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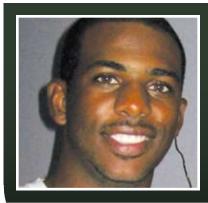
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Above: Osama Bin Laden was killed in a highly secret and exceptionally executed operation ordered by President Obama in his compound in Attabaad, Pakistan on Sunday, May 1, 2011. Right: President Obama with his National Security team witnessed the operation in real time in the Situation Room located within the White House.



"If Pakistan cannot or will not take out these high-level terrorists targets and we have actionable intelligence about where they are, then I would take action to protect the American people. I firmly believe that if we know the whereabouts of bin Laden and his deputies and we have exhausted all other options, we must take them out."

> Senator Barack Obama Op-Ed in the Globe Gazette Mason City, Iowa Aug. 12, 2007

By George Curry Special to the NNPA

On Sunday night, President Obama made good on that promise, announcing that a team of elite Navy SEALs had taken out Osama bin Laden for good with two bullets, one to the chest and one to the head. The surprise attack on Public Enemy No. 1 took place shortly before 2 A.M. in Pakistan, ending one of the longest and most frustrating worldwide manhunts in history. Speaking to reporters at the White House, a subdued President Obama said, "Today, at my direction, the United States launched a targeted operation against that compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. A small team of Americans carried out the operation with extraordinary courage and capability. No Americans were harmed. They took care to avoid civilian casualties. After a firefight, they

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killed Osama bin Laden and took custody of his body."

Jubilant, flag-waving Americans gathered in front of the White House and at Ground Zero in New York to celebrate. The New York Daily News carried a photo of bin Laden the next day with the headline, "Rot in Hell."

For some families, the death of Osama bin Laden, nearly 10 years after the murder of their loved ones, may put them on the road to closure. For others, however, it merely re-opened old wounds, wounds that may never fully heal.

It was George W. Bush who boldly declared shortly after a plane crashed in Pennsylvania and the Twin Towers at the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon went up in flames, "I want justice. And there's an old poster out West. I recall, that said, 'Wanted Dead or Alive.'"

In 2003, Bush stood on the flight deck of the USS Lincoln and declared, "...Major combat operations in Iraq have ended." Mounted on the ship was a huge banner that proclaimed, "Mission Accomplished."

Of course, the mission in Iraq was not accomplished – and still isn't – and bin Laden was never found dead or alive on Bush's watch.

It was a patient, skilled, and underrated Barack Obama who proved to be the real "decider" in the White House. By all accounts, he was directly engaged in all aspects of the carefully planned operation that ended bin Laden's life without suffering any U.S. casualties.

Obama was apprised that bin Laden's hideaway inside of Pakistan had been pinpointed by CIA operatives last September. During the next few months, additional intelligence information was developed and on March 13th , President Obama held the first of five National Security Council meetings.

When presented with the option of bombing the compound, Obama rejected it and instead favored a riskier plan to airlift Navy SEALS by helicopter, having them storm the compound and conduct a room-by-room search for the terrorist mastermind. Before leaving to inspect tornado damage in Tuscaloosa, Ala., the President gave the green light to launch the attack. On Sunday, the operation was carried out in secrecy as Obama and his close circle of security advisers watched on a secure hookup. Amazingly, there were no leaks to the media in the nation's gossipcrazed capital.

Instead of being boastful, Obama struck a somber tone, praising those who had carried out the mission, both Democrats and Republicans are declaring, "Justice has been done." In order to minimize the inevitable pushback from some Muslims in Arab countries, the administration noted that they had observed the Muslim practice of washing bin Laden's body and wrapping it in a white garb before dumping it in the Arabian Sea within 24 hours of his death.

On Monday, at a previously scheduled White House dinner of political leaders and their mates, President Obama tried to rekindle the national unity that was on display immediately following the September 11th attack.

"I know that the unity that we felt on 9/11 has frayed a little bit over the years, and I have no illusions about the difficulties of the debates that we'll have to be engaged in, in the weeks ahead and months to come," he said. "But I also know there have been several moments like this during the course of this year that have brought us together as an American family, whether it was the tragedy in Tucson or, most recently, our unified response to the terrible storms that have taken place in the South. Last night was one of those moments. And so tonight, it is my fervent hope that we can harness some of that unity and some of that pride to confront the many challenges that we still face."

