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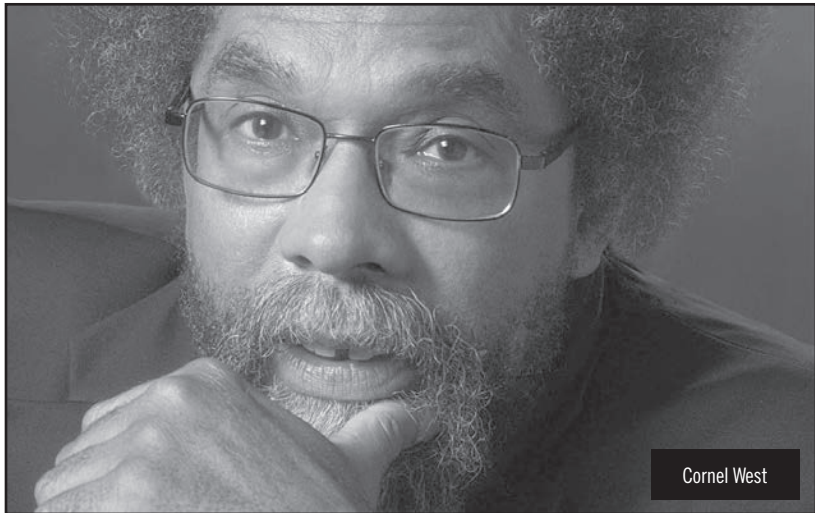
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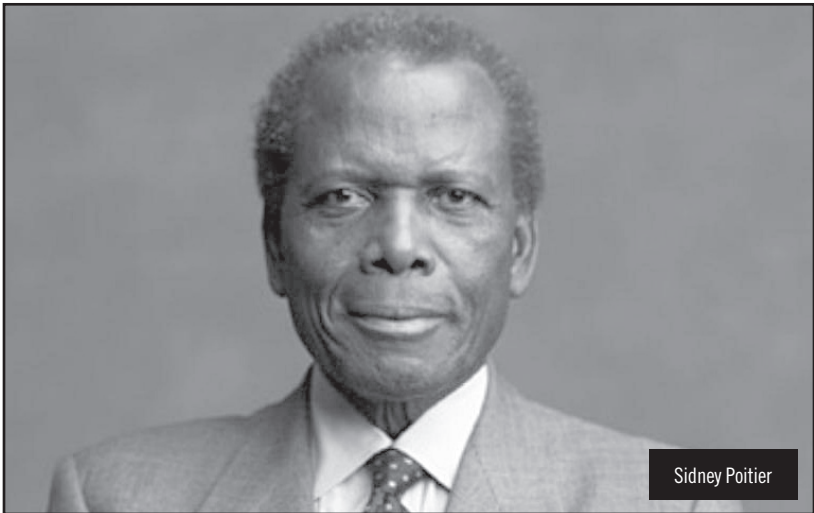
Colin Powell



Charlie Wilson



Cornel West



Sidney Poitier

Many celebrities and public figures have survived Prostate Cancer that includes, Colin Powell, Charlie Wilson, Cornel West, and Sidney Poitier. The key to survival is early detection.

Dr. Denise Johnson
Investigator for RESPOND

African American Men More Likely to Get Prostate Cancer

September is National Prostate Health Month. African American men are more likely to get Prostate Cancer than any other group. The statistics show that 1 in 6 African American men will get Prostate Cancer.

When compared to White men African American men are twice as likely to die from this disease because their Prostate Cancer is more aggressive, and they are being diagnosed at a younger age.

Louisiana Chosen to Participate in Groundbreaking Study called RESPOND

Louisiana is one of 8 states that has been selected to participate in an African American Prostate Cancer Study called RESPOND. The majority of research per-

formed on Prostate Cancer has been conducted on White men and is unlikely to be informative or very helpful for African American men.

The goal of the study is to reduce the large disparity in incidence and mortality between African Americans and other racial/ethnic groups. The National Cancer Institute (NCI), and the National Institute on Minority Health and Disparities (NIMHD) are the funding sources for this study.

