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Edwin Buggage
Editor-in-Chief

It is Black History Month and in 2020 we are at times in a watershed moment in our history; in an election year where the Black vote will determine who will be the leader of the free world.

African Americans have made historical strides in our sojourn in a country that’s often been hypocritical to the words of its founding fathers and documents. But it has amended itself into becoming “A More Perfect Union” and where more of the “We” the people hold true. But it also a fact that today more than ever that

the vestiges of the hate, intolerance, and ignorance are still part of a country where injustice still is prevalent in the 21st Century. And while we have progressed in the nation by leaps and bounds, where our voices and presence are spread throughout American society; it is a strange paradox to note that we are living in times where we still have to say to

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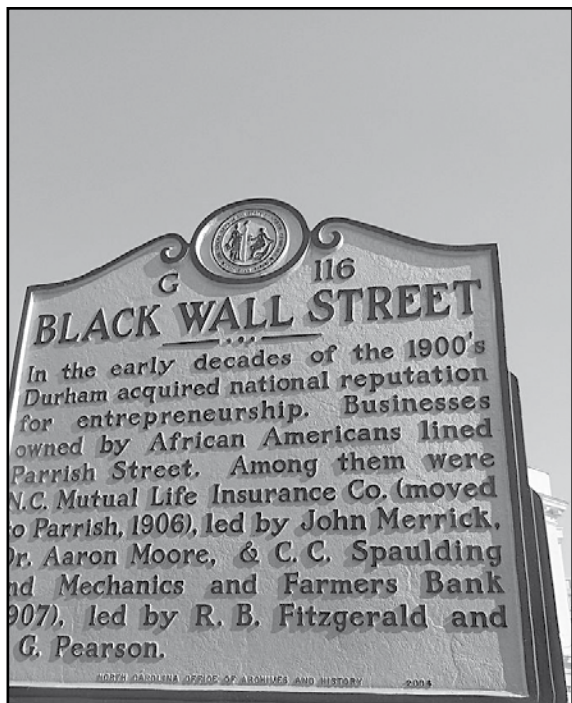
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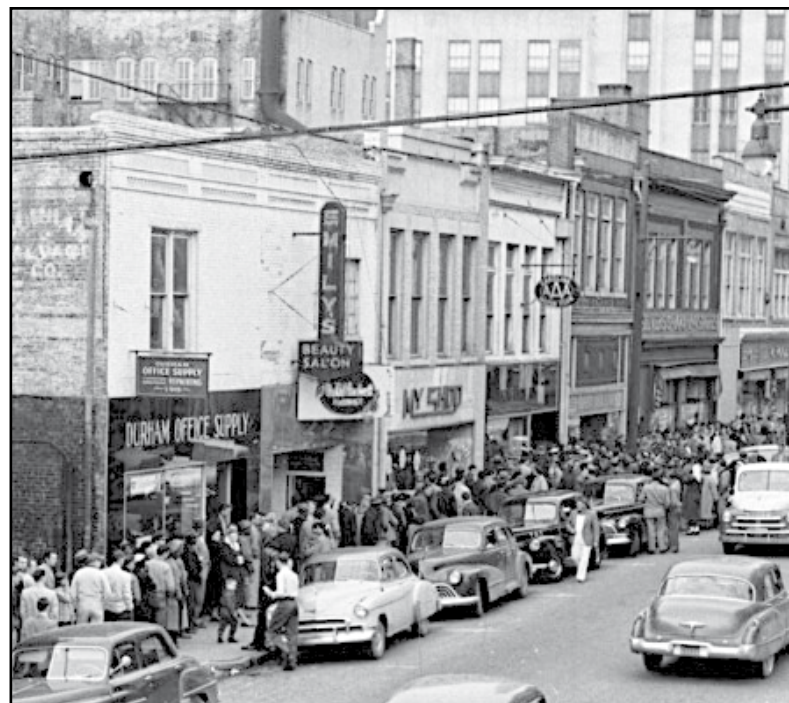
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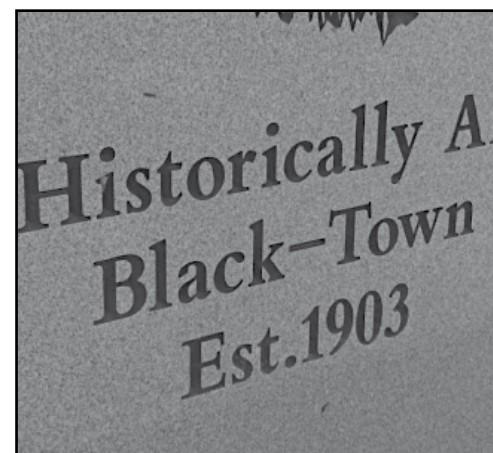
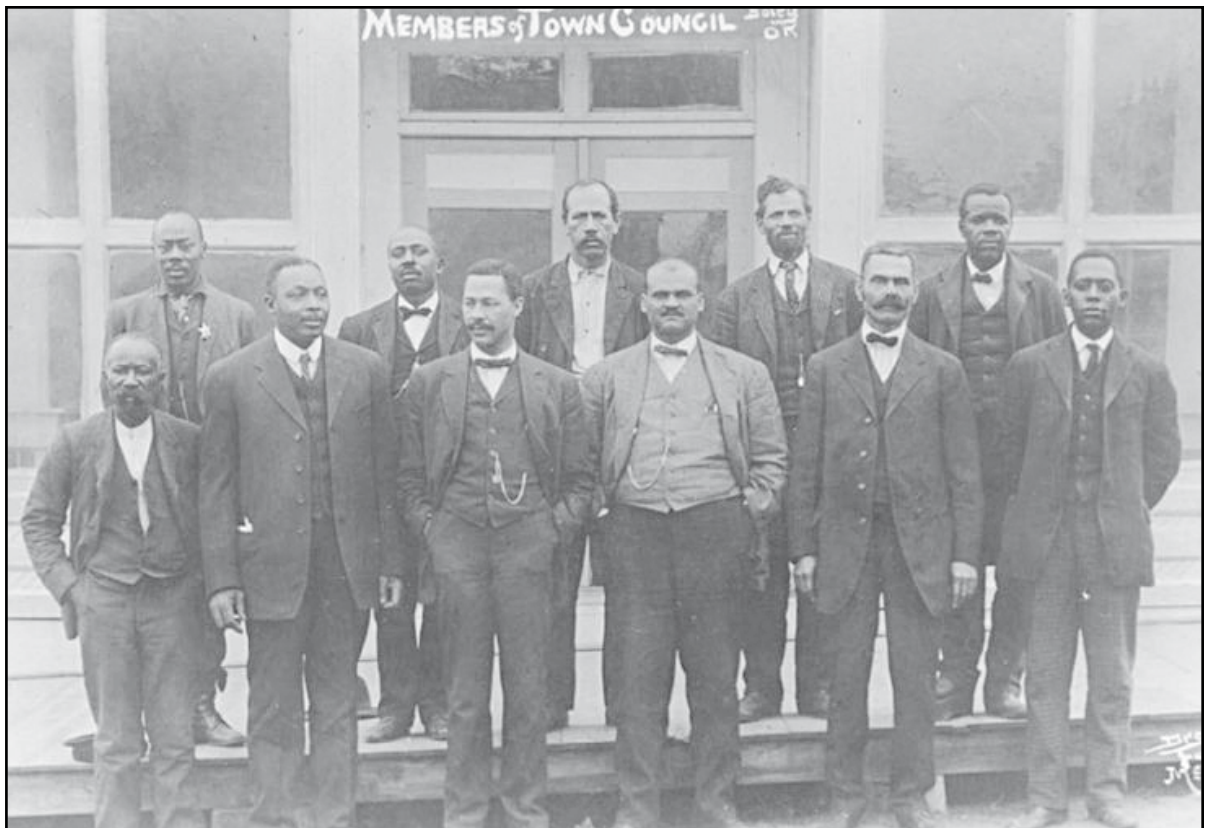
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There were all Black towns all over America in the late 1800's until the early 20th century, most notably Tulsa's Black Wall Street Greenwood Avenue or in Durham, North Carolina's both having their own Black Wall Street that featured luxury shops, restaurants, movie theaters, a library, pool halls and night clubs.



