

Lighting The Road To The Future

New Orleans

Data

News Weekly

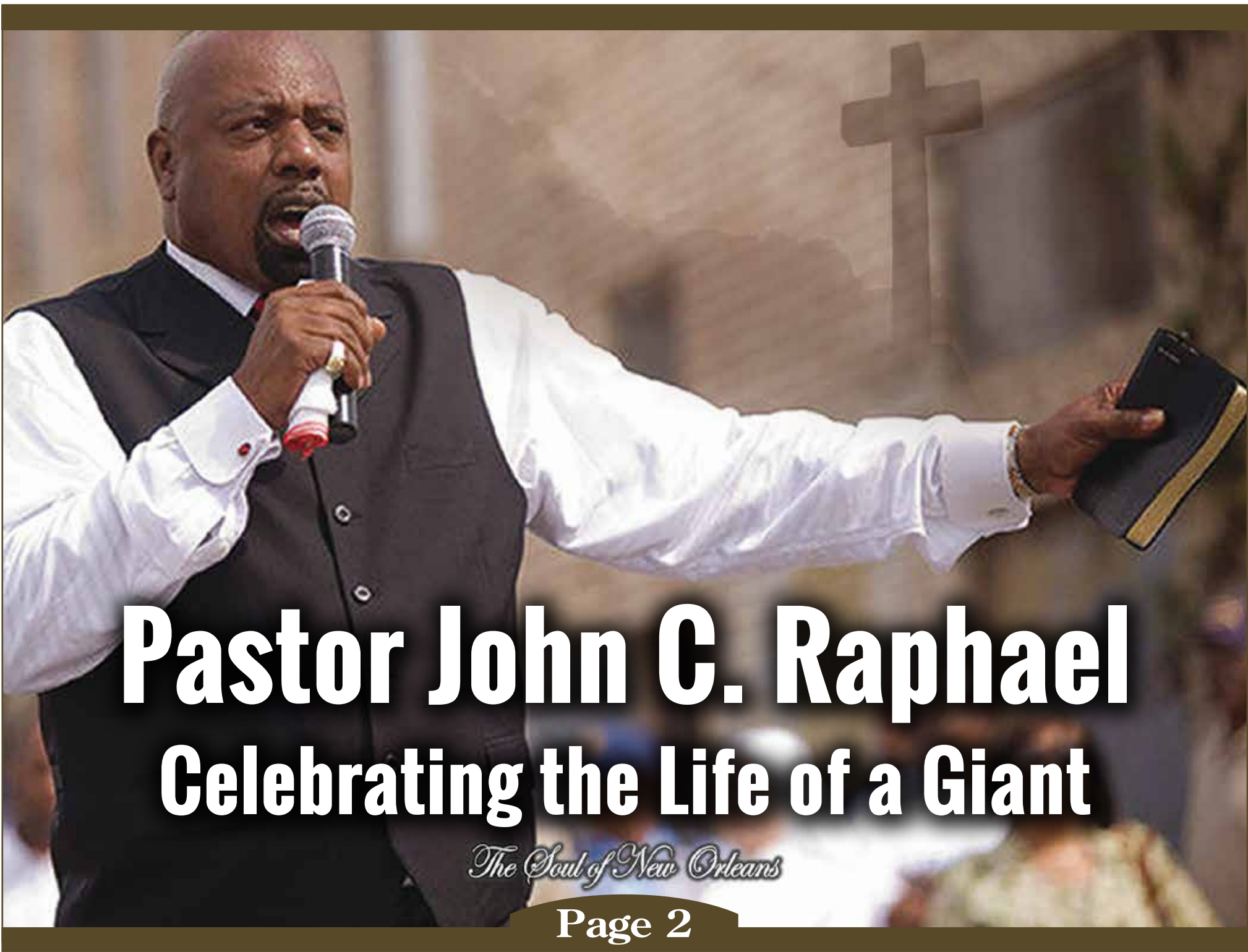
"The People's Paper"

FREE COPY

Essence Party Highlights

Data Zone Page 4

July 13 - July 19, 2013 48th Year Volume 11 www.ladatanews.com




Pastor John C. Raphael

Celebrating the Life of a Giant

The Soul of New Orleans

Page 2



Health News

Climbing your Family Tree

Page 6

National News

The Trayvon Martin Trial Closes



Page 7

Pastor John C. Raphael

Celebrating the Life of a Giant



Al "Brother" Mims, who is a comrade in arms when speaking of Pastor Raphael said, "He was a humble servant of God, who wasn't one who was looking for greatness, but did great things."