The funding for the participating cancer registries

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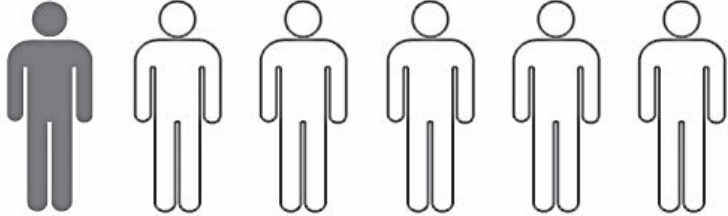
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Prostate Cancer: GET THE FACTS

Other than skin cancer, prostate cancer is the most common cancer in American men.

1 in 6 

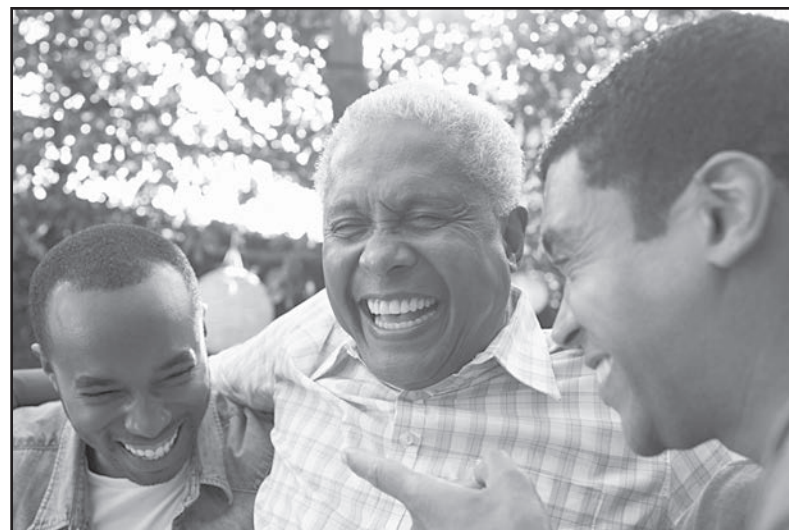
men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer during his lifetime.



Prostate cancer can be a serious disease, but **most men diagnosed with prostate cancer do not die from it.** In fact, more than 2.5 million men in the United States who have been diagnosed with prostate cancer at some point are **still alive today.**



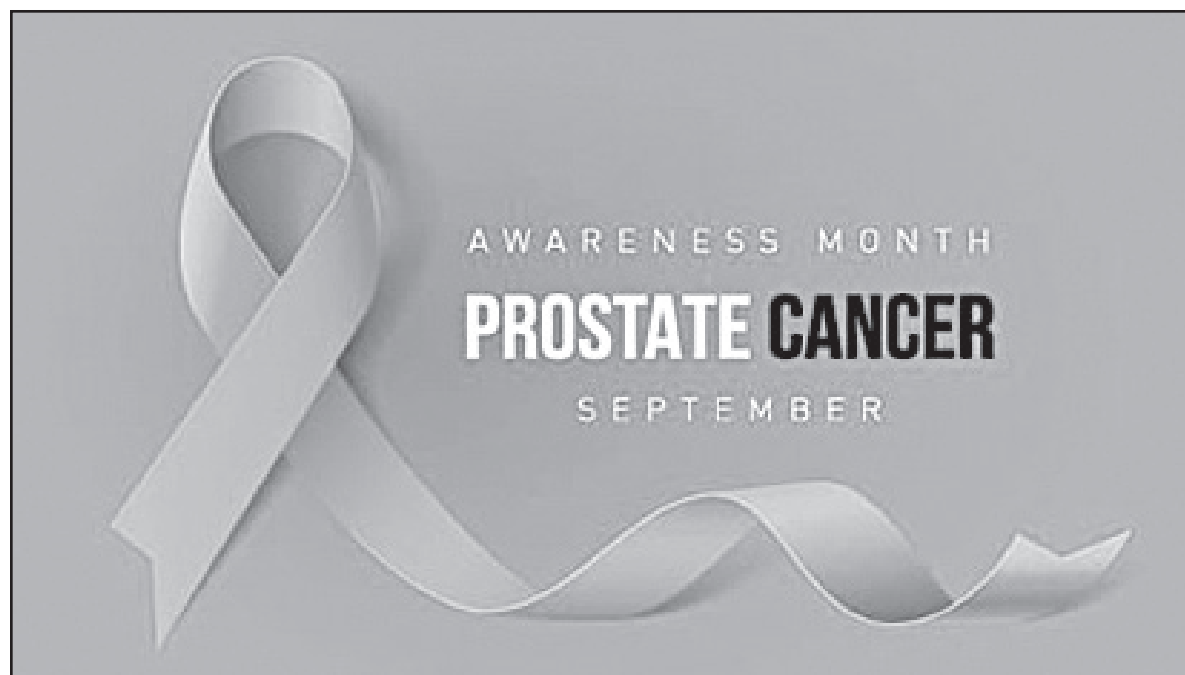
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Dr. Denise Johnson says of RESPOND that it is the largest research study to look for answers to aggressive Prostate Cancer that affects African American men.



