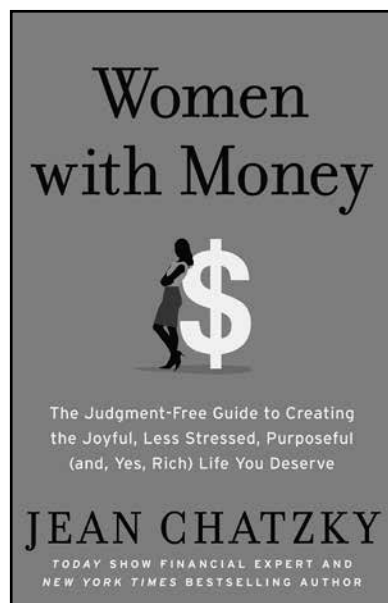
Terri Schlichenmeyer

Find a penny, pick it up.

The rest of that little ditty promises luck but whatever. You don't see a penny as worth much, but how do you perceive money as a whole? In the new book, "Women with Money" by Jean Chatzky, the answer to that question may lead you to a better relationship with your wallet.

Statistics don't lie: for every 100 men that graduate from college, there are more than 130 women graduates. Women inherit more money from their forebears, too, and within the next decade, women could control 75% of the world's wealth.

And yet, many of us don't know the deepest answers about our finances.



So, "what do you want from your money?"

That's the question Chatzky asks, because it's one that most women don't know and haven't discussed. Ask yourself if you want "the four S's." (Safety, Shelter, Security, Stability). Would you use your money for freedom, or to buy time? Do you like the power you get from

money? Or does spending it make you feel guilty?

The answers to those debates come when you figure out your money story.

Chatzky says that your money story likely started when you were a toddler, watching your parents and their attitudes on spending and saving, budgeting, and going into debt. As you grew up, more layers were added to your money story, and understanding that narrative helps to show you why you have the financial attitudes you have.

Remember that money is an emotional thing, and there's little we can do about that because a lot of our financial perceptions are biological, says Chatzky. Talk with your partner to understand how your money stories mesh (or don't), so you can agree on what works for you both. Learn how to ask for help, and a raise at work.

And finally, remember that money is perfect when used "to bring more joy into your life and the lives of people important to you. You just have to be careful about how and

what you spend it on."

Money: in one hand and out the other? Or are you more tight-fisted? You think you know yourself but read "Women with Money" and you might think twice.

Indeed, digging deeper into your attitude towards moola is one of the more eye-opening things you'll learn in this book, as Author Jean Chatzky urges readers to examine why they spend or save as they do. Those unused to this kind of introspection may squirm at such navel-gazing – it requires stepping aside and looking at the warts of childhood – but Chatzky shows how understanding is the powerful beginning of action. Finances are not just things to tediously manage. Spending is permissible with this book and money, as it happens, is the root of much that is good.

If you already consider yourself a money maven, then go ahead and pass here; you don't need this book. If you hope to view money as another tool for happiness, though, find "Women with Money" and pick it up.

**FROECLUSRE
MAEKS
EEVRYHTIGN
COFNUISNG.**

GET CLEAR ON FORECLOSURE OPTIONS.
CALL 1-888-995-HOPE.
No one is good at going through foreclosure. Thankfully, there's a way for you to get free, trusted advice. Call the Hope Hotline today and speak to a HUD approved counseling agency.



Transformative 5G Technology Arrives

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire
Correspondent

The next wave of technological evolution has arrived in the form of 5G, a new generation of mobile networks where at least four major telephone carriers in America – AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile, and Sprint – have put forth plans to introduce this year. Reportedly, AT&T has even started trials with 5G mobile hotspots in 12 cities. “The first generation was all about being able to just talk on the phone where ever you were,” said Candice Brackeen, the co-founder and executive director of Hillman Accelerator, which supports women and minority led tech companies in Cincinnati to provide them with access to education, seed funding, mentorship, and networks. “And then we had 2G that allowed us to use a little bit of text messaging. Then, 3G was faster, we had the smartphone and suddenly everybody had it in their hand,” Brackeen said.