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America that Black Lives Matter.

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For there were many such towns across America and we want to tell some of these stories with our goals being to educate, inform and inspire our community and to say that yes, we can thrive in America.

During these tumultuous times after Slavery and Reconstruction; that we built towns that were self-sustaining in the face of lynching, segregation laws and White resentment. A factor that in some in-

stances led to Whites burning down some of these towns that became bastions of hope and pride for African Americans.

Today we see some of the same xenophobia, scapegoating and divisions that are making life harder for the Black and Brown people as

another iteration of White Panic is threatening to tear away at the fabric of America's experiment in Democracy.

So, we must begin to as these brave souls did is to think collectively and build wealth that can be a benefit to the entire community. That we can support Black-Owned businesses, value true education that goes beyond the classroom, moving passed degrees

and pedigrees and get to the heart of what true success is, asking ourselves the questions, "Am I my brothers' and sisters' keeper?" "Am I a caretaker of those in need?" "Can building my character be as important as building my bank account?" Because without these things it can

be dangerous and detrimental to a community.

This series can hopefully help our readers see the parallels with today, and that while all-Black Towns are part of our historical past; that today there are majority Black cities and neighborhoods that need to be preserved and legacies that need to be built on.

We hope that our readers become inspired, but most of all empowered to do something and to know that we can prosper as Blacks working collectively and control the communities we live in economically, educationally and politically.