September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month.

provided through contracts, cooperative agreements, and other direct support is from the National Cancer Institute's SEER Programs, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) NPCR Program, State Departments of Health and other agencies. Additional support for the RESPOND Study is provided by the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

Participants Needed for Study

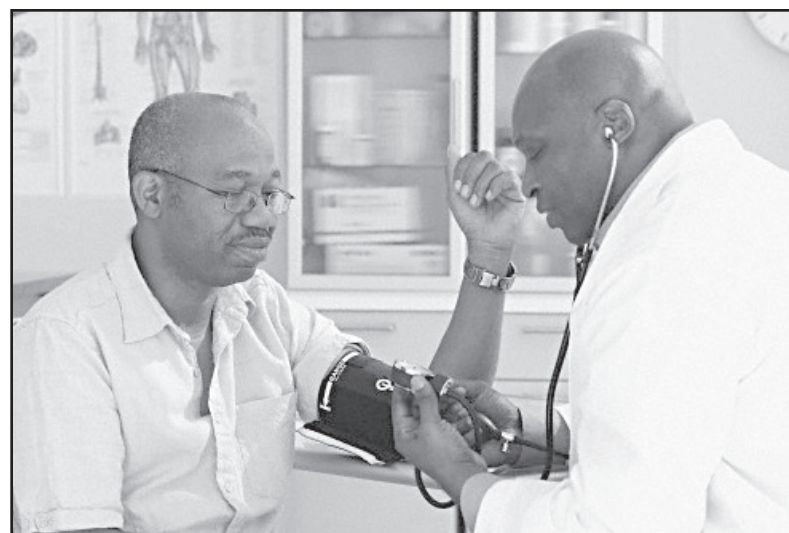
LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans has been selected as

Louisiana's participation site. The Investigators are Dr. Xiao-Cheng and Dr. Denise Johnson. Dr. Johnson is also the Community Liaison to help with the recruitment of participants. The study is the largest research study to look for answers to the aggressive Prostate Cancer that affects African American men.

This study is more than 20-times the size of any previous Prostate Cancer Study involving African American men. The RESPOND Study needs 10,000 African American men diagnosed with Prostate Cancer in the U.S. from January

2010 to 2018 to participate. RESPOND is a comprehensive, non-invasive study that involves the participating men to complete a survey that includes social factors that contribute to lifetime stress, a submission of a saliva sample that looks for inherited susceptibility and finally permission to sample the tumor already removed from them to examine it for mutations and inflammation.

The information obtained is confidential and will not be shared with anyone not affiliated with this study. The survey can be mailed to the participant or completed on our



The goal of the study is to reduce the large Prostate Cancer disparity in incidence and mortality between African Americans and other racial/ethnic groups.

website at www.RESPONDstudy.org. Our study coordinator Lisa Moses is available to answer questions by phone and can be reached at (504) 568-5848. Participants can receive up to \$50 in gift cards for their help.

We need your help because we have to learn about the factors and reasons that influence the risk of African American men developing Prostate Cancer, diagnosing it at an

early stage to increase their survival after diagnosis. The participants of this study will help us to improve the outcomes for others. We also hope the information obtained can help prevent, diagnose and treat Prostate Cancer in African American men today and for future generations.

My personal goal, as always is to make Louisiana a healthier state for us all.

Sewerage and Water Board's Ghassan Korban Proposes 'Stormwater Fee' to Pay for Complete Overhaul of Drainage System

Eric Connerly
Data News Weekly
Contributor

The Executive Director of the Sewerage & Water Board (S&WB), Ghassan Korban believes it's time for the citizens of New Orleans to pay a drainage fee.

He's said his agency will need an infusion of billions of dollars for a "complete overhaul" of its antiquated system of drainage culverts, canals, pumps and power generators and electric feeder lines to run those pumps.

"That all costs money, and much like any city that's managing stormwater, they rely on a user fee called a stormwater fee, which does not exist in this city," Korban said, in a news story by local CBS affiliate by WWL-TV.