If Obama had entertained any illusions about duplicating the short-lived post 9/11 unity, they would have quickly dissolved.

Tuesday's Los Angeles Times carried the headline, "Bin Laden's sea burial fuels conspiracy theories."

The story observed, "Conspiracy theorists on both the left and the right were quick to insist that bin Laden was either still alive or had been dead for years, pouncing on the government's decision to slide the body of the world's most wanted man off a board into the Arabian Sea."

The new conspiracy theories about bin Laden emerged before the old ones about where Obama was born were put to rest.

On Monday, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in Pasadena, Calif. granted a client of birther litigator Orly Taitza an opportunity to challenge the summary dismissal of a case heard two years ago questioning whether President Obama was born in Hawaii. Despite the White House release of Obama's long-form birth certificate and mountains of additional evidence, some conspiracy buffs refuse to drop the issue. The only thing missing from what Obama described as a carnival is Donald Trump demanding to see bin Laden's death certificate.

Although former President Bush applauded the capture and killing of Osama bin Laden, other conservatives are belittling Obama's accomplishment.

Brett Decker, Editorial Page Editor of the conservative Washington Times, wrote in a column that Obama made too many references to himself when he made the announcement about bin Laden's death. "Not only is this consistent with his view that everything is about him, it also reflected the reality that this president is weak and perceived by the world to be a lackluster leader who has undermined American power," Decker wrote. "He needs to grab any opportunity he can to make himself believable as a Commander-in-Chief. Crowds flocked to the White House gates to celebrate bin Laden's demise, giving this unpopular president a rare glimpse of public support that won't last long."

Judging by his critics, Obama won't have support even when he accomplished something George W. Bush couldn't. They have already resumed their attacks on Obama's handling of the economy.

Laura Ingraham, spoofing Obama's comment that Americans can do whatever we set our mind to, tweeted, "Like spending according to my budget and raise the debt ceiling!"

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Obama Approval Ratings Jump On Terrorism, Afghanistan

WASHINGTON – A handful of new national polls conducted in the immediate aftermath of Osama bin Laden's death reveal happiness and relief combined with improving perceptions of President Barack Obama's handling of terrorism and the war in Afghanistan. The results are more mixed when it comes to the expected bounce in his overall job approval rating.

The surveys, which were all conducted in just one day, show overwhelming public support for the commando raid that killed bin Laden:

- A USA Today/Gallup poll finds 93 percent approval of the raid, with almost as many, 79 percent, saying they consider the killing of bin Laden extremely or very important.
- •A CNN/Opinion Research Corporation survey finds most Americans feel either thrilled (37 percent) or happy (42 percent) about the death of bin Laden, while only 4 percent are unhappy.
- •A Washington Post/Pew Research Center survey asks how Americans feel about bin Laden's death. It finds most respondents are relieved (72 percent), proud (60 percent) and happy (58 percent). (Participants could agree with more than one feeling.)

Two of the polls show big increases in ratings of Obama's handling of terrorism and the Afghanistan War. Specifically, the CNN poll shows a 7 point jump in approval of the President's handling of both "terrorism" (60 to 67 percent) and "the situation in Afghanistan" (from 51 to 58 percent) since January. The Washington Post/Pew Research poll shows even bigger gains on Obama's handling of "the threat of terrorism" (up from 56 to 69 percent) compared to identically worded questions asked on a Washington Post/ABC News poll in April.



George W. Bush:

"The most important thing is for us to find Osama bin Laden. It is our number one priority and we will not rest until we find him."

– Washington , D.C., Sept. 13, 2001

" I don't know where bin Laden is. I have no idea and really don't care. It's not that important. It's not our priority."

– Washington , D.C., March 13, 2002

2012 GOP Respond To Bin Laden's Death

The potential 2012 Republican Presidential candidates quickly issued statements on their Twitter feeds and various websites, commemorating the death of terrorist leader Osama Bin Laden, but were careful to not heap praise upon President Obama in their response to the momentous event. A majority of the candidate hopefuls thanked the military for a job well done.