And if we are to do that; then we in the 21st Century can have "Black Wall Streets" across America; where more of our people can see and we can be as our best selves living our best lives.

Citizens Weigh in on the Hard Rock Hotel Collapse



Austin Madison, a worker at Mahony's Po-boys & Seafood in the French Quarter



Ken Lopez, a worker at the Roosevelt Hotel in the French Quarter



Erin Degruy, Algiers resident



Danielle Lumzy, Metairie resident and University of Holy Cross student



Frank Beloney, a grocery store manager at Rouses

Story and Photos by Regiane Mosley
Data News Weekly
Contributor

The Hard Rock Hotel in New Orleans partially collapsed on Oct. 12th, and New Orleans residents participated in demonstrations on Jan. 24th to pressure the city to take urgent action. Roads have been blocked off and businesses closed to the destruction have been forced to shut down. Several workers were injured, and three of them died during the tragic collapse.

Two of the bodies of the victims still remain trapped in the collapse with the City having to cover the exposed remains of 36-year-old Quinnyon Wimberly. The New

Orleans Workers Center for Racial Justice called on the City to return Wimberly's body and that of 63-year-old worker Jose Ponce Arreola to their families. However, the City's Fire Department Superintendent Tim McConnell has said that such a task would be risky, causing the building to shift, and endanger a rescue team.

"No tarp can cover the fact that three families have to wake up each day without their loved ones," the Workers Center for Racial Justice wrote in an official statement on Jan. 24th. "Dozens of survivors have to go to work each day under the shadow of their co-worker's graves...all New Orleanians are left without answers or accountability more than three months af-

ter the collapse," the center noted in its statement.

Although the City aimed to have the site demolished before the Carnival season, a plan to do so has still not been finalized and several Mardi Gras Krewes including Zulu and Endymion have altered their routes this year to avoid the hotel site. New Orleans residents said they empathized with the families and want to see more accountability for the tragedy.

"You see where leaving it up to the same people who have been handling the situation got us. The body is still exposed three months after the situation. It's hard constantly having to pass that building like that every day. Just seeing it like that is hard. It's a messed-up situation."

– **Austin Madison, a worker at Mahony's Po-boys & Seafood in the French Quarter.**

"I just feel bad for the families. It's been almost four months and those families still have not had closure. I don't like that. I don't like that at all."

– **Ken Lopez, a worker at the Roosevelt Hotel in the French Quarter.**

"I feel like they really should have listened to the workers when they told them initially that it was structurally unsound and that they shouldn't be in there. I mean that could have saved a lot of lives."

– **Erin Degruy, Algiers resident.**

"It's surfacing all over social media now with pictures of the

bodies they haven't recovered, and the families have to look at that. It's like come on, the government needs to have some compassion and fix this."

– **Danielle Lumzy, Metairie resident and University of Holy Cross student.**

"The City is neglecting this situation. We have historical events coming up that will bring tourists into the City. Mardi Gras is happening, and I know this will affect it. There are dead bodies in that building just lying there and people are coming from all over the world to celebrate with us. People already believe the City is haunted."

– **Frank Beloney, a grocery store manager at Rouses.**

State & Local News

City of New Orleans Extends Deadline for Property Tax Payment

City of New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS — The City of New Orleans has announced that it is extending the deadline for residents to pay their 2019 Property Taxes to Feb. 14, 2020. The original deadline was Jan. 31st but has been extended in light of the cyber-security incident on Dec. 13, 2019.

Residents are now able to use the same options to pay their property taxes as they did before the incident — online, in person at City



City officials briefing the media during a roundtable discussion yesterday hosted by Mayor LaToya Cantrell and featuring Chief Administrative Officer Gilbert Montaño, Chief Financial Officer Norman White, Chief Information Officer Kimberly LaGrue and City Attorney Sunni LeBeouf.

Hall, or by mail using the address provided on the return envelope of the mailing received over the holidays.

The City will also provide curbside drop-off service for property tax payments, during normal City Hall hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m.), Feb. 12, 13 and 14 at 1300 Perdido St. As a reminder, City Hall Staff will be available to process check and money order payments only. Treasury is not accepting cash for property tax payments.



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New Orleans Students Join Verizon for Youth Empowerment Day

Story and Photos by Regiane Mosley

Children from all over New Orleans rushed through the doors of Dillard University on Jan. 25, 2020 to participate in the Inaugural Youth Empowerment Day sponsored by Verizon. The Empowerment Day was a day for fifth through tenth graders to participate in interactive educational activities and practical application exercises that would expose them to new experiences and topics while encouraging them to think about their future.

The students rotated between three different career tracks: Arts and Humanities, STEM, and Business and Entrepreneurship. They also spent one hour in each of the rotations involved in interactive activities, which would give them insight into what it is like to work in those areas.

