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TROY CARTER RE-ELECTION



Democratic Representative Troy Carter was re-elected to Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District Seat, securing 60% of the vote. Carter, who has represented parts of New Orleans since being elected to Congress in 2021, expressed gratitude for the renewed

mandate and emphasized his commitment to advancing environmental justice, protecting civil rights, and ensuring fairness for all. He defeated four challengers—Democrat Devin Davis and Republicans Devin Graham, Christy Lynch, and Shondrell Perrilloux—to retain his seat.

9/14/24

SYBIL MORIAL



Sybil Haydel Morial, a Prominent Civil Rights Activist and widow of New Orleans' first Black Mayor, Ernest "Dutch" Morial, passed away on September 3, 2024, at the age of 91. Her family announced her death, highlighting her unwavering courage in confronting the challenges of Jim Crow and her Dedication to Education and Civil Rights. Morial was instrumental in founding the Louisiana League of Good Government, which played a significant role in registering Black voters during a time of Systemic Disenfranchisement. She also held various administrative positions over 28 years at Xavier University of Louisiana, contributing significantly to the institution's growth and mission. Her legacy is remembered as a testament to her lifelong commitment to Justice, Equality, and Empowerment.

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**PHENOMENAL WOMEN
OF NEW ORLEANS**



In March 2024, New Orleans Data News Weekly honored Carmen J. Randolph, Gia Hamilton, Iam Tucker, Angela L. Young, Lynda Van Davis, and Stephanie Burks as “Phenomenal Woman of New Orleans” during Women’s History Month. In various fields of endeavor, all these women are making an impact in the City of New Orleans. These recognitions

highlight the impactful work of women leaders in New Orleans, celebrating their Dedication to Community Empowerment and Leadership.

5/25/24

**DATA NEWS 58TH
ANNIVERSARY**



Data News Weekly, known as “The People’s Paper,” celebrated its 58th Anniversary in May 2024, reaffirming its dedication to providing the New Orleans community with relevant and impactful news. Publisher Terry Jones emphasized the publication’s commitment to storytelling that resonates with local readers, stating, “We are excited to continue

to tell the stories of our community, and being a relevant source of news that guides the conversations of issues that matter in New Orleans.

7/27/24

URBAN LEAGUE CONVENTION

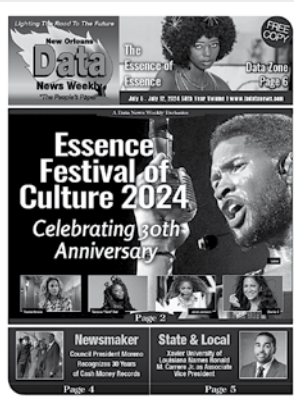


The National Urban League’s 2024 Annual Conference took place in New Orleans from July 24th to 27th, marking a significant return to the city under the Leadership of President and CEO Marc H. Morial, a former New Orleans Mayor. The conference, themed “Defend Democracy, Demand Diversity, and Defeat Poverty,” convened thousands

of thought leaders, experts, advocates, and activists to address pressing national challenges and shape an Empowerment Agenda. Key events included the Reclaim Your Vote Rally at Xavier University, emphasizing Voter Mobilization and Civic Engagement, and the Women of Power Awards Luncheon, which honored all nine Black Miss America winners. The conference also featured dynamic panel discussions, workshops, and forums, providing invaluable opportunities for networking, idea exchange, and strategic discussions in the ongoing pursuit of justice.

7/6/24

ESSENCE FEST



The 2024 ESSENCE Festival of Culture, presented by Coca-Cola, celebrated its 30th Anniversary in New Orleans from July 4th to 7th, 2024. The festival featured a star-studded lineup, including performances by Usher, who delivered a special one-night-only set commemorating the 20th Anniversary of his album “Confessions,” and Janet Jackson, who returned to the

ESSENCE stage following her record-breaking 2022 performance. The event also honored the Legacy of Frankie Beverly & Maze with a Special Tribute and passing of the torch moment, curated by Grammy Award-Winning Producer and Songwriter Bryan-Michael Cox. Beyond the concerts, the festival offered a range of daytime experiences, including the introduction of the ESSENCE Hollywood House™, a space dedicated to networking, mentoring, and increasing the visibility of Black individuals in entertainment. The 30th Annual Celebration underscored ESSENCE’s Commitment to showcasing Black Culture, Music, and Community Engagement in its longstanding partnership with the City of New Orleans.

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Congressman Troy A. Carter, Sr. Presented “Christmas on the River”

Congressman Carter held a fundraiser & Christmas Party entitled “Christmas on the River” on Friday, December 20th, 2024, at the Blue Crawfish Hotel at 1620 Dumaine Street, in the Historic Tremé Neighborhood from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. The event was by invitation and was non-transferable. Admission was complimentary with an unwrapped toy. The event was paid for by Troy Carter for Congress. Troy Carter did not attend due to a late flight.

The event was very well attended, and Data News Weekly was there to participate in the festivities!