“Then, we had 4G and now, the fifth generation is super-fast and responding in real time and we now have the ability to have devices speaking to each other,” she said. The technological advances are transformative and can significantly change what it means to be connected, Brackeen said. She noted that it can transform communities



Candice Brackeen, the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Hillman Accelerator, which supports women and minority led tech companies in Cincinnati to provide them with access to education, seed funding, mentorship, and networks.

and also reshape the digital economy.

Experts said when compared to 4G, 5G means far faster downloads, significantly reduced response times, and a massive impact on how everyone lives, works, and plays. “So, the internet is now going to work the way we all want it to work in a mobile version,” Brackeen said. “That’s kind of where we’re going. The ability for your car to really understand what’s happening as we all aspire to have self-driving cars ... those cars now will be able to interact with those around them and make real decisions,” she said.

The importance of providing Af-

rican Americans and others with information on 5G was underscored in June when Washington Informer Publisher Denise Rolark Barnes hosted a news forum without any grant or funding. Rolark Barnes said she held the forum because “this issue is important” and residents across the city, especially in the predominately African American communities that lie east of the Anacostia River, needed the information.

The early reviews for 5G include CNET’s description:

“On its surface, 5G is about astounding speeds and almost zero la-

tency – the lag time between when your phone pings the network and when it responds. But on a global scale, it represents political dominance and economic might.” Earlier this year, Samsung’s first 5G smartphone in the U.S. became available exclusively on Verizon for a limited time. According to a news release, Verizon revealed the names of 20 cities that join Chicago and Minneapolis where customers will get access to its 5G Ultra-Wideband network this year, with more to come throughout 2019.

Those cities, which include Washington, D.C.; Charlotte; Boston; Atlanta; Cincinnati; Cleveland;

Columbus, Ohio; Des Moines, Iowa; Denver; Detroit; Houston; Indianapolis; Kansas City; Little Rock, Arkansas; Memphis; Phoenix; Providence, Rhode Island; San Diego; and Salt Lake City; are the world’s first to get Verizon’s 5G Ultra-Wideband mobility service.

The bottom line is that everyone should be excited about 5G, Brackeen said.

“I’ve got children. And for me, when the internet is slow, sometimes I don’t have happy children in the house when the internet is slow – we’re not learning, homework doesn’t get done,” Brackeen said. “So we can all be excited about reliability. And I know that I just upgraded my house within the last 60 days to 5G. And, you know, the video games work faster. My streaming services work faster. And I’m not having any downtime,” Brackeen said. “I can work from home versus working from my office where there is fiber. And so the reliability is what I think is what we should all be excited about. I think that’s what we should be most excited about is the reliability,” she said.

To celebrate the transformative new technology, officials have launched “Faces of 5G” with the hopes of educating the public on the innovations already taken place today and the possibilities of tomorrow.

@StacyBrownMedia

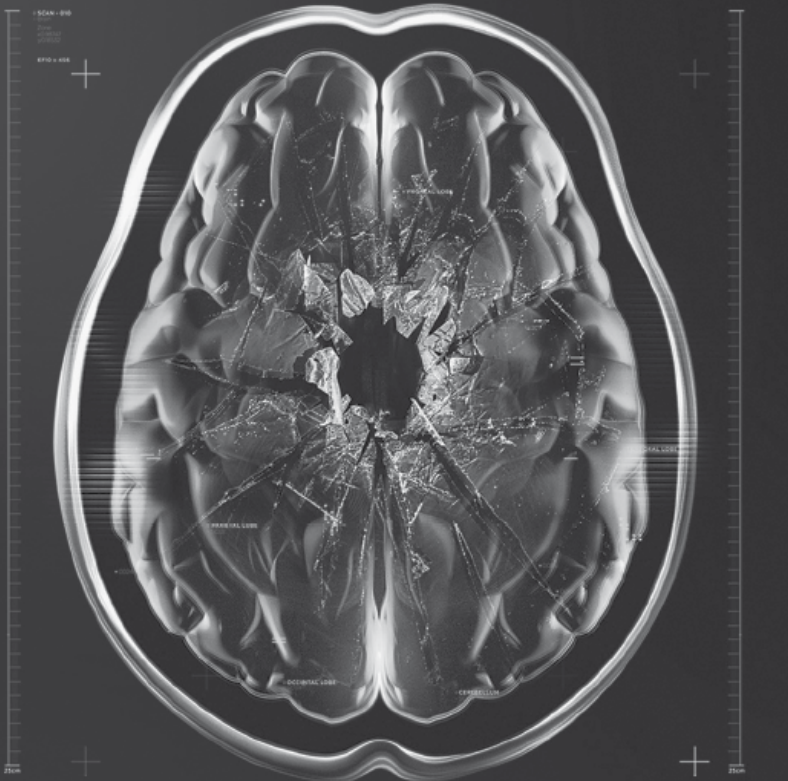
WITNESSING VIOLENCE CAN CHANGE A KID’S MIND.