He continued by saying "And I'm very hopeful that the time will come where people will come to their senses in terms of, yes, if we want



Sewerage and Water Board Executive Director Ghassan Korban.

this city to thrive and not worry about every time it rains, we've got to invest in our infrastructure."

The City is having its upcoming elections and this important issue will not be on the ballot, but Kor-

ban wants to come up with a plan to overhaul the entire system, and what it would cost and place it be-

fore the voters in the near future.

New Orleans continues to have problems with its sewerage system, and it seems that solutions to this issue will require stakeholders and citizens working together to rebuild the infrastructure that includes the City's Drainage System.

It is something that many residents have stated they want to see done and was placed before voters in 1985 during the administration of Ernest "Dutch" Morial. The initiative was defeated during this time by a margin of 54 to 46 percent.

Perhaps after Hurricane Katrina and the recent flooding that seems more a regular occurrence affecting businesses and residents, the City and voters may have to revisit this issue and place it on the ballot.

Either way whether it is passed or not, New Orleans must find a way to invest in a modern Drainage System that works for the residents and businesses of the City.

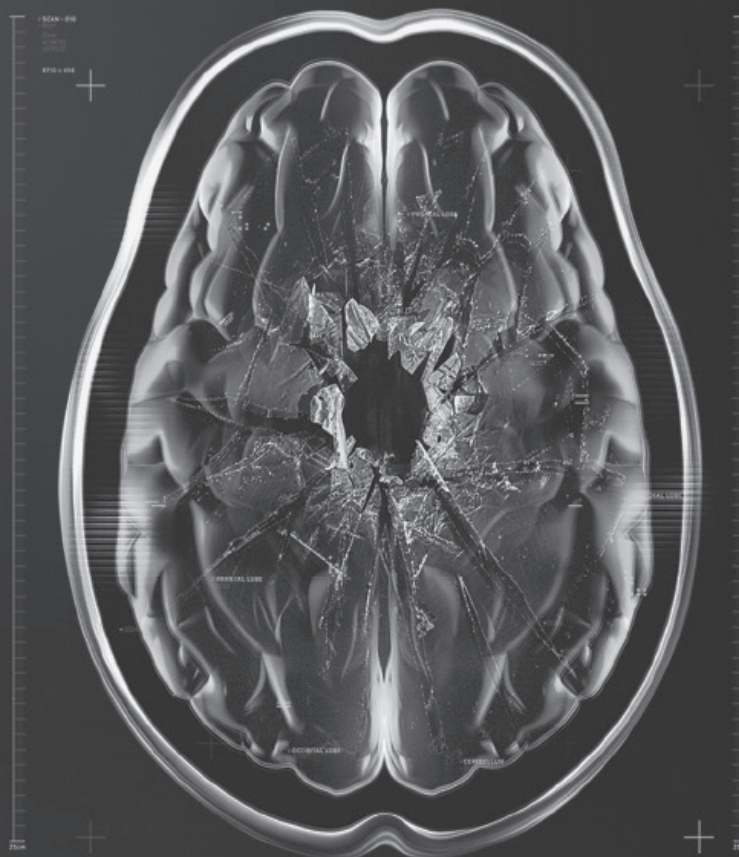
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RTA Service Enhancements Begin This Month

Data News Weekly Staff Edited Report

NEW ORLEANS — New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA) riders this month began experiencing more frequent service in New Orleans East and Algiers, and enjoying extra hours of operation on the Algiers Point-Canal Street Ferry, the RTA has announced.

"I want to thank the RTA for listening to our residents as well as the leadership of the City of New Orleans. They have implemented these enhanced services, providing improved access and more transportation options for the community, especially in previously underserved areas of Algiers and New Orleans East," said Mayor LaToya Cantrell. "Transportation is one of my top priorities, and when I took office, I created the City's first Office of Transportation and prioritized RTA. Transportation is infrastructure, and my administration is ensuring that our infrastructure is accessible, equitable, safe and efficient for all. We are looking at this through an equity lens, and appreciate how this expanded service will help those residents most in need."

The new service enhancements will primarily be helping transit riders who live in New Orleans East, Algiers, and those who ride the Canal Street Ferry. Many of them are late-night hospitality workers who have been asking for more frequent bus service and more hours on the



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ferry in order to get to and from work much easier.