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than to help myself



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Top 7 Charities Supporting Black Communities in America

Jeff Thomas Think504.com

Empowering and uplifting Black communities is essential to Fostering Equity and Addressing Systemic Challenges. Numerous organizations work tirelessly to improve the lives of Black people in America through education, advocacy, economic empowerment, and social services. Here are the top seven charities making a difference:

1. NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF)

The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund is a leading Civil Rights Organization dedicated to fighting racial injustice. Founded in 1940, LDF provides legal representation in landmark cases, advocates for policy reforms, and promotes voter rights. Its impact extends to Dismantling Systemic Racism and Ensuring Educational Equity.



Why It Matters:

LDF's work has resulted in critical victories for racial justice, including school desegregation and fair housing laws.

2. National Urban League

For over 100 years, the National

Urban League has focused on Economic Empowerment and Job Creation for Black Americans. Through its affiliate network, the League offers workforce development, housing assistance, and educational programs tailored to underserved communities.

Why It Matters:

By fostering economic self-reliance, the National Urban League builds pathways to prosperity for countless families.

3. UNCF (United Negro College Fund)

The United Negro College Fund is one of the largest scholarship providers for Black students, supporting access to higher education. The organization also helps fund Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), ensuring they remain strong Pillars of Academic Excellence.

Why It Matters:

UNCF has awarded scholarships to hundreds of thousands of students, paving the way for future leaders and innovators.

4. Black Lives Matter Foundation

The Black Lives Matter Foun-

dation is committed to Eradicating Systemic Racism and Promoting Justice for Black People. The organization advocates for policy changes in criminal justice, education, and economic equality while amplifying voices through grassroots activism.

Why It Matters:

BLM's influence has brought global attention to the urgent need for racial equity and police reform.

5. The Loveland Foundation

Founded by Rachel Cargle, The Loveland Foundation provides Therapy and Mental Health Support to Black women and girls. Through partnerships with therapists and organizations, the foundation offers free or discounted sessions, addressing a critical gap in mental health care.

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GNO, Inc. Sunday Night Highlight LSU Energy Report is Balanced & Bright

Michael Hecht President & CEO, Greater New Orleans, Inc

Researchers at the LSU Center for Energy Studies have released their 2025 Gulf Coast Energy Outlook, and the takeaway is clear: a balanced, all-of-the-above approach to energy supply and decarbonization presents a generational opportunity for Louisiana and the Gulf Coast. The numbers are large. By 2030, the Gulf Coast Region is projected to see:

- \$219 billion in liquefied natural gas investments
- \$151 billion for chemical and refining industries
- \$107 billion for energy transition projects

Key insights from the report include:

- Policy and Election Impacts: The report assumes the overall continuation of the Infrastructure In-



vestment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) subsidies in the new administration. Trade relations with China are identified as a risk to energy industry expansion.

- Economic Growth and Employment: Despite recession fears in 2023, the U.S. Economy expanded, with employment and wages outpacing inflation. Global energy demand continues to rise, particularly in developing countries, driving the Gulf Coast's energy

export opportunities.

- Decarbonization Challenges and Opportunities: Companies are focusing on balancing cost competitiveness with Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions. The IRA provides substantial funding for decarbonization initiatives, which are expected to bring significant capital investment opportunities to the Gulf Coast region,
- Electricity Demand Growth: The adoption of electric vehicles (EVs), heat pumps, and data

centers is increasing electricity's share in the U.S. energy mix. However, overall energy demand in the U.S. is projected to remain flat, with international demand driving growth.

- Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production: The Gulf Coast's oil and Natural Gas Production has surpassed pre-pandemic levels and is projected to continue growing over the next decade. Efficiency improvements mean more hydrocarbons are being produced with fewer rigs.
- Commodity Pricing Trends: Oil prices are expected to stabilize around \$60 per barrel in the long term, while natural gas prices are forecasted to remain relatively low, creating a competitive advantage for the Gulf Coast in attracting capital for energy projects.
- Infrastructure and Midstream Activity: Investment in pipeline infrastructure over the past decade has alleviated transportation bottlenecks, reducing reliance on

rail and barge. International natural gas price disparities highlight the need for further infrastructure development.

- Power Sector Trends: The Gulf Coast enjoys competitive electricity rates, particularly in Louisiana. Industrial electricity sales have grown significantly in the region, outpacing national trends. Renewable Energy is also expanding rapidly.
- Energy Manufacturing Investment: The Gulf Coast has seen substantial investments in energy manufacturing, particularly in decarbonization and renewable energy projects. This positions the region as a leader in producing lower-emission energy products.
- Employment Outlook: The Gulf Coast energy sector is expected to sustain employment growth, driven by increasing production and export-oriented projects. The energy transition is anticipated to create significant additional job opportunities in the region.