"We recognize that they need involvement from adults in order to shape them and motivate them to be the best that they can be, and this gives us an opportunity to do so," said Tandra LeMay, the Director of Louisiana Government Affairs for Verizon.

"With anything kids become a little nervous at the beginning. They are shy. But by the end, they are so vibrant and engaged and that is really what we want," LeMay said, adding that the interactive learning was her favorite part of the day for the kids.

The students had the opportunity to explore future career goals outside of a classroom setting. The event brought pioneering New Orleansians to speak to the children and to inspire primarily African American and Hispanic children to pursue careers that they are still underrepresented in.

"I grew up in this neighborhood," said STEM NOLA Founder Dr. Calvin Mackie as he looked at the children surrounding him. He shared with them about growing up in a house with no books and how attending Morehouse College changed his life.

"Regardless of your race, regardless of your sex, regardless of your



Dillard University on Jan. 25, 2020 to participate in the Inaugural Youth Empowerment Day sponsored by Verizon.

socioeconomic background, you live in a country where you can get up every day and create a better tomorrow for yourself," Mackie said.

One teacher, Jacobe Majors at Living School, a project-based high school off Bullard Avenue said he brought his students all the way from New Orleans East to attend the Empowerment Day and to hear Mackie speak.

"Mr. Mackie's name is so renowned around the city. I wanted them to meet and hear him and also meet with Verizon for the business class," Majors said. His students along with most of the other children greatly enjoyed the Verizon interactive truck, which included a simulation to Mars where they got to use rovers to find different elements on the planet.

"The Verizon truck was amazing. The technology in the truck definitely opened their eyes up and let them know where we are moving in the future," Majors said. "The opportunity to be on a college campus was great for them, and the business class opened their eyes to how to open a business."

The event was an eye-opener for many of the attendees. Patrick Livers, a ninth-grader at Living School, said he was considering going to




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college after his experience. "I did not really have a reason to go to college but after today, I realize I am going to go to college so I can have a lot of opportunities," he said.




The day provided the students with many opportunities to advance their learning and extracurricular activities with local organizations like STEM NOLA and Roots of Music, a popular New Orleans Group that performed at the event.

LeMay said that Verizon volunteers enjoyed being there as much as the children. The students got to see how important learning and technology is for their future, she said.


"Every aspect of our life will be transformed by technology," Mackie told the students. "We need you all to be the innovators of our future."



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NNPA Mid-Winter Conference

(National Newspaper Publishers Association)

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NNPA Staff

The National Newspaper Publishers Association, held its Annual Mid-Winter Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida from Jan.23rd - 25th.

Publishers from around the country came to convene and exchange ideas around the theme of the "Publishing Industry: Innovation & Sustainability of the Black Press of America."

In addition to workshops and seminars, a gala event was held where Mollie Finch Belt, Publisher of The Dallas Examiner was honored.



Bobby Henry, Host Publisher in Fort Lauderdale.



Ben Chavis, with Chairman Karen Carter-Richards (in red), honoring Mollie Belt accompanied by her daughter and son.



Dale Holness, Mayor of Broward County, Ben Chavis, Chairman Karen Carter-Richards, and Bobby Henry



Ben Chavis, Eli Lily Executive, Chairman Karen Carter-Richards, and Bobby Henry.



AmeriHealth Caritas Executives



Terry Jones, Lenora (Karen's daughter) Ben Chavis, and Karen Carter-Richards.

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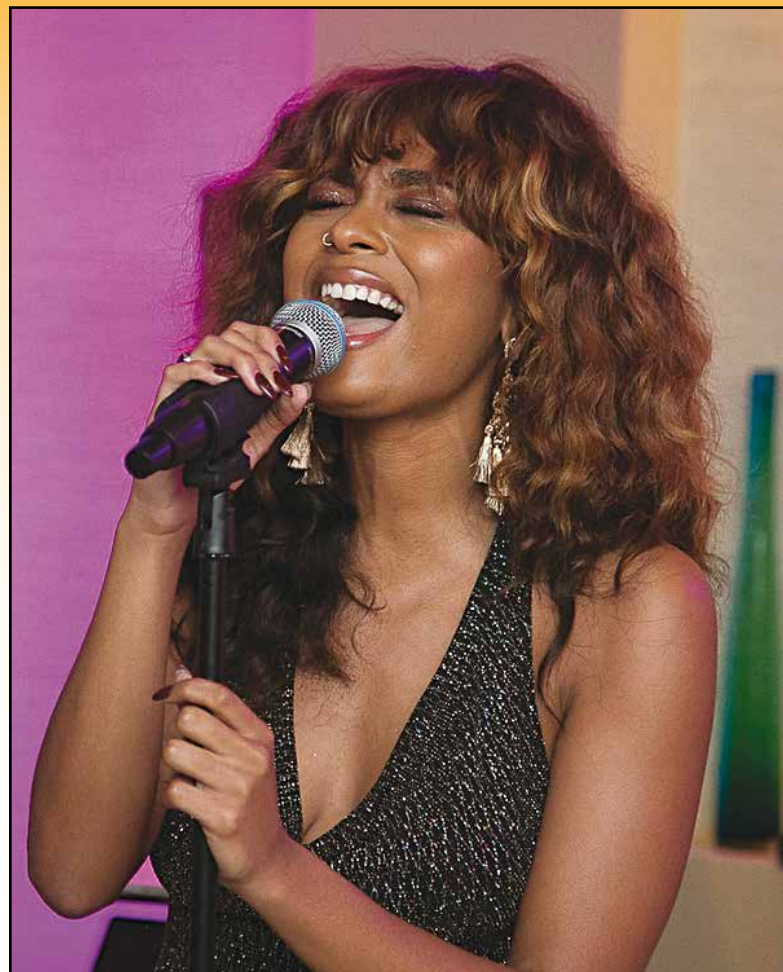
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Lenora (Karen Carter-Richards' daughter)