By Edwin Buggage

New Hope Baptist Church Pastor John Raphael was a man whose life meant so much to so many people. He was an advocate for his community and embodied the courage and

resilience in his fight to save lives. His life resembled that of the biblical disciple Simon Peter, who was a fisher of men. He was a man who dedicated his life to serving his community. "We have known each other since childhood and he is someone who has made a great

contribution to the City and will always be remembered for passion inside and outside the pulpit doing God's work," says New Zion Baptist Church Pastor C.S. Gordon.

Early in life he realized his mission in life would be protecting and serving his commu

Cover Story, Continued
on next page.

INSIDE DATA

Cover Story	2	State & Local.	6
Data Zone	4	National News	7
Health News	6		

DATA NEWS WEEKLY

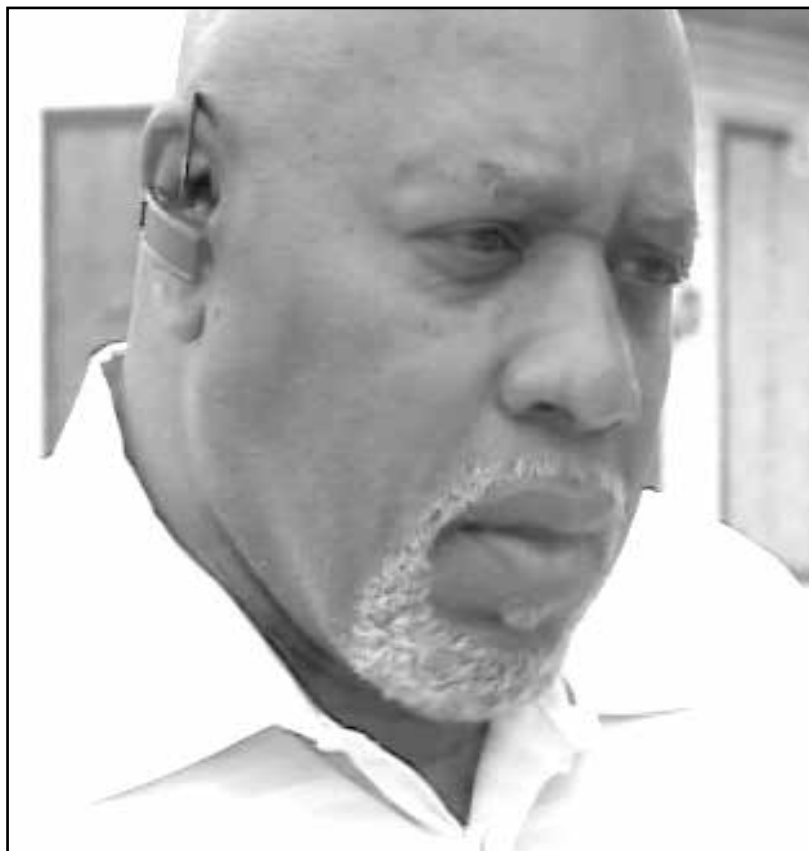
P.O. Box 57347, New Orleans, LA 70157-7347 | Phone: (504) 821-7421 | Fax: (504) 821-7622
editorial: datanewseditor@bellsouth.net | advertising: datanewsad@bellsouth.net

Terry B. Jones
CEO/Publisher
Glenn Jones
VP Advertising
& Marketing
Edwin Buggage
Editor
Calla Victoria
Executive Assistant
June Hazeur
Accounting

Contributors
Edwin Buggage
Dr. Eric D. Griggs
Terry Jones
Glenn Jones
James Harper
Glenn Summers
Art Direction & Production
MainorMedia.com
Editorial Submissions
datanewseditor@bellsouth.net
Advertising Inquiries
datanewsad@bellsouth.net

Please call 504-309-9913 for subscription information or to obtain a back issue of the paper ONLY.
Dated material two weeks in advance. Not responsible for publishing or return of unsolicited manuscripts or photos.

Cover Story, Continued from previous page.



While Pastor Raphael was committed to working in New Orleans, his ministry reached as far out as the continent of Africa where he ministered and helped those in need.



