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Dining with Deb curator, Deb Grant (c) with her special guests, Dr. Sharon Malone (r) and Michelle Miller Morial (l).

Elise Schenck
Data News Weekly Contributor

This month as we celebrate Women’s History Month, it is chockfull of events. One example of this was held recently; Dining with Deb™ was a VIP experience with renowned Women’s Health Advocate Dr. Sharon Malone, in advance of the highly anticipated release of her new book “GROWN WOMAN TALK Your Guide to Getting and Staying HEALTHY.”

Dining with Deb™ was created by women, for women, to celebrate women.

Developed by Deb Grant (formerly Elam), a retired president of the GE Foundation and now President & CEO of the New Orleans-based consulting firm, Corporate Playbook™, Dining with Deb™ is an experience that brings together professional women deliberately crossing racial, religious, and political barriers, driving meaningful conversations & connections.

The book is a practical guide to aging and health for women who have felt ignored or marginalized by the medical profession. Dr. Malone is a leading OB/GYN and expert on menopausal and post-reproductive health, and her book aims to address topics that are often taboo and not spoken about.

While today’s relationships are often built via a LinkedIn conversation or email, Dining with Deb™ encourages women to turn off their phones, unplug their laptops, and block out time in their schedule to be present for each other.

The Dining with Deb™ experience

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Dr. Malone dropped some great medical insights

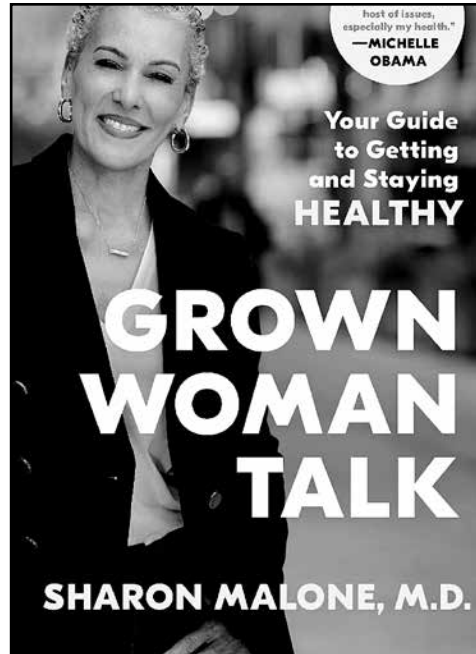


DJ Arie Spins "turnt" UP for the after party.



Some of NOLA's finest gathered to help make Dining with Deb an illuminating, empowering event.

brought together over 150 professional women deliberately crossing racial, religious, and political barriers, driving meaningful conversations and connection at The New Orleans Culinary and Hospitality Institute (NOCHI) last night. The women partook in an exclusive VIP reception with lite bites, signature cocktails, an informative discussion with Dr. Malone led by Deb Grant, and an afterparty with opportunities to network and mingle.



Featured guest Dr. Sharon Malone, whose book "Grown Woman Talk" is a guide to living a healthy life.

A who's who of women came out to this amazing event.

"I can't think of a better way to celebrate NOLA women than to have a renowned women's health advocate lead a grown woman conversation about health and wellness!

And that's exactly what Deb Grant has curated with her "Dining with Deb" event which happened in NOLA, March 14th, 2024!" Angela Young of ALY Media.

Many have praised the book, noting its timeliness and relevance. Including former First Lady Michelle Obama.

"I encourage every woman to get this LIFE-CHANGING book! — Deb Grant (formerly Elam), Founder of Dining with Deb™ "A must-read for anyone who cares about their quality of life. Dr. Sharon Malone is the first person I turn to for a whole host of issues, especially my health."

This book has women talking about the important issue of Black Women's Health. It is an important read that is informative and improves the quality of women's lives.

Follow on social media at #DWD-NOLA and online at www.dining-withdeb.com.

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50 Cent to Expand 'Power' Universe with Ghost & Tommy Prequel Series