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NORD and Mystic Krewe of Nyx Celebrate Opening of Inclusive Playground on Lafitte Greenway

City of New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Recreation Development (NORD) Commission and the Mystic Krewe of Nyx today joined City officials, partners, supporters, and neighborhood residents to celebrate the Grand Opening of a new inclusive playground, located in Mid-City along the Lafitte Greenway at Conti Street and North Jefferson Davis Parkway. The playground, which was funded by Nyx, will be managed by NORD and is the first of three inclusive playgrounds to be donated by the all-female krewe.

These new playgrounds, safe and accessible to people of all ability levels, are proposed for the New Orleans East and Algiers neighborhoods over the next two years. Inclusive playgrounds are designed to provide a safe place for children of all abilities to play together, with equipment that accommodates wheelchairs and other special needs.

Mayor LaToya Cantrell is excited to have NORD partner with the women of Nyx to fill a critical need for our youth, many of whom have been previously marginal-



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ized and need a safe space for recreation and play. We want to thank NORD for their leadership to help make this happen, and to Nyx for their impassioned support," said Office of Youth and Families Director Emily Wolff.

"We believe that this new inclusive playground is perfectly aligned with NORD's motto: Something for Everyone," said NORD CEO Larry Barabino, Jr. "The playground is in a perfect Mid-City location. We hope that

all of our residents, with or without special needs, take advantage of this new community play spot. I look forward to continuing our partnership with the Krewe of Nyx to build similar playgrounds in both Algiers and New Orleans East."

"Sunday was filled with excitement, emotion and pure joy for the children of New Orleans," said Nyx Captain and Founder Julie Lea. "Providing a playground for everyone to enjoy in Mid-City, then in

other neighborhoods, is so rewarding. The community response has been tremendous."

"It is truly exciting to see the public and private sector working together to say 'yes' to inclusivity. As 2020 marks the 30th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, which positively impacts the lives of millions with disability in the U.S., so has Mayor Cantrell," said Eva Hurst, Americans with Disabilities Act Administrator for the Mayor's Office. "These parks and the addi-

tional events to come throughout the city will give everyone the ability to take part in things that they may not have thought possible for their loved one with a disability."

"Although we have much more to do, I'm proud to help plant seeds of inclusion and say 'yes' to the City of New Orleans as our Mayor has said 'yes' to us," said Reynell Lavigne, parent, and member of the Mayor's Advisory Council for People with Disabilities.

The inclusive playground has been designed to promote social integration for children with and without disabilities across the City of New Orleans. It includes a slide, merry-go-round, play complex accessible to wheelchairs, creative equipment and an area for children with sensory disabilities. The playground will be open to the public daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Also, on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020, NORD will host its inaugural Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball for those with special needs. Led by the NORD Multi-Programs Division, the Masquerade Ball is free and open to all ages. The Ball will take place at Joe W. Brown Recreation Center (5601 Read Blvd.), from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Commentary

MLK's Legacy even More Relevant as Hate Crimes Continue to Rise



Marc Morial
President and CEO
National Urban League

NEW YORK - A report that hate crimes surged in America's five largest cities last year has broken just as we prepare to honor the nation's best-known victim of a hate crime.

The Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University, San Bernardino, found that hate crimes were at their highest level since September 11, 2001,

in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, with the Jewish community being the most frequent target in all five of the cities.

"These data reflect several trends, including escalating tribalism, where various prejudices like anti-Semitism, xenophobia and homophobia, among others, are widely shared across a diverse grouping of people," Brian Levin, the report's lead author, said. "Next, local demographic changes in densely populated cities means more people are coming into contact with each other right at a time when fearful stereotypes have increasingly become the kindling for violent behavior."

In the wake of the shooting and stabbing attacks on Orthodox Jews in New York and New Jersey, far-

right trolls hoping to exacerbate racial tensions have been posing online as Jews to post racist screeds against African Americans.