Minnesota Representative Michele Bachmann was first to comment on her Twitter feed, thanking the US forces for "taking out Osama Bin Laden."

Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin tweeted, "Thank you, American men and women in uniform. You are America's finest and we are all so proud. Thank you for fighting against terrorism." She later posted a statement on her Facebook page.

Americans tonight are united in celebration and gratitude. God bless all the brave men and women in our military and our intelligence services who contributed to carrying out the successful mission to bring Bin Laden to justice and who laid the groundwork over the years to make this victory possible. It's a testament to the hard work and dedication of these brave Americans who relentlessly hunted down our enemy. This is a victory for the American people, for the victims who were heartlessly murdered on September 11th and in Al Qaeda's other numerous attacks, and for all the peace-loving people of the world. May God bless our troops and our intelligence services, and God Bless America!"

Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee issued this statement on his HuckPAC website:

"It is unusual to celebrate a death, but today Americans and decent people the world over cheer the news that madman, murderer and terrorist Osama Bin Laden is dead. The leader of Al Qaeda— responsible for the deaths of 3000 innocent citizens on September 11, 2001, and whose maniacal hate is responsible for the deaths of thousands of U.S. servicemen and women killed by U.S. military. President Obama confirmed the announcement late last night. DNA tests confirmed his death and his body is in the possession of the U. S. It has taken a long time for this monster to be brought to justice. Welcome to hell, bin Laden. Let us all hope that his demise will serve notice to Islamic radicals the world over that the United States will be relentless is tracking down and terminating those who would inflict terror, mayhem and death on any of our citizens."

Former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum issued a press release posted on his website;

"This is extraordinary news for all freedom loving people of the world, and I commend all those involved for this historic triumph. Americans have waited nearly ten years for the news of Osama bin Laden's death. And while this is a very significant objective that cannot be minimized, the threat from Jihadism does not die with bin Laden. As we were vigilant in taking him out we need to demonstrate we will continue to be vigilant until the enemy has been subdued."

Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney posted this statement on his Facebook page.

"This is a great victory for lovers of freedom and justice everywhere. Congratulations to our intelligence community, our military and the President. My thoughts are with the families of Osama bin Laden's many thousands of victims, and the brave servicemen and women who have laid down their lives in pursuit of this murderous terrorist."

Governor Tim Pawlenty posted

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Jesse Jackson Calls Osama Bin Laden's Death 'Huge Psychological Victory'

By: Trymaine Lee

Osama bin Laden didn't discriminate when it came to the bloody work of terrorism. He was an equal opportunity killer.

And now that he is dead, killed sometime yesterday by a team of Navy SEALS in Pakistan, Americans of all races and religions have taken to the streets and to the blogosphere and air waves to share in what seems to be a deep and collective exhale. From the gates of the White House in Washington, D.C. to ground zero in New York City, people have come together chanting and waving flags, exhibiting the kind of unity seen last on that terrible day in September almost 10 years earlier.

"Everyone died on 9-11. Blacks, Whites, Muslims, Latinos and working class people," said the Rev. Al Sharpton. "He didn't care who was in those buildings or on that plane. All Americans shared in that pain and all Americans can share in what we are seeing today."

The Rev. Jesse Jackson called bin Laden's death a "huge psychological victory."

"It is a cause for celebration. So many people lost their lives, their family members lost their lives. It was such a traumatic blow," Jackson said. "This might be the first real emotional venting for the pain that came from 9-11, the kind of relief that the plotter had destroyed."

Jackson warned, though, that while bin Laden's death marks some closure, the American people must be vigilant.

"The chapter on bin Laden ends now, but not the chapter on terrorism," he said.

Keith L.T. Wright, a New York State Assemblyman who represents Harlem, said while there is understandable satisfaction in bin Laden's death, there should also be caution.

"We, as New Yorkers and Americans, have to be more careful now than we have ever been," Wright said. "We have to come together as New Yorkers and we also have to start looking over our shoulders because you never know, it could be a bus stop, a school, a subway stop or an airport. We have to be more mindful than ever."

The terror spurred by Al-Qaeda, bin Laden's terror organization, struck blindly, targeting people and places regardless of race, class or even religion.