New Orleans East Service Enhancements

- 63-New Orleans East Owl: This bus line will provide service every 30 minutes. (Currently, service is provided every 60 minutes.)
- 64-Lake Forest Express & 65-Read-Crowder Express: Each bus line will provide service every 30 minutes weekdays, all day long. On weekdays, the two bus lines will also be broken into

two separate lines and operate independently both inbound and outbound. (Currently, service is provided every 30 minutes, during AM and PM peak hours.)

Algiers Service Enhancements

- 114-General DeGaulle-Sullen & 115-General DeGaulle-Tullis – Each bus line will provide service every 25-30 minutes, during the following peak times: 6 a.m.-10 a.m. and 3:20 p.m.-7:25 p.m. (Currently, each bus line provides service every 45 minutes.)
- Ferry Service Enhancement
- Algiers Point-Canal Street Ferry – Service will begin every morning at 6 a.m., daily. (Currently, ferry service begins at 10 a.m. on weekends).

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Saints Nation Season Kick-Off Party on Fulton Street

Glenn Summers
Data News Weekly
Photographer

New Orleans fans are by far the best fans in the world. In addition, the City is the best place to throw a party. So Fulton Street was the place to be as 'Saints Nation' held a kick-off party on Sunday, September 8th.

This event brought NOLA and all Saints Fans together to cheer our team on as we enter a new season. The crowd was decked in black and gold and was entertained by an array of talent that included, Choppa, Kermit Ruffins, Cupid, Angela Bell, Rockin Dopsie Jr., DJ Slab 1 and many others.

This amazing event was brought to the fans by the creators of BOYCOTT BOWL, Apres Lounge, Ernst Cafe, Fulton Alley, Get up and Ride Nola and Red Hot Nola.

In the true spirit of giving back, a portion of all proceeds from event is going to NORD Foundation to help aid future champions.

It is the beginning of a great season for the Black and Gold and of course...Data News Weekly was there!!!



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Attitudes About Gun Safety are Changing, But Senate Leadership is Mired in the Past



Marc Morial
President and CEO
National Urban League

The biggest movement and shift that we've seen in this culture is simply because of the victims. When victims and survivors are coming to the legislative bodies and they're telling their stories and they're appealing, we've seen movement. We've seen movement. And so it's a matter of changing one mind and one heart at a time. You change the culture, and the policy change comes right on the heels of that." – Congresswoman Lucy McBath, mother of 17-year-old Jordan Davis, shot to death in an argument about loud music.

The facts on gun safety are clear. Since 1994, background checks have blocked over 3.5 million gun sales to felons, domestic abusers, and other people

who aren't allowed to have guns under existing law.

About 90 percent of Americans support background checks for all firearms sales.

But Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell refuses to allow the senate to vote on bills, passed by the House of Representatives, that would expand background checks to private sales and extend to at least 10 days the amount of time firearms dealers must wait for a response from the background check system before the sale can proceed.

A ban on military-style assault weapons in effect from September 1994 through 2004 was associated with a 25 percent drop in gun massacres and a 40 percent drop in fatalities.

About two-thirds of American support a ban on military-style assault weapons.

But a bill to restrict the sale of military-style assault weapons remains mired in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

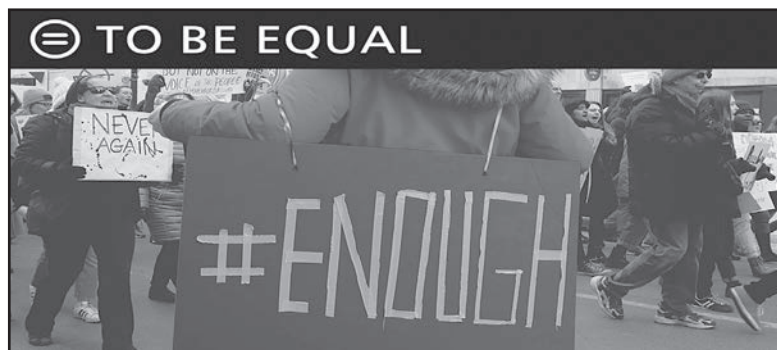
One of the people who should have failed a background check to buy a handgun was Dylann Roof of Columbia, South Carolina.

Because the check was not completed within three days, Roof was able to buy a gun.

A few months later, Roof shot and killed nine people at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in

Ator used that rifle to shoot nearly 30 people in Odessa and Midland, Texas, on Saturday, killing seven and wounding 22.