Online sleuths who traced the racist plot back to the website 4chan - a site that author Elad Nehorai called "a radical breeding ground: - found slur-ridden comments like "You are throwing high-quality octane fuel" on the "fire" of Jewish-Black relations, "Let's see some riots," and "If you break the Black-Jewish alliance, it's all over for the Jews."

It's instructive to note that the goal of white nationalists is to drive a wedge between marginalized groups. And vital that we actively and forcefully resist these efforts.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," Dr. King

wrote in Letter from a Birmingham Jail. "We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

The National Urban League, as one of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Racial Equity Anchor Institutions, is proud to celebrate the fifth annual National Day of Racial Healing on Tuesday, the day after Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. he day is a call to action to mobilize communities, organizations, and individuals across the United States in support of truth, racial healing, and transformation. More than 70 events around the nation are scheduled, and you can follow the conversation on social media using the

hashtag #HowWeHeal.

As one of the Anchor Institutions, we stand side-by-side with racial justice and organizations representing Latinos, Asian-Americans, Native Americans, and other ethnic and religious communities - tied together, as Dr. King said, in a single garment of destiny.

As disheartened as we may be by the rising level of hate crimes, and as disgusted as we may be to read the words of online trolls, we must guard against meeting hate with hate. Friedrich Nietzsche wrote, "Whoever fights monsters should see to it that in the process he does not become a monster."

The monster of racism feeds on hatred. The only way to kill it is to starve it.

Pfizer, AmeriHealth Caritas Officials talk Health at NNPA Conference

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Health – particularly that of African Americans – was a significant topic during the National Newspaper Publishers Association's (NNPA) annual Midwinter Training Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

In separate sessions on Friday, January 24, 2020, officials from Pfizer Rare Disease and AmeriHealth Caritas spoke of the importance of being vigilant about health.

"I want to shift gears and talk about transthyretin cardiomyopathy," stated Dr. Kevin Williams, the chief medical officer for Pfizer Rare Disease.

Dr. Williams addressed the conference during a Pfizer-hosted breakfast presentation titled, "African Americans and Heart Disease – New Research Breakthrough: Announcing 2020 Partnership between Pfizer and NNPA."

"Transthyretin cardiomyopathy is a disease characterized by the buildup of abnormal deposits of a protein called amyloid in the body's organs and tissues," Dr. Williams stated. "Most people are unfamiliar with the disease itself, which often impacts the peripheral nervous system and organs such as the heart, kidney, GI tract, and eyes."

Dr. Williams stated that the disease primarily affects the heart and is defined by restrictive cardiomyopathy and progressive heart failure. The prevalence of transthyretin cardiomyopathy is presently unknown, with many patients being misdiagnosed with other forms of heart failure, Dr. Williams noted.

An estimated 1 percent of those with transthyretin cardiomyopathy is diagnosed, and there are no approved treatment options, Dr. Williams stated.

"Education is vital to increase awareness and understanding of transthyretin cardiomyopathy, which may potentially help to identify people with the disease earlier, thereby shortening their diagnostic



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journey," Dr. Williams stated.

"It's critical that we do more as a community to elevate the understanding of this disease and progress forward in improving the diagnosis and care of those affected. Part of how we can do this is by digging deeper and asking the right questions," he stated.

Dr. Williams noted that Pfizer Rare Disease is working closely with health care professionals and advocacy organizations to help make a difference in the lives of people living with rare diseases, such as transthyretin cardiomyopathy.

Dr. Williams said Pfizer's partnership with the NNPA in 2020 will focus on this illness.

"We want to really raise awareness for this particular form of heart failure," Dr. Williams stated.

At a later session titled "Future of Medicaid and Medicare: Healthy You, Healthy Us – What is Managed Care and How Does It Advance Health Equity," AmeriHealth Caritas officials said it was important to gain a greater understanding of the different ways managed care organizations address key social disparities.

They said many of those dispari-



Jawanza Keita, the National Director of Corporate Communications and Media Relations for AmeriHealth Caritas.

ties disproportionately affect African Americans and other people of color.

"So many things affect our health, including violence and environmental racism," stated Jawanza Keita, the national director of corporate communications and media relations for AmeriHealth Caritas.

Keita gave the example of the city of Chester, Pennsylvania, which is predominately African American and is situated near the Delaware River, where pollution is rampant.

"We look at the environmental issues and how that impacts our well-being," Keita stated. "So much of your health is not tied to clinical

care, and we have to be cognizant of what we ingest."

Health literacy, food insecurity, and transportation to medical facilities, for example, are markedly more prevalent among the same high-risk member population than all others, stated Keith Maccannon, the Director of Marketing and outreach for AmeriHealth Caritas in D.C.

When compared to all other members, 34 percent of high-risk members reported a lack of health literacy; 23 percent experienced food insecurity; and 23 percent lacked transportation to medical facilities, Maccannon noted.