In 1988, Al-Qaeda killed some 225 people and injured hundreds of others in simultaneous bombings of U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. In 2001, the victims of the World Trade Center included white and blue-collar workers alike, those working in the mailrooms as well as wealthy investment bankers.

"The people who had worked before nine in the morning, those workers were not the rich," Sharpton said. "And the people on the planes that died, the people in coach went with those in first class."



Rev. Jesse L. Jackson

Both Jackson and Sharpton said that while the mission to capture or kill bin Laden has been a success, what President Obama does next is critical. Jackson said bin Laden's killing in a bustling suburb outside of Islamabad, Pakistan's capital, raises questions about how much the Pakistani government knew about bin Laden's whereabouts.

"I would hope, as a supporter of the President, that we take a reasonable amount of time to make sure there is no retaliation, and then start to dial back on the build up in Afghanistan," Sharpton said. "Because if bin Laden was who he was supposed to be, we don't need to place our resources there."

For Black Americans, the killing of bin Laden signaled not only a great day for America, but for the Black American President.

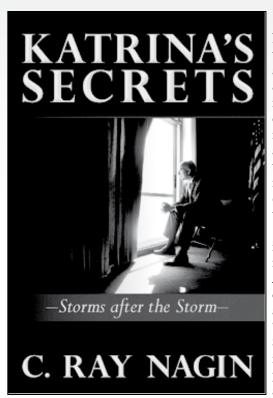
"People are celebrating the fact that our President was able to get the job done, certainly there should be an awful lot of pride in the fact that he was able to get the job done," said Wright, the Harlem Assemblyman.

"The irony is that while everyone was running around trying to muddy him up with that birth certificate non-sense, he was busy dealing with capturing the world's most notorious terrorist mastermind," Sharpton said. "It says he can see the bigger picture and that he knows how to be cool under fire."

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The View from the Top

Nagin Releases His Memoirs with "Katrina's Secrets"



C. Ray Nagin will release his memoir, "Katrina's Secrets: Storms after the Storm," on June 8, 2011, via Amazon. It is centered on critical events and decisions made before, during and immediately after the nation's worst-ever natural and man-made disaster, Hurricane Katrina.

The book is the first in a series that will be released worldwide on Amazon.com and other channels in paperbound and e-book formats. "Katrina's Secrets: Storms after the Storm" is a behind-the-scenes, provocative, revealing and inspirational story. After leaving public

office in May 2010, C. Ray Nagin finally gets to tell the world about controversial decisions and statements. He writes honestly and sincerely about his mistakes and successes. He also gives readers an insider's perspective of the city, its history and institutional issues of race and class that secretly conspired to control and slow down the recovery.

The former mayor takes readers on a front row journey, revealing secrets that have been previously glossed over, spun or ignored. He discusses the former president's hesitations that led to Kanye West's provocative statements, the Governor's indifferences, racial profiling, social re-engineering plots and federal disaster capitalism.

Mayor Nagin offers intimate, unparalleled details about his firm stance that everyone had the right to return home. He prayed constantly and believed God's grace assured the city would overcome its ultimate challenge.

Today New Orleans is one of the nation's fastest-growing cities with a strong economy, billions in construction underway, a focus on "green" construction and innovative public education.





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Prime Example

Trombonist Delfeayo Marsalis & Vocalist Dennis Dannel, Jr. put on a showcase at Prime Example and Data Was There!



Seated left to right: Greer Conerly and June Hazeur



Delfeayo Marsalis, Trombonist in a showcase performance at the Prime Example



Vocalist – Dennis Dannel, Jr.



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Seated left to right: Delfeayo Marsalis, Trombonist, Coach Lloyd Dillon, Julius Kimbrough, Owner of The Prime Example, Patrick Allen from Cincinnati



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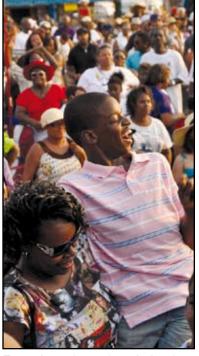


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Data News Weekly Commentary

Remembering Acts of Kindness

By Lee A. Daniels

NNPA Columnist Good Riddance.