YOU CAN HELP THEM HEAL.

New research shows that witnessing traumatic events — like domestic violence, shootings, or even fighting — can impact the physical development of a child’s brain. Learn how your everyday gestures can help reverse the effects.

Childhood trauma
Changing minds.

ChangingMindsNOW.org
DEFENDING CHILDHOOD **Ag** FUTURE’S WITHOUT VIOLENCE



Find us on:
facebook®

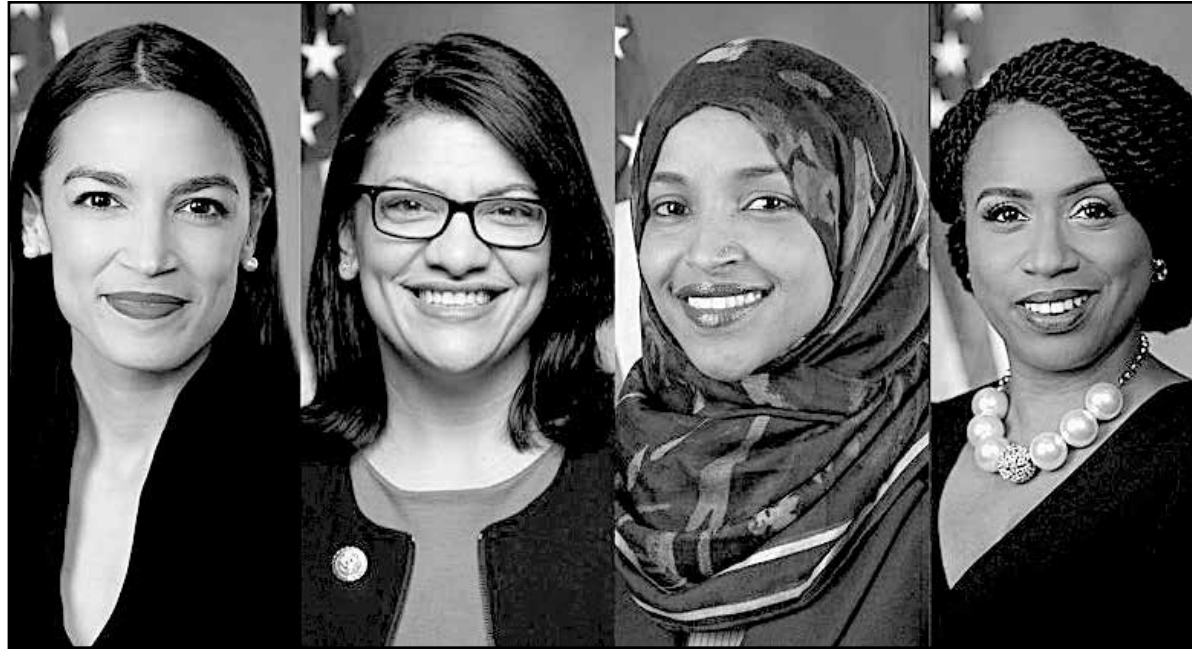
more photos
more stories
more data

Trump Levels Racist Attack on Congresswomen of Color in Latest Social Media Screed

By Lauren Victoria Burke
NNPA Newswire Contributor

President Donald Trump went on a racist screed on Twitter and attacked Democratic congresswomen of color and their ancestry. The 45th President, who succeeded the first African American President of the United States, Barack Obama, has often attacked Black female elected officials, such as Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA), Black athletes, immigrants, and other women of color. As is his general habit, Trump lies in his communications and brands places where people of color reside as dangerous. President Trump has a long history of racism as does his late father, Fred Trump. Fred Trump was arrested at a Ku Klux Klan rally in Queens, New York on May 30, 1927 when he was 21. Their company, Trump Properties, was sued by the Justice Department for housing discrimination against Blacks in 1973.