"Thou Shall Not Kill." These are words that resonated with Raphael and became his mantra and mission in life to quell the violence in New Orleans.

nity; first as a member of the New Orleans Police Department, and then finding a higher calling in the ministry. As a man moved by the spirit Raphael understood biblical principles and knew that obedience also required work. For example, when God called Moses up to Mount Sinai to give him the Ten Commandments, number six was "Thou Shall Not Kill." These are words that resonated with Raphael and became his mantra and mission in life to quell the violence in New Orleans. He became well-known for his signs emblazoned with the words, "Thou Shall Not Kill" and "Enough" as a plea for the senseless violence in the City to stop.

Al "Brother" Mims is someone who is a comrade in arms with Pastor Raphael, given he is also crusading to stop the violence that plagues our City. Speaking of Pastor Raphael he says, "He was a humble servant of God, who wasn't one who was looking for greatness, but did great things." Continuing he says, "His spirit was as big as his body, and he was a dedicated man who was an inspiration in my life and the work I do in the community."

Raphael's impact reached far and wide. In a City that sometimes finds itself mired in issues of race and class, Raphael was a man who had a healing touch and was beloved by a cross section of New Orleanians. Upon hearing of his passing New Orleans

Mayor Mitch Landrieu said of Raphael, "This morning my heart is heavy as the City of New Orleans mourns the death of Pastor John C. Raphael, Jr. of New Hope Baptist Church, I have personally relied on the wisdom and counsel of Pastor Raphael over the years, not just because of what he said, but because of how he lived. Pastor Raphael will be dearly missed."

While he was committed to working in New Orleans, his ministry reached as far out as the continent of Africa where he ministered and helped those in need. A man who's done similar work is Rev. Dwight Webster Ph.D., Senior Pastor at Christian Unity Baptist Church. Describing Pastor Raphael he says, "He was a gentle giant, a man of God with a heart of gold and was a serious pastor who cared about his community and not spent time staying in the confines of his church talking about problems, but putting himself on the frontlines and becoming part of the solution."

In his six decades of life Pastor Raphael received much praise, accolades and awards for his work, including being given the Trailblazer of the Year Award by Data News Weekly. Another minister involved in initiatives aimed at saving the youth from violence in New Orleans is Pastor Tom Watson of Watson Memorial Teaching Ministries, who also has a Master's in Social Work (MSW). "This is a very tragic moment in

our community to lose someone who has been an important voice in taking a stand against violence." Continuing he says quoting scripture he says, "That without a vision, the people perish, and he was a man who worked his vision and saved many lives and inspired many people with his example and that he is a symbol of inspiration and a symbol of what faith is all about."

As Pastor Raphael has transcended he was a man who lived his purpose. He was a man who worked to serve God and others. He is an example of what we can be at our best. In this time for our community his work must not be in vain as we forge ahead, we must continue to say "Thou Shall Not Kill" and "Enough." We cannot and should not let his vision die, because our young people still need to be saved and given the tools to live healthy, productive and prosperous lives.

And the question for us becomes as a community what are we to do? That the life of Pastor Raphael has shown that the power to produce change is in our hands and that anyone can serve. It is time for more of us to get involved in solving the problems of violence in our community. To create solutions all hands must be on deck with emphasis on family and community being essential moving forward. "Repairing and reclaiming the family unit and

understanding its importance is key if we are to save the lives of our youth," says Rev. Dwight Webster Ph. D. Echoing similar thoughts C.S. Gordon Jr. says teaching begins at home, but we must take a holistic approach to solve the problems of violence, we need a coalition of religious people, business people, and as a community we must also begin to value education and become civically engaged."

Pastor Watson believes grassroots efforts at organizing are key to saving lives, "We need to advocate for prevention and in-

tervention and that will help save lives, this must become a priority and we all need to be involved." Al "Brother" Mims who lost his father to gun violence says, "Death and violence in our community affects all of us, it may not be your mother, father, brother or sister that is the victim, but it is somebody's loved one and in essence we are all victims and we must do a better job and commit ourselves to helping the next generation to find reasons to live and not die. So we must continue in the spirit of Pastor Raphael and say "Enough" and "Thou Shall Not Kill."