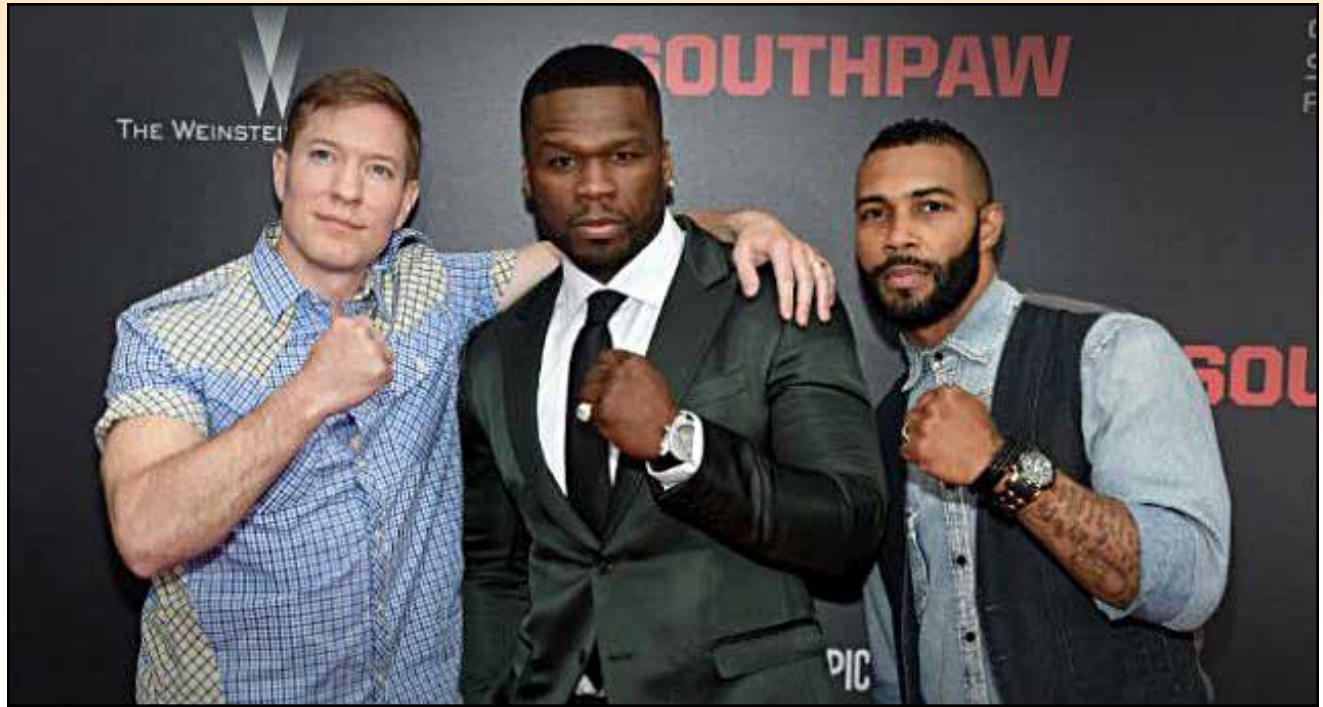
Data News Staff Edited Report

If you thought Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson was content with the empire he's built around his hit crime drama, "Power," you don't know 50. The multi-hyphenate took to Instagram earlier today to announce the development of his next show, "Power Origins."

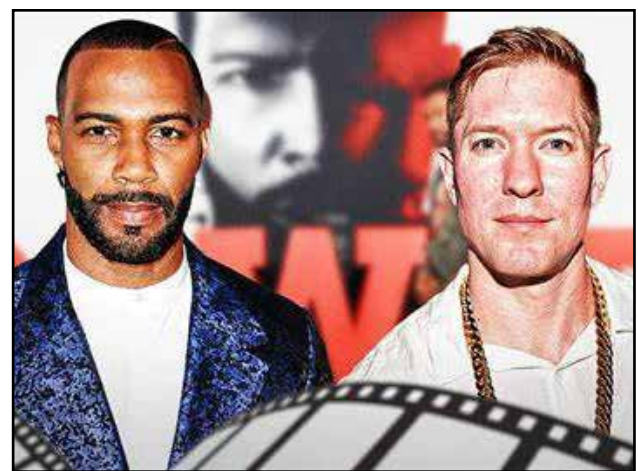
"You asked, I answered. Young Ghost and Tommy coming your way," Jackson wrote in an Instagram caption that accompanied a graphic related to the show.

Power, created by Courtney A. Kemp and executively produced by Jackson, first aired in 2014 on Lionsgate's Cable Network Starz. The show focused on James St. Patrick (played by Omari Hardwick), a drug dealer nicknamed Ghost whose only wish was to leave the world of crime behind and become a legitimate businessman. "Power" followed Ghost as he tried to live two lives: one in which he's a nightclub owner with a loving family at home and one in which he worked with his longtime friend Tommy (played by Joseph Sikora) to distribute narcotics and dated his childhood sweetheart, Angela (played by Lela Loren).

"As we approach the 10-Year Anniversary of "Power" it is incredible to witness the enormous connection our fans have with the 'Power' universe," Kathryn Busby, President of Programming for Starz said in a statement to Deadline. "We can't wait to see how "Origins" will further evolve this dynamic franchise while bringing fresh, gripping, and expansive storytelling to our audience."



Mogul Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson continues to build his empire and will launch a new show called "Power Origins" focusing on the younger Ghost and Tommy, who are the main characters of the show that launched the many spinoffs. Pictured: Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson (c) with actors Joseph Sikora (l) who plays Tommy, and Omari Hardwick, who plays Ghost.