A man driven to sponsor and inspire incalculable horror and sadness around the globe is dead. He chose a path of profound evil, cloaking his megalomania and blood-lust in religious piety, and it's led him to a watery grave at the bottom of an ocean. Of course his name will be remembered as long as human society exists. But like his blood-drenched historical predecessors - men for whom the description "mass murderer" is pitifully inadequate - he'll be regarded, to put it bluntly, as a freak of human nature: a monster.

But, in the midst of our, for some, jubilation; for others, a quiet, even grim satisfaction, we would also do well to remember along with his other crimes not only the terrible acts of mass murder he sponsored about 10 years ago beclouded a bright, sunny day in New York City, in suburban Washington, and in rural Pennsylvania.

We would do well to recall what those crimes revealed to us Americans.

For one thing, they underscored that, while many in American society were contesting who is an American – that is, who is entitled to equal opportunity here – the practitioners of terror had no doubt who is an American. They knew and acted upon the fact that all Americans are all equally Americans – and thus, equally a target for their murderous rage.

Timothy McVeigh, born and raised in America, understood that. So, Americans of all ages of African, Hispanic, Asian, Arabic, Native American, and European descent who worked in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City died one awful day in April 1995.

So, too, did those murderers who struck at the American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in August 1998: Americans (and Africans and Europeans) of all backgrounds died that day also.

And so did the practitioners of the 9-11 terror who brought so much agony, death, and destruction to America's shores.

Like Timothy McVeigh, they deliberately struck not just at the "symbols" of the American nation. They attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon during the workday, when both places



would be filled with the people of America: people of African, Hispanic, Asian, Arabic, Native American, and European descent. Those who died and were injured were members of our families, our friends, and our neighbors.

The terrorists showed, once again, that while they often condemned America for its history of discrimination against Americans of color, they wouldn't hesitate to target Americans of color for murder, too.

They understood that we are all equally American, whether our ancestors arrived on the Mayflower or the slave ships; whether they fled pogroms in Europe or tyranny and poverty in Latin America, Africa, or the Middle East ; whether the governments of our ancestors' country of origin were democratic or authoritarian; whether our families came three centuries ago or yesterday. (Of course, we know that these murderers don't value the lives of any human beings. Citizens of 40 countries worked at the World Trade Center, a crossroads of the world. They, too, were among the missing and the dead.) It would seem that some Americans are the only ones who don't understand – or don't want to accept – that we Americans are all equally American.

And we would do well to remember that the evil done on September 11, 2001 inspired at the sites of the catastrophes the opposite of evil. It inspired many acts of kindness and bravery. Many of those deeds we'll never know, of course: the doers and all who witnessed them died in those awful moments. But other stories survive.

One of the most exalted was

told by a woman who worked in the World Trade Center offices of the financial giant. Morgan Stanley. After the first jetliner hit the Center's Tower 1, officials ordered an immediate evacuation of Tower 2, where she had an office on the 64th floor. The problem: she walked with crutches.

At first, several co-workers tried to carry her down the hot, humid, and crowded stairwell. "It was incredibly difficult," the woman told the New York Times. "They had me over their shoulder for 5 or 10 flights and just couldn't do it."

Then, she said, a co-worker she knew only as Louis came upon them. He lifted the woman on his shoulder and began to carry her by himself down the remaining 50 or so flights. The woman said that around the 15th or 20th floor, a security guard, saying the danger at that level has eased, urged Louis to leave her and continue on his own. Louis refused and carried her all the way out of the building, "all the way to the E.M.T. guys, and he stuck with me until we got one who said I could go in an ambulance."

Louis then left, heading hopefully out of the danger zone. We know nothing more about him.

Before 9-11, many people might have expressed surprise at such acts, as if they were unusual.

But 9-11 taught us, at a horrible cost, that such acts of compassion and courage are not unusual. Indeed, the rapid response of ordinary people to mobilize on their own substantial aid for their fellow human beings victimized by natural disasters has become commonplace in the last decade. 9-11 compelled many people in America and around the world to realize that such acts of kindness are what decent people do when mass tragedy befalls the innocent. Helping others becomes a balm to the deep wound in our individual and collective psyches. It enables us to immerse ourselves in grief over the fate of the innocent while simultaneously celebrating their, and our, determination to persevere.