There were six other mass shootings in the United States on



Charleston.

One of the people who was prevented from buying a gun because he failed a background check in 2014 was Seth Ator of Odessa, Texas. Ator had been committed to a psychiatric institution in 2006 because he was deemed a danger to himself and/or others. Because of a loophole in the law – a loophole that would be closed by the House-passed Bipartisan Background Checks Act – Ator was able to purchase an AR-15 style rifle through a private sale.

Saturday, leaving five more dead and another 20 injured. There have been 287 mass shootings in of 2019 – more than a shooting per day. There have been 10,018 deaths and 20,061 injuries from gun violence this year, and that's not even including suicides by firearms, which claim about 23,000 lives each year.

Stopping gun violence is now the third-most important issue for voters, after health care and immigration, according to a recent poll.

The ongoing epidemic of gun violence prompted Walmart to stop

selling stop selling handgun ammunition and "short-barrel rifle ammunition," such as the .223 caliber and 5.56 caliber, that can also be used on assault-style weapons. Walmart and Walmart and Kroger also have requested that customers not openly carry firearms in their stores.

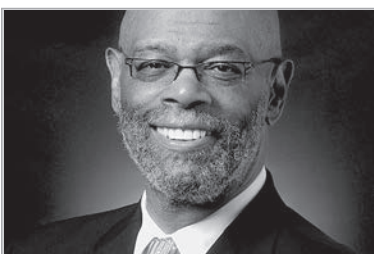
These decisions mark a significant turning point in the effort to protect Americans from gun violence. Senate leaders have, instead, chosen to continue along the path of cowardice.

As the House passage of the background bill and the Walmart and Kroger decisions demonstrate, the firearm industry is losing its stranglehold on our political and legislative institutions. But not fast enough. As long as Senate Leader Mitch McConnell refuses to consider the commonsense gun safety laws passed by the House, it's clear his loyalties lie with the gun lobby and not with the American people.

We must do everything we can to urge the Senate to do its job. Call (202) 224-3121 to speak to your Senators and let them know they were elected to defend your safety and your family, not the profits of the gun industry.

Spiritually Speaking

A Black and White Life Doesn't Come Close to Technicolor Living



James A. Washington
NNPA News Wire
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I'm not sure whether or not I've talked about my faith walk from the point of view of those individuals who have tracked my progress from the beginning until now. They seem to have fallen into two quite different categories. The first group who noticed included those Christians around me, who like me, rejoiced in my rebirth.

A lot of the columns I've written were about those who prayed and rejoiced and breathed a sigh

of relief at the mere thought of a new beginning for me. Discovery would be an appropriate word to use here. I know as a result, I've discovered more about people I thought I knew after being saved than I ever thought possible before I was saved.

My analogy is that I saw the world and my friends as old black and white movies. Now they come across in technicolor and surround sound. It seems that being kindred spirits in Christ, we got it like that now.

Now, the second group included those individuals who couldn't and still can't relate to me now. There are so called friends of mine in this group too.

It's hard to explain but bible study, tithing, regular church attendance, prayer, praise and I guess an honest attempt at wholesome living can bring out an unusual reaction in some folk.

I know because I used to be one of those people who avoided anyone and anything that invited God into my life. I wasn't malicious or anything. It just wasn't part of my public program. So I understood the reaction I was getting from those in this group.

Some thought it was a phase, others an addiction and still others felt I was on some kind of moral guilt trip that I'd just get over one day real soon.

Many couldn't see the serious nature of my transformation because they too saw me only in terms of black and white. Others just refused to accept God as the reason that my behavior changed. There just had to be another reason. I must have a hidden agenda. Salvation and eternity were vague concepts to them. What does eternity have to do with right here, right now?

What is so easy to acknowledge

in church and in bible study is at times impossible, difficult at best, to communicate elsewhere to people who knew you when and did all those things with you that you don't do anymore. It can be tough.

If it were not for those Christians who can and do relate to this, those who know where they are today compared to where they were yesterday, I might still see the world as only black and white filled with a bunch of gray people. Believe me, technicolor is better.

That's why it is so easy for me to relate to Paul. You want to talk about a transformation! It's a wonder Paul lived to tell anyone about Jesus. His life before the road to Damascus enlightenment is a testament to what I'm talking about. Why should anyone believe anything that came from Paul's murderous mouth?