Louisiana Presidential Preference/ Municipal Primary Election is Saturday, March 23rd.

Colour Me Spring



Tracee Dundas
Fashion Stylist

Photos: Courtesy of websites.

Get ready to refresh your wardrobe with the latest hues handpicked by Pantone for the Spring of 2024! This season, Pantone has curated a palette that embodies the essence of rejuvenation, positivity, and energy. Let's dive into the colors that will dominate the fashion scene in the upcoming months.

Meadow Green - A soothing shade that echoes the verdant freshness of springtime, meadow green brings a sense of tranquility and harmony to your outfits. Perfect for both casual wear and formal ensembles, this color will add a touch of nature's serenity to your look.

Coral Bloom - Embodying the vibrancy of blooming flowers. Coral is a lively and spirited hue that is sure to have a strong presence that will have everyone doing a doubletake. Whether you choose to incorporate it through accessories or as a statement piece, this color exudes warmth and joy.

Sunshine Yellow - Radiating positivity and optimism. Yellow always a popular color for the Spring season and is the perfect choice to brighten up any outfit. It symbolizes hope and happiness, this cheerful hue will instantly uplift your mood and style.

Blossom Pink - Best described as a soft, delicate, and romantic color. Blossom Pink adds a touch of femininity and elegance to your looks. Whether used as an accent or as the main color, this shade evokes a sense of grace and charm.

Pantone's color palette selection for Spring 2024 reflects a desire for renewal, vitality, and emotional well-being. So, both guys and gals can embrace these refreshing hues and let your style flourish this season! - I hope you find this blog post helpful and inspiring! Let me know if you need more information or assistance.



BOSTON PROPER 1
Drawn Meadow Green and Blossom Pink, Floral Print V Neck Tiered Woven Maxi Dress



BOSTON PROPER 2
Metallic Embroidered Eyelet Coral Maxi Skirt and Denim Jacket



LUXEDRESS 2
Coral, Flutter Ruched Ruffle V-Neck, Backless Asymmetrical Mini Dress



LUXEDRESS 1
Blossom Pink, Edgy Floral Embroidered, Double Breasted Pant Suit



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Men's Relaxed Short Suit

New Orleans 2024 Book Festival at Tulane University

A Mardi Gras For the Mind

Marie Bell
Data News Weekly
Contributor

The 2024 New Orleans Book Festival at Tulane University was a vibrant celebration of literature and culture, taking place from March 14th -16th. This third annual event featured a diverse lineup of over 150 acclaimed authors and thought leaders, engaging in more than 90 panels, book signings, and discussions. The festival included a culinary symposium, Family Day festivities, and a closing musical celebration.

Notable participants this year included Stacey Abrams, Michelle Miller Morial, Charles Blow, Eddie Glaude, Arthel Neville, Jesmyn Ward, and many others, for what was an intellectually stimulating experience.

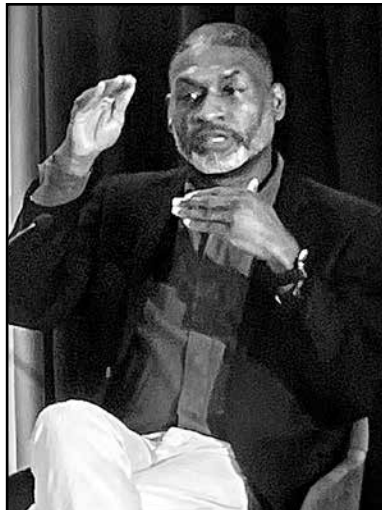
The New Orleans Book Festival is housed as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit



New Orleans District Attorney Jason Williams and his mother Janice Rogers.



Renowned Professor and Author Eddie Glaude with Data News Editor-in-Chief Edwin Buggage.



Author and New York Times Columnist Charles Blow was a featured panelist at the New Orleans Book Fest.



Fox News weekend Anchor and New Orleans native Arthel Neville, with CBS News Anchor and Author Michelle Miller Morial enjoying the book fest.

organization within the structure of and in partnership with Tulane University. The mission of the New Orleans Book Festival at Tulane University is to support and

nurture a literary community by connecting readers of all ages and backgrounds with local and national authors through experiences that celebrate the power of literacy and

ideas.

In addition to the main festival activities, Family Day took place on March 16th, featuring children's and family programming with 18

local and national authors. The day included book signings, a puppet musical, and a free book giveaway, aimed to ignite a love for reading in attendees of all ages.

State & Local News

The Jones Academy for Girls

New Orleans Native Fosters Environment of Empowerment and Sisterhood by Opening a Private and Independent All Girls School.

Data News Staff Edited
Report

New Orleans, LA. – To break down barriers to quality education and equip girls with the tools they need to succeed, New Orleans native, Andrea Jones, is elated to announce the opening of The Jones Academy for Girls. The school is located at 1020 N Prieur St, New Orleans, LA 70116.