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KAMALA HARRIS BID FOR PRESIDENT



In August 2024, Vice President Kamala Harris made history by becoming the first Black and South Asian woman to be nominated for the U.S. Presidency by a Major Political Party. She secured the Democratic nomination following President Joe Biden’s withdrawal from the race in July 2024. Harris was officially nominated during a Virtual Roll Call of Democratic Delegates, receiving 99% of the votes. In her acceptance speech at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Harris emphasized unity and a forward-looking vision for the nation, stating, “We can chart a new way forward, together.” She also selected Minnesota Governor Tim Walz as her Vice-Presidential running mate. Despite a vigorous campaign, Harris was defeated by former President Donald Trump in the November 2024 election.

2/3/24

EXPLORING THE BLACK HISTORY OF NEW ORLEANS



In January 2024, New Orleans Data News Weekly published a comprehensive feature titled “Exploring the Black History of New Orleans.” This article delved into the city’s rich African Heritage, the significant role of free people of color, the impact of the Civil Rights Movement, and the Profound Influence of Jazz and Music. It also highlighted unique cultural traditions like the Mardi Gras Indians and addressed contemporary issues affecting the Black community in New Orleans. This feature underscored the publication’s commitment to educating readers about the multifaceted contributions of Black individuals to the City’s Cultural and Social Landscape.

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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 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.

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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!

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Why It Matters:

Access to Mental Health Resources is vital for healing and empowerment, and The Loveland Foundation meets this need with care and compassion.

6. National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI)

The National Black Child Development Institute focuses on improving the lives of Black children and families through Education and

Early Childhood Development Programs. With a mission to ensure every child has access to quality education and care, NBCDI works in partnership with educators, parents, and policymakers.

Why It Matters:

Education is a cornerstone for success, and NBCDI’s initiatives to create brighter futures for Black youth.

7. The Bail Project

The Bail Project Combats Racial Disparities in the Criminal Justice System by providing bail assistance

to those who cannot afford it. By challenging the cash bail system, which disproportionately affects Black communities, this organization ensures fair treatment and advocates for reform.

Why It Matters:

The Bail Project offers immediate relief to families and works toward a more Equitable Legal System.

Why These Charities Stand Out

These organizations represent a wide range of missions, from educa-

tion and mental health to Legal Advocacy and Economic Empowerment. Their collective impact demonstrates the power of community-driven initiatives to address Systemic Barriers and Promote Equity.

How You Can Help

Supporting these charities is a meaningful way to contribute to positive change. You can donate, volunteer, or share their missions with others to amplify their work. Together, we can continue to uplift Black communities and build a more equitable society.

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Administrative Assistant Wanted

Data News Weekly, “The People’s Paper,” is looking for an administrative assistant.

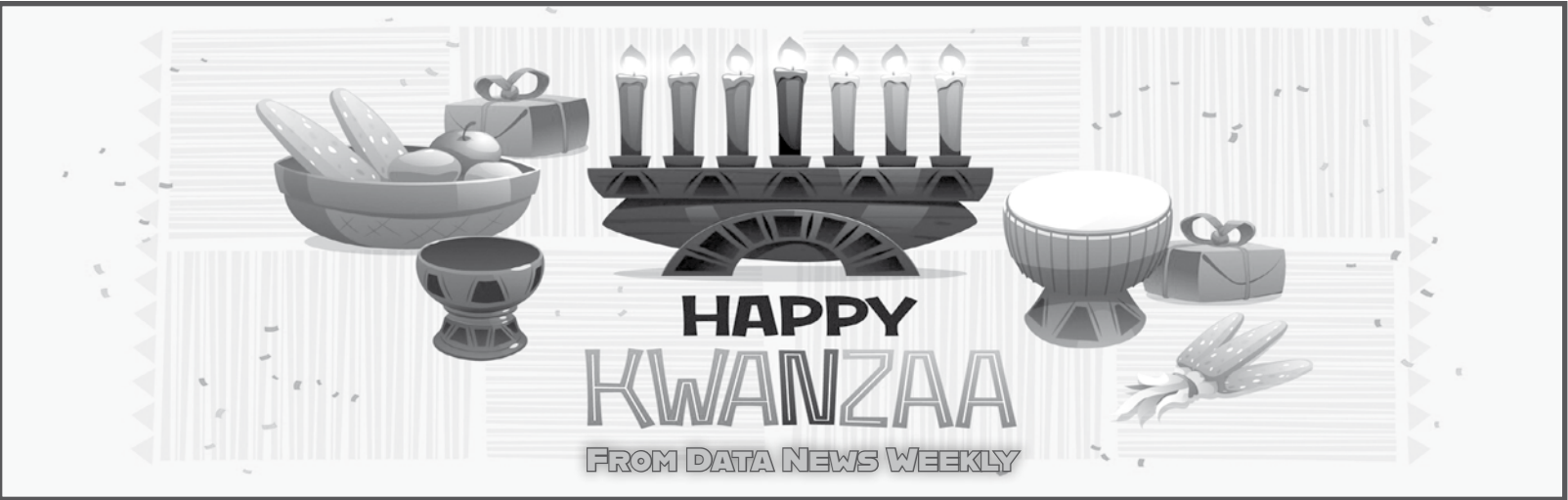
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