Ten years ago, in the days and weeks following September 11th, we heard many such stories: Of shopkeepers along the routes of the flood of refugees from lower Manhattan passing out bottles of water, juices, and other refreshments. Of Americans from all parts of the country flocking to the devastated World Trade Center site to volunteer for the clean-up effort. Of the more than 2 million Americans who donated blood for the blood banks for the injured. Of the millions across the globe who expressed their sorrow and sense of solidarity in innumerable ways.

All these were a declaration that, contrary to the credo of the Osama bin Ladens of the world, kindness is the most powerful and lasting human sentiment. Amid the great sorrow of that day and the weeks and months to come, it was wonderful to realize that millions of people across the globe didn't need a world leader to tell them that.

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Trailblazer

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George Rainey Food For Thought

by: Edwin Buggage

He is a man who has spent his eight decades of life giving back to others. George Rainey is the true definition of a Trailblazer. "When I think of Trailblazer I think it is someone who contributes to the betterment of others in a selfless way," says Rainey. Continuing he says, "In my life I have never consciously thought that what I was doing is going to help someone, it was more of a natural thing for me to give to someone in need."

The words of Rainey are filled with wisdom as he is a wellspring of information and inspiration. He says he receives joy giving his time to many organizations helping countless people, but he says the time following Hurricane Katrina is one of his fondest memories. "I remember my nephew and I going to a church run by Rev. Nelson Brown to get something to eat, and the line was long. So we went in and wound up helping cook in his kitchen feeding people; this went on for several months," recounts Rainey. Of Rev. Brown he says, "He was truly a Godsend as we fed so many people in the time of need for so many in our city."

Harkening back to the theme of selflessness and helping the community he says, "I believe anyone has the ability to give back because all of us have something to give and it doesn't always have to be money; sometimes it is just about giving your time and heart to help someone be better than they are."

As part of the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club, Rainey has worked on many projects aimed at helping the youth of New Orleans and inspiring future generations. "I have worked with some great people over at Zulu that are really committed to young people and improving the community and I am glad to be part of an organization that believes as I do, that serving others and giving them hope, encouragement and support is important."

Being the owner of Rainey's Restaurant, a staple in the community for four decades, he feels it is important that young people understand that economics is the new frontier in the struggle for civil rights and human dignity. "Today many of the things my generation has fought for we have accomplished, our struggle was for access, but now it is time for us to look at how to empower ourselves economically."

Known for his savory soul food, Rainey's words are flavorful food for the soul cutting to the bone of truth with uplifting words as he continues to be a positive voice in the community. He remains dedicated to the mission of helping people have a voice, but he feels some are not being heard. "I think not just New Orleans but the world would be a much better place if more people took the time to listen to the people who are the neediest and recognize that the things they need sometimes they don't have the means to make those things a reality." Continuing he says, "But it is up to us to help give them a voice because if we help them we help ourselves have a better quality of life." George



Rainey is a man who has fed people in many ways giving them food that nurtures their body, mind and soul, and today Data New Weekly is proud to honor him as a Trailblazer Award Recipient.



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Chris Paul and Building a Winning Team in New Orleans

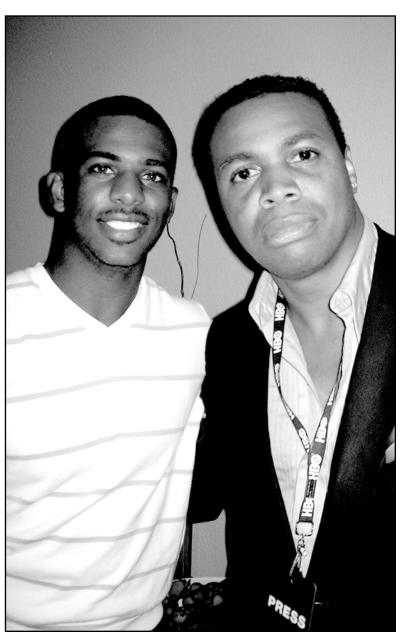
By Edwin Buggage

It's always fascinated me how sporting events and sports teams can unite people from different backgrounds. That those who are at odds with each other in most matters can for a few hours be on one accord cheering on their team of choice. Or in some instances how a team or player can embody the spirit of a city. This was the case of Chris Paul and the New Orleans Hornets in their series facing the defending NBA Champs the Los Angeles Lakers. The Hornets on paper were clearly outgunned in this David vs. Goliath match-up but Chris Paul and company put on a dazzling show taking the Lakers to the limit before finally being defeated in six games. In this series Chris Paul came alive showing the world he belongs in the elite class of players in the NBA. It was one of those rare times that the MVP was unfortunately on the losing side.