I suppose the answer in hind-

sight is a pretty good one. The words that came out of Paul's mouth were indeed put there by Jesus; the same Christ who knocked me down and picked me up as He also did Paul. I've changed because I had no choice in this matter. And if you're saved, you don't either.

But don't worry about it.

This is a new me and a new you with a new life and new responsibilities. It is our willing obligation to at least give the Lord our best shot. As the commercial goes, 'just do it.' I think you'll find as Paul did that the point is who you have become and not how others view you. Sooner or later they'll come to understand the change is real and they'll just have to adjust to you or disappear. If they don't, you will. It's not easy but nobody said it would be. Stay the course and may God bless and keep you always.

Flying While Black

Stop the U.S. Congress from Raising Air Travel Taxes



Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.
President and CEO National Newspaper
Publishers Association

Working families in the African American community and beyond have a hard-enough time keeping up with daily expenses. Every mortgage payment, car payment, trip to the grocery store, stop at the gas station, or utility bill that shows up in the mail is a reminder of how expensive it is to afford basic needs. Now, lawmakers in the U.S. Congress have introduced legislation that threatens to add one more expense to that list.

On Capitol Hill, some lawmakers are championing what is essentially a regressive tax on airline passengers that would raise the cost of flying – painfully, on working families. If successful, the tax hike would burden African American travelers with significant additional fees on top of what is already required. Lawmakers who support the increase insist that the money will be spent on infrastructure improvement projects at airports. But, if our communities can no longer afford to fly, this becomes a moot point.

The tax, known as the passenger facility charge, is a locally enforced but federally authorized fee that every passenger must pay at U.S. commercial airports. Nearly every airport in America charges it. The fee is currently set at \$4.50 per per-



son per leg of a trip. Legislation has been introduced that would remove that cap, allowing airports to charge any amount they want.

Some have proposed raising the PFC to \$8.50, nearly doubling the current tax. That would add a significant cost for all American families. Under that proposal, a family of four on a connecting flight would pay nearly \$150 in this tax alone – a tax that is layered on top of the price of the ticket itself. Such a substantial increase could be the deciding factor between that family taking this vacation or staying home.

Fortunately, largely due to the recent surge of low-cost flights from many airlines, air travel has become a more obtainable luxury, remaining largely affordable for working people, whether in rural America, the suburbs or the inner cities. While still a relatively expensive proposition, air travel to get away on a vacation, or to visit far-away family and friends, without the proposed new tax, is still within reach for many individuals on tight family budgets. The near-doubling of the PFC tax will likely place air

travel out of reach for many. And the reason for this hike is absurd.

The argument for the hike is that the additional money will pay for much-needed infrastructure improvement projects at airports nationwide. But here is the problem: America's airports don't need the extra money. Airport revenues are already growing strongly. Since the year 2000, airports have enjoyed revenue increases of 87 percent, without the cost of flights rising meaningfully. This growth drastically outpaces the actual cost of flying, even after factoring for inflation.

In addition, over the last decade, more than \$165 billion in federal aid has been directed to airports for improvement projects at America's largest 30 airports alone. More than that, the so-called Aviation Trust Fund is expected to reach nearly \$8 billion by the end of 2019.

And this summer alone, the Federal Aviation Administration has awarded hundreds of millions in renovation grants to airports across America earmarked for infrastructure improvements. It's also worth keeping in mind that air travel and tourism are now at or nearing all-time highs,

meaning that airports are collecting more in PFC taxes than they know what to do with.

By contrast, the income of working Americans has been stagnant for years. Considering that airports are more profitable now than ever before, it is disappointing that they, with the backing of politicians in Washington, are now coming to average Americans and asking them to shoulder the cost.

America's airports are well-positioned to continue to fund infrastructure improvement projects without needlessly reaching into the pockets of America's working families and robbing them of one of the few affordable luxuries available to them. Congress must stand up for working people and refuse this tax increase.

Economic progress in America should empower African Americans and others. We in the Black Press of America will not be silent on this issue.

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Making A Difference Beyond Anything Expected

Caitlyn Summers

B.A.E. (beyond anything expect) was an event recently held at the New Orleans Downtown Holiday Inn by a group of inspirational local leaders who told their back stories on how they grew up in the City of New Orleans.

The goal of the Lock-In Event was for young girls ages 12-16 years old to have a safe place to have fun, be creative; and the importance of having self-respect, values, and self-worth. It also was intended to give young girls the tools and skills to be successful in life.