He noted the presentation had five key takeaways, including the need to screen for social determinants of health, creating a broad array of support and services to address the social determinants while decreasing barriers to access, leveraging strategic partnerships, and the need to continuously improve and innovate.

"AmeriHealth Caritas' values are rooted in the community," Maccannon stated. "Healthy communities are key."



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The Return of Zion Williamson

Fleur De Lis
Data News Weekly Columnist

This is Fleur De Lis back after celebrating LSU winning the College Football Championship in grand style.

During the NBA Draft, the City celebrated as we got the first pick in the NBA Draft and chose Zion Williamson, a college phenom that's been compared to LeBron James. And during the pre-season, he showed signs of greatness before his torn meniscus in his right knee sidelined him for three months.

But now the wait is over because recently he returned in his debut game for the New Orleans Pelicans against the San Antonio Spurs.

The boy did his thing, showing why the Pelicans are putting their future on his back where in the fourth quarter he scored 17 straight points getting it done in every aspect of the game.

In doing so, he became the first



Believe the Hype!! Zion Williamson is destined to be the next big thing in the NBA

player in NBA history to make out a miss in his NBA debut. I got more than three 3-pointers with- ta say folks in the 5-0-4 are ready to see as the season progresses most expect Zion to even get bet-

ter living up to the hype.

Most would say from what's he's shown even in this short time that he is the real deal.

In his debut, he scored 22 points, pulled down seven rebounds and three assists in just 18 minutes.

Many questioned how the team would fair without Anthony Davis, but it seems Zion will fill his shoes pretty early barring injuries.

We in the N.O. cannot wait to see how Zion develops and perhaps take us to the mountaintop and in the near future a contender for the NBA Championship.

And on another note, we are saddened by the news of Kobe Bryant's, his beautiful daughter Gianna and seven others who were killed in a helicopter crash. In New Orleans, we pray for his family and send our condolences.

Until next time this is Fleur De Lis, getting ready to celebrate Mardi Gras in the most amazing city in the world.

National News

Lawsuit: Black Student Assaulted, 'Dehumanized,' Harassed by Texas Christian University Staff

Defender News Service

An African American Texas Christian University student was continually "dehumanized, harassed and discriminated against" by the college's faculty and staff, according to a federal lawsuit filed in Dallas last week.

The 20-year-old, identified only as "Jane Doe No. 1," alleges she suffered "emotional distress" and even considered taking her own life following a trip to Washington, D.C., with the university's honors college last year.

Doe was just one of two Black students in TCU's John V. Roach Honors College, who she claims were chosen to attend the D.C. trip as a way to "tokenize" them, and boost the university's reputation as "a diverse educational institution," according to the complaint.

The lawsuit paints a much different picture, however, and points to "over a century of hateful campus culture" Doe says this has gone unchecked for far too long.



The Oklahoma native, whose complaint says she transferred to TCU with a 4.0 GPA in January 2018, claims she was subjected to racist comments and harassment from school staff because of her race. She alleges much of the mistreatment allegedly came from Diane Snow, Dean of the Honors College. The complaint says Snow

assaulted Doe on multiple occasions and hurried her to keep up with the rest of the group despite the painful blisters Doe developed from extensive walking during the trip.

Moreover, Snow told Doe she should consider herself "lucky" to even be part of the summer trip and commented that Doe could "experi-

ence the feeling of being crowded into a slave cargo ship" during their visit to the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

The shocking suit names Snow and several others as defendants, including TCU's Board of Trustees and at least five other university employees. Each is accused of conspiracy and intentionally inflicting emotional distress, WFAA reports.

Among the claims, Doe says she and another Black student in the honors college were forced to sleep on sofas instead of a hotel bed. The student said she arrived in her room last July to find that her white roommates had taken up both beds and all the closet space.

Doe further claims she had limited access to the bathroom and was forced to go elsewhere to relieve herself. She said she was "segregated and dehumanized" for much of the 2019 trip and that her reports of racism went largely ignored.

In fact, the suit said Doe has yet to hear back from TCU's Title

IX Office after filing a formal complaint last September.

The complaint goes on to accuse the university of revoking her merit-based scholarship without reason, isolating her from white classmates and falsely accusing her of plagiarism, among several other alleged abuses.

Doe is seeking a jury trial, along with damages and exemplary damages.

TSU responded to the suit Wednesday, saying the student's complaint is still under review.

"At this time, the University's main priority is to ensure our student's success and to investigate the student's complaint," the university said in a statement. "If we discover that any of these allegations are accurate, we are committed to addressing them."

The university, which is a predominately white campus, acknowledged it has a "complex history" as it pertains to race, but insists it is "taking an active approach to examining and understanding."