Founded in 2022, The Jones Academy for Girls currently serves grades Pre-K 3-Kindergarten but plans to house up to 8th Grade in the near future. The school believes in making private education accessible. To achieve this, The Jones Academy accepts all scholarships provided by private organizations, along with government-funded scholarships. Additionally, they offer the option of work-study programs to make attendance reasonable and feasible for parents.



Left to Right: Devon Watts, Financial Analyst, Archdiocese of New Orleans, Elizabeth Lacombe, Archdiocese Property Manager, Andrea Jones, Founder of The Jones Academy for Girls, and Father Ajani Gibson, Pastor of St. Peter Claver Church.

The curriculum is the result of extensive research on some of the nation's leading private all-girl

schools. The Jones Academy for Girls aims not only to meet but exceed the highest educational



standards. With a focus on unique enrichment and physical education activities such as yoga, ballet, martial arts, as well as science, coding, and foreign languages, they provide a well-rounded education.

Beyond traditional subjects, their enrichment classes cover social graces, gaming, meditation, and test-taking techniques. The Jones

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U.S. Citizens Flee Haiti Amidst Escalating Chaos

Global Concerns Mount.

Stacy M. Brown
 NNPA Newswire Senior
 National Correspondent

Amidst escalating turmoil in Haiti, a recent exodus of U.S. citizens fleeing the violence underscores broader concerns about the humanitarian crisis unfolding in the Caribbean nation. As conflict rages on in regions like the Middle East and Eastern Europe, voices like Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., President of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, emphasize the need for global attention to the suffering of people worldwide, including those in Haiti.

"A lot of people are concerned about the suffering that's going on in the Middle East, and they should be concerned," noted Dr. Chavis Jr. in his State of the Black Press Address at the National Press Club. "But I'm also concerned. I don't hear a word about the suffering in Africa, where millions of people are being killed in the Congo. I don't hear a word about... what's going on in Haiti."

Against this backdrop, a charter flight carrying more than 30 U.S. citizens seeking refuge from



Nearly 1,000 Americans in Haiti plea for help, State Dept. says, as gangs unleash new attacks.

the spiraling gang violence in Haiti touched down in Miami on March 17, according to U.S. State Department officials. The evacuation came amid escalating chaos in Haiti, where gang attacks, looting of aid supplies, and widespread violence reportedly have pushed the nation to the brink of famine.

The situation in Haiti has been deteriorating for over a year, with the recent chaos culminating in a pivotal moment on Monday night. Haiti's embattled Prime Minister,

Ariel Henry, agreed to step down once a transitional government is established through negotiations involving regional powers and stakeholders, including the United States.

However, concerns persist over the legitimacy and effectiveness of such interventions, as many argue that Haitians themselves must drive actual solutions. A Haitian-led interim government with oversight committees tasked with restoring order, battling corruption, and facilitating

fair elections is what the proposed "Montana Accord," which has the support of various Haitian stakeholders, seeks to establish.

Meanwhile, armed groups, including paramilitary factions and former police officers, have seized control of large swathes of the capital, Port-au-Prince, perpetuating a cycle of violence and instability. The United Nations estimates that at least 80% of the capital is now under the control of these armed groups, exacerbating the humanitarian crisis and displacing thousands of residents.

As Haiti grapples with the convergence of manufactured and natural disasters, including the lingering effects of the 2010 earthquake, hurricanes, and floods, the plight of its people demands urgent attention and concerted action from the international community.

"It's the Haitian people who know what they're going through. It's the Haitian people who are going to take destiny into their own hands," Jimmy Chérizier — also known as "Barbecue," told the Associated Press. "Haitian people will choose who will govern them."

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Academy for Girls believes that by nurturing healthy young girls, the world can avoid the need to fix broken women in the future.

Their philosophy is rooted in providing children with access, opportunities, and the tools they need to flourish in the future. Failure is not an option under any circumstances. The goal of The Jones Academy is to showcase what happens when

the playing field is leveled, demonstrating that every girl can reach her full potential.

"At The Jones Academy for Girls we are dedicated to empowering young women to thrive with wisdom and grace," said Andrea Jones, Founder of The Jones Academy for Girls. "We are contributing to the holistic formation of young women while cultivating academic excellence, unleashing confidence, and developing leadership skills to improve local and global communities. It's about foster-

ing the evolution of girls into the leading women of tomorrow."

The Jones Academy for Girls believes in empowerment, wisdom, grace, inclusivity, academic excellence, community, collaboration, character development, holistic development, confidence, courage, lifelong learning, leadership, and trailblazing. These core values guide the educational philosophy and mission of the school and shape the experiences and opportunities provided to its students.

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