On May 1, 1989, Donald Trump took out ads in several of New York's major newspapers demanding that the Central Park Five be given the death penalty. Even though the five have been exonerated, Trump has never admitted he was wrong or apologized. A hint of Trump's racist views now on international display in The White House, was seen in 1989 as Trump linked the Central Park Five case to an overall decline in society. "At what point did we cross the line from the fine and noble pursuit of genuine civil liberties to the reckless and dangerously permissive atmosphere which allows criminals of every age



Left to Right: Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI), Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) and Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA).

to beat and rape a helpless woman and laugh at her family's anguish? And why do they laugh? They laugh because they know that soon, very soon, they will be returned to the street to rape and maim and kill once again," Trump said in a 1989 interview.

On July 14, 2019, Trump wrote, "So interesting to see "Progressive" Democrat Congresswomen, who originally came from countries whose governments are a complete and total catastrophe, the worst, most corrupt and inept anywhere in the world (if they even have a functioning government at all), now loudly....." read one communication on Twitter the morning of July 14. Consistent with his racist attacks and communications both verbal and on social media, President Trump attacked three

Congresswomen of color who have gained national prominence as they oppose Trump's policies: Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), Ilhan Omar (D-MN) and Ayanna Pressley (D-MA). Trump implied in a series of consecutive messages on Twitter on July 14 that the Congresswomen weren't born in the United States and added, "they go back and help fix the totally broken and crime infested places from which they came."

Rep. Ilhan was born in Somalia and her family arrived in New York in 1992 and secured asylum in the U.S. in 1995. Rep. Ocasio-Cortez was born in the Bronx, New York and Rep. Pressley was born in Chicago, Ill. Another Congresswoman Trump has attacked before, Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-MI), was born in Detroit, Michigan. Though Trump

did not name who specifically he was referring to, the context of his communication on Twitter was clear to political observers. Earlier in July, Trump referenced the three women. All three, as well as many other members, have been outspoken about Trump's immigration policies.

The conditions of detention facilities at the Mexican border came into stark light after Vice President Pence visited a center on June 12. Video from the visit showed a large group of Mexican men grouped in a fenced in enclosure with no cots, food and few signs of running water or other basic needs. Trump's direct messages or racism and xenophobia to his base have increased as the 2020 presidential campaign gets fully underway.

DATA CLASSIFIED

Call 504-821-7421 to place your classified ad.

Job Opportunity

Freelance Writers Wanted

Data News Weekly, "The People's Paper," is looking for freelance writers to join our team print and digital team. We want to hear from you if you are a working journalist, or an aspiring journalist who has 2 years or more of newspaper or PR writing experience. We need writers who can cover New Orleans news stories, ranging from local high school sports, community events, City Hall and entertainment. Experience in print is necessary, experience in digital and social media are encouraged.

Compensation is competitive and great story ideas will be appreciated.

If you are interested, please email your resume and 3 writing samples to: terrybjones@bellsouth.net and datanewseditor@bellsouth.net.

We can't wait to hear from you!

This space can be

yours for only \$80

Call Now!

504-821-7421

This space can be yours for only \$80

CALL NOW!!!

504-821-7421

follow us on

twitter 

@DataNewsWeek

ladatanews.com - The People's Website

Renewable energy is part of New Orleans' bright future.



At Entergy New Orleans, we know a diversified energy portfolio is essential to a vibrant city. That's why we're also investing in renewable energy to better serve our customers.

New Orleans Solar Power Plant

- This 1-megawatt facility is helping us evaluate the feasibility of utility-scale solar and the extent to which battery storage can help compensate for the intermittency of sunlight.

Commercial-Scale Rooftop Solar

- This 5-megawatt solar pilot project is taking advantage of previously unused commercial rooftops and putting solar energy in action.

Residential Rooftop Solar

- This pilot program puts solar panels on the rooftops of low-income customers' homes and gives them a \$30 bill credit, rain or shine.

Our investment in renewable energy is another way we're planning for future generations. Learn more about our solar projects at enterygbrightfutureenola.com.



A message from Entergy New Orleans, LLC ©2019 Entergy Services, LLC. All Rights Reserved.



WE POWER LIFESM