The Shocking Death of Kobe Bryant

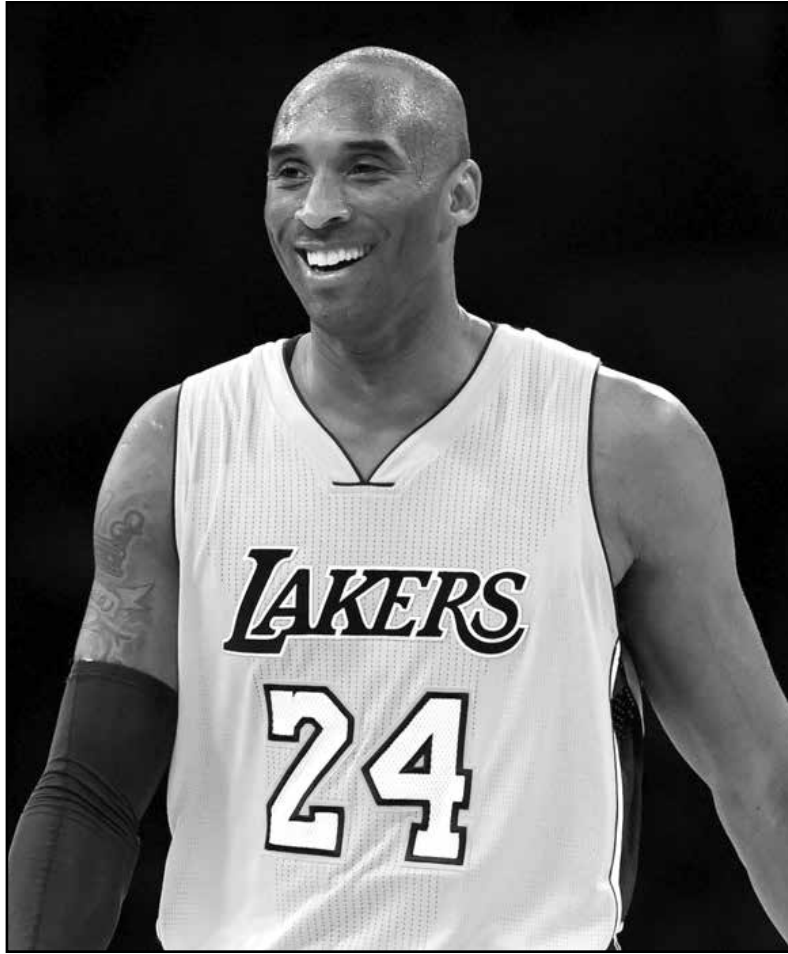
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INGLEWOOD CALIFORNIA—There were still more questions than answers from the National Transportation Safety Board a day after Los Angeles Lakers icon and global sports legend Kobe Bryant had succumbed in a tragic helicopter crash on Sunday, Jan. 26, as the Southern California region, was still paralyzed.

Bryant was a passenger on a Sikorsky S-76 helicopter with his 13-year old daughter Gianna and seven other passengers on their way to Mamba Sports Academy in Thousand Oaks from his home in Newport Beach where he was to coach his daughter's youth basketball team. The chopper crashed into the mountains of Calabasas, California. All of the passengers perished on impact. Bryant was 41 years old.

News of the tragedy hit the region like a magnitude 8.4 earthquake. Television stations interrupted their regularly scheduled programming.

The Grammy Awards shifted their entire broadcast to pay tribute to Bryant, beginning the show with the song of "It's So Hard to Say Goodbye" performed by Alicia Keys and R&B group Boyz II Men.



Los Angeles Lakers legend and Global Sports Icon Kobe Bryant, his 13-year old daughter Gigi, and 7 others died in the helicopter crash on Sunday, Jan. 26th in Calabasas, California. Bryant was 41 years old.

The National Basketball Association, from which Bryant retired after 20 glorious seasons with the Lakers that included 5 World Titles,

an MVP and 18 All-Star Game appearances honored him in arenas throughout the league. The Boston Celtics and New Orleans Pelicans

paid tribute by each team dribbling out the 24-second clock to begin their nationally televised game last Sunday.

Some of the league's stars such as Kyrie Irving who was tremendously close to Bryant decided not to play in games.

Meanwhile, in Los Angeles, where Bryant was revered by a legion of fans who embraced him like a family member displayed an outpouring of grief, sadness, and utter disbelief.

The tragic news of Bryant's death came on the heels of the Laker's current Superstar LeBron James passing him for 3rd place on the NBA all-time scoring list on Saturday, Jan. 25 in Bryant's hometown of Philadelphia.

James spoke glowing of Bryant leading up to and after the monumental accomplishment. Bryant reciprocated with a tweet: "Continuing to move the game forward @KingJames. Much respect my brother #33644"

It would be the last tweet he'd send.

The NBA postponed the Lakers/Clippers game scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 28th in Los Angeles because of Bryant's death.

His wife Vanessa and three daughters survive Kobe Bryant. His funeral services and memorial tribute was pending at press time.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Ellis'.

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