But basketball aside his effort and that of the Hornets in my mind embodies the spirit of what the people of New Orleans are; resilient and willing to do whatever they have to do to win despite the odds. This is what citizens are doing every day to rebuild their lives. And while the city has many problems, it is time for us to begin to drink from the cup of positivity to quell all that is negative surrounding our city.

To believe that we can put together a winning franchise of people and develop a strategy that can make New Orleans the type of city it could be and reach its full potential with citizens working together to make the city a better place to live for everyone. That the city can heal the divide of rich vs. poor and Black vs. White, something that in my view continues to be an impediment to making New Orleans a progressive 21st Century City. It is high time to have a city where everyone can dine at the table of prosperity of a city that's moving in a forward direction.

As we near the sixth year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina and the levee breach we see pockets of progress and conversely we see continued blight and neglect. And the question is how do we bridge the divide in this sad tale



New Orleans Hornet Chris Paul with Data News Editor Edwin Buggage

of two cities? How can a city become as former Mayor Ray Nagin and present New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu both of who made the call for a united city, and when will this day come to pass?

I feel the formula to build a winning city that's united may require scraping the old playbook and come up with new and innovative ways to do things in New Orleans and for people to begin to thinking outside the box. To understand that we can as a gumbo of a city begin to put new ingredients in the pot and realize the city can still retain the flavor that makes it unique.

My recipe for a better city is as follows: first I feel as citizens we must unite as we do so often around the Saints and more recently the Hornets and begin sniffing out and not tolerating corruption and nepotism in our government. Secondly, let us begin to become students of politics and demand accountability from those we vote for to represent us. Also we must become united around making sure we have an educational system where all our children can get a quality education. Let us unite around keeping our streets safe from predators that endanger the lives of our citizens. Let us unite in making sure our families and communities are intact. And finally, let us work together to make sure that we can build an economy that is diverse and able to pull more people into the middle class. And if we can accomplish these things and come together to do our part in making it happen then that is something we all can cheer about.

Data Announces Newest Column

The Soul of a Fisherman



By Darrell A. Edwards **Data News Weekly Columnist**

Anglers get ready! Data News Weekly announces its newest Columnist Darrell Edwards and his column, "The Soul of a Fisherman". Darrell brings a new dimension to our publication and we welcome him and his work. We hope you enjoy his columns and we welcome your feedback and questions for Darrell.

The Soul of a Fisherman

First, let me begin by thanking you for reading my article. I am Darrell Edwards. I am a native New Orleanian, born and raised. My father took me fishing for the first time when I was 8 years old and I've been hooked ever since. I've fished the waters east of the Mississippi River, from Lake Pontchartrain to Breton Sound, Delacroix, Shell Beach and Hopedale for the last 40 years. If there is anything I know, I know boats and I know fishing. I would like to thank the staff of Data News Weekly for providing me the opportunity to share my knowledge with the readers.

Unfortunately, this article is geared more toward boaters than Please send your questions bank fishermen. If you have a and feedback for Darrell to ramboat and you are not catching bo7600@hotmail.com. coolers full of fish especially in

the months of October through December, then I can help. If you are having problems with your boat and don't know why, I can help. Most of all, I would like to help everyone who has a boat be able to catch more fish.

With the rising cost of gas, oil and all the other necessities of a fishing trip, we need to catch more than 6 to 10 fish to make it worth the cost and worth your while. There is a bevy of information available that many people don't take into consideration when going fishing.

Over the next few months I will be presenting information in my articles that will help you become a more productive fisherman. I will be fielding questions and covering a wide variety of topics from boating tips to fishing tips to help your fishing experiences become spectacular memories. One thing I'll always remember my father telling me is, "If someone teaches you something you're obligated to teach it to someone else." This is the beginning of my journey to express "The Soul of a Fisherman." See you next week.