Some of the things we learned is that "we can do anything as long as we put our mind to it, and that we are strong, powerful and beautiful; and can't no one tell us different". We also learned that we can make it big and can make a difference in this world.



"The most important thing I've learned from the B.A.E. Lock-In is that I have the power to inspire and empower myself and my peers. In addition, I can help others better themselves in life," says Caitlyn Summers.

In the City of New Orleans, some young people are not able to have these opportunities, but we can change that. It starts in the community right next door. I had the privilege to be surrounded by so many

young girls with extraordinary talents.

I am born and raised in New Orleans I am 13 years old I'm an actress, I sing, I dance and model; also I am preparing myself to be an en-

trepreneur in the future. The most important thing I've learned from the B. A. E. Lock-In is that I have the power to inspire and empower myself and my peers. In addition, I can help others to better them-

selves in life. It is also important to be independent and have goals and work hard to achieve them. With hard work and dedication anything is possible, but for this to occur you have to believe in yourself.

Lending A Helping Hand

How to Help Victims of Hurricane Dorian

E. Benjamin
Data News Staff Writer

As a City that knows what the devastation of a Hurricane can leave behind; New Orleans is still recovering from the ravages of Katrina.

Recently, Hurricane Dorian slammed into the Bahamas as a Category 5 Storm and battering Grand Bahama, the Abacos and other islands for several days.

This storm flooded and decimated entire communities. The official death toll is still undetermined, as the number is expected to rise as rescue workers reach more areas.

As we know it will be a long road to rebuilding and many from the local area from the business, civic and faith communities are already pitching in to help.

Data News Weekly in the spirit of help is providing a short list as a guide for those who want to help.

Also, of note, there are many ways to help outside of donating to these organizations listed.

In the spirit of giving back, we ask of our citizens to help our brothers and sisters in the Bahamas.

American Red Cross



- The American Red Cross is accepting donations by phone at 800-435-7669
- <https://www.redcross.org/donate/hurricane-dorian-donations.html>

Salvation Army

- Donate online: www.HelpSalvationArmy.org
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- Donate by mail: The Salvation Army, PO Box 1959, Atlanta, GA 30301

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Snoop Dogg: NFL Owners have Slavemaster Mentality. I Would have Settled for \$1 Billion

Ann Brown
Writer, Moguldom.com

Snoop Dogg recently appeared on "The Breakfast Club" Radio Program and weighed in on the Jay-Z-NFL partnership, among other things.

During the interview, Snoop first addressed the Colin Kaepernick and said: "What I would have loved to have seen is for someone to ask (NFL Commissioner) Roger Goodell why did they (the NFL) blackball Colin Kaepernick...He couldn't find a job and he was better than 80 percent of the players in there," said Snoop. And as to the settlement Kaepernick took from the NFL, the rap icon said, "To me, I would have waited...I would have gone all the way to a billion."

And as to the deal fellow rapper Jay-Z made with the NFL, Snoop chimed in: "Instead of Jay-Z, it should have been (Kaepernick)...he started all this."

Talking further about the deal, Snoop sees hope for major change in the NFL with Jay-Z's involvement, especially considering Jay-Z's background.

"Now you're bringing someone from hip hop and the drug world into your situation it's going to be a problem if he (Jay Z) doesn't get control they are going to start to throw rocks at him saying he ain't do nothing...but if he does get



Snoop Dogg recently appeared on "The Breakfast Club" radio program and weighed in on the Jay-Z-NFL partnership, among other things.

control then the NFL will be over," Snoop declared, and continued, "because there will be some real Black owners...Them white owners that got that slave mentality are getting old, and their kids and their grandkids love this s— (hip hop). They have a different mindset, they have a different perception of this race stuff. They love the culture."

When asked why some people

are attacking Jay-Z over the deal, he answered, "It's that mentality of Willie Lynch, they want us to be divided and pick and choose sides instead of working together. Why can't I like what Jay-Z is doing and still love Colin?"

Snoop isn't the only celebrity who has referred to the slave mentality of NFL owners. LeBron James also said that NFL owners have a

slave mentality.

The NBA star made the comments during a broadcast of his HBO discussion show, "The Shop."

He said: "In the NFL they got a bunch of old white men owning teams and they got that slave mentality. And it's like, 'This is my team. You do what the f— I tell y'all to do. Or we get rid of y'all,'" The Guardian reported.

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