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New Orleans Outreach Power Ties "Career Day" with McDonogh City Park Academy

On Monday, May 9th, 34 8th Graders from McDonogh City Park Academy will submit themselves to nearly two-hours of job interviewing, resume critiquing and overall career readiness preparation by professionals from the Young Leadership Council. And here's the rub: The 8th Graders are actually looking forward to it!

McDonogh City Park Academy is an open admissions charter with McDonogh City Park authorized by the Recovery School District. Having completed job readiness workshops, students now market themselves to future employers in one-on-one Interviews.

The New Orleans Outreach's Power Ties Program helps 8th Graders focus on career planning

through business-volunteer-led workshops, career days and jobsite visits that underscore the importance of life-long learning. Green, Arthur Ashe, and Mc-Donogh City Park Charters are participating in the Spring 2011 Semester Program with business partners, the YLC and the Junior League of New Orleans. New Orleans Outreach is a non-profit educational support organization which since 1993 has helped more than 17,500 public school students improve their grades and standardized test scores through academic and cultural enrichment classes, tutoring and other learning supports, which add \$1000 per student in schoolyear expenditures.



Love is In the Air



Love filled the sanctuary at the wedding of Shantel and Jonathan Pajeaud at Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Church, Pastor Debra B. Morton officiating. Photos and video by www.pannaproductions.com

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simply, "God bless the USA." on his Twitter feed and posted a more detailed statement on his website:

"This is terrific news for freedom and justice. In the hours after the 9/11 attacks, President Bush promised that America would bring Osama bin Laden to justice — and we did. I want to congratulate America's armed forces and President Obama for a job well done. Let history show that the perseverance of the U.S. military and the American people never wavered. America will never shrink from the fight and ultimately those who seek to harm us face only defeat. Today, justice is done, but the fight against radical Islamic terrorism is not yet over."

Pawlenty's Twitter account continued to update as the news progressed, stating, "Today, justice is done, but the fight against radical Islamic terrorism is not yet over." "America will never shrink from the fight and ultimately those who seek to harm us face only defeat." "Pres. Bush promised that U.S. would bring Osama bin Laden to justice & we did. I congratulate our armed forces & Pres. Obama for a job well done."

Republican gay rights activist Fred Karger tweeted, "Huge victory in war against terror tonight! Kudos to the CIA and our military!!!" and noted just a few minutes later, "Now let's bring our troops home from Afghanistan and Iraq.""

South Carolina Senator tweeted "Bin Laden's death is a great victory in the War on Terror & confirmation to freedom's enemies about the inevitable end of a life of terror. Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich published this statement Monday afternoon on his Facebook page.

The killing of Osama bin Laden is a significant victory in the long struggle between radical Islamists and modern civilization. This victory is a tribute to the patient endurance of American justice. I commend both President George W. Bush who led the campaign against our enemies through seven long years and President Obama who continued and intensified the campaign in both Afghanistan and Pakistan.

We should remember to thank those who made this possible. Without the courage and professionalism of our men and women in uniform and in the intelligence services, this victory would not have been achieved.

This victory is only a mile-

stone in a long war. We must also recognize the long struggle ahead. Radical Islamism did not start with bin Laden and it will not end with his death. This is the 32nd year since the Iranian dictatorship seized our diplomats illegally and held them hostage for 444 days. It has been 28 years since Iranian-supported terrorists killed 241 servicemen in Beirut in 1983.

As long as there are schools teaching children to hate; as long as there are state-supported terrorist systems; as long as several countries actively recruit children to be suicide bombers; this war will continue.

The world is a better place without Osama bin Laden, but his just demise cannot erase the loss and suffering of the families and friends of those who died on September 11th or died fighting in the war since September 11th. So while we are celebrating this victory, we should take time to remember all who suffered and sacrificed and pray for them.

Developer Donald Trump issued this statement congratulating the President and the U.S. Military;

"I want to personally congratulate President Obama and the men and women of the Armed Forces for a job well done. I am so proud to see Americans standing shoulder to shoulder, waving the American flag in celebration of this great victory. We should spend the next several days not debating party politics, but in remembrance of those who lost their lives on 9/11 and those currently fighting for our freedom. God Bless America!"



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