**FULTON,
JOHNSON,
NEWMAN
& PITTMAN
INSURANCE
AGENCY, Inc**



*Professional and Special Insurance
Packages available for:*

- Bars
- Churches
- Contractors
- Day Care Centers
- Dentists
- Law Firms
- Fast Food Restaurants
- Janitorial Services
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Home Health Care Agencies

**For All Your Insurance
Needs
CALL 504-947-3445**

*Life
Health
Auto-Liability
Homeowners
Commercial Property
Workers Compensation
Bond
Flood*



**1925 St. Bernard Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70116
Office (504) 947-3445 Fax (504) 872-0208**

Shoot Ya Best Shot!

Congressman Richmond's Pre-Essence Fest Gala Highlights

Photos by Glenn Summers

2nd Congressional District Representative Cedric Richmond (D-LA) hosted a Pre-Essence Festival Gala which included local and national dignitaries and friends and Data was there!!!



Visit www.ladatanews.com for more photos from these events

Shoot Ya Best Shot!

Make 'Em Say Uhh Tour Highlights

Photos by Glenn Summers

The Master P Make Em Say Uhh Tour took the city by storm, featuring Hip-Hop Superstar and hometown favorite Mystikal on July 3, 2013 at Behrman Stadium and Data was there!!!



Essence Festival Press Conference

Photos by Terry Jones



Cars & Coffee Auto Show

Photos By Glenn Jones

Car enthusiasts from around the nation gathered in Baton Rouge on Sunday for Cars and Coffee. The group meets in locations throughout the country to share their love of cars and show off their prized possessions.



Visit www.ladatanews.com for more photos from these events

Climbing Your Family Tree



Eric Griggs, MD
Data News Columnist

The first step in changing our lifestyle begins at home- literally. Start with looking at your family and assessing their past and present health history. Considering the importance and latest emphasis on lifestyle changes, I felt it appropriate to revisit where healthy living begins- by "Climbing your Family Tree."

While Heart Disease, Diabetes, and Cancer may be the major health threats in the forefront

of the American media, I would dare say that an equally formidable threat to the survival of the American family is something much more obscure, but ironically obvious. That foe is the generational breakdown of communication about health issues in the family tree. Traditionally, issues of Heart Attack, Stroke, Hypertension, Hypercholesterolemia, Diabetes, Kidney Disease, and even Arthritis, have come to be accepted as parts of the genetic cycles of our family histories. While genetics do play a large role in predisposition for diseases, what attempts are we making to actually break or alter the cycle so our families can live longer and better lives? We need to ask ourselves, how well do we know our family history? When was the last time we climbed our family tree?

Let's start with the roots, the strongest and oldest part of a tree, buried deep in the ground - our ancestors. From as recent as our grandparents, it is important to gather medical information. What do we know about their health histories? Where did they live? What diseases did they have? At what age did the diseases start and how did they find out? Have they passed way? If so, at what age and what was the cause? If they are still living, how old are they now? What medicines do they take and why? Ask what they would do differently.

The next stop in our climb is the trunk, the visible pillar of strength. The tree trunk is the connection between the roots and the branches. It survives the weather of the external environment day to day. Obviously, the trunk is our parents. Whether

er or not both are alive, medical information about our parents is essential to our survival. When was the last time we asked our parents about the medicines they take and why? The same questions required of the roots are required of the trunk. More importantly, prevention should be the theme. It is important to find out which diseases our parents feel could have been prevented (i.e. - Type 2 Diabetes). Was obesity a contributing factor? Smoking? Unhealthy Diet? Lack of exercise? Drugs? Alcohol? What lifestyles changes have they made?

These questions bring us to the most personal portion of our ascent - the branches. Here we are forced to ask the most difficult questions. While obviously, we should inquire of our siblings about what health issues they

face, we have to ask ourselves what we are doing to live educated and healthy lives. Based on data collected from our roots and trunk, what we are doing to break any patterns of preventable disease passed from generation to generation? All of this is necessary to insure that we bring forth bright, beautiful, healthy, and informed blossoms for our future - our children.

Your prescription for the week:

Start to climb your family tree, your kids will thank you later... And as always, Get Checked. Get Fit. Get Moving!™

Got Health questions?

Email: AskDocGriggs@fox8tv.net

Facebook: facebook.com/docgriggs1

Twitter: @docgriggs1

Eric D. Griggs, M.D. ("Doc w")

Parents: Still Plenty Of Great Spots At Good Charter Schools

Still Looking For A Great Charter School For Your Child?

Here are Orleans and Jefferson schools still accepting applications:

K-8 Orleans

Einstein Charter Extension

This school is an expansion of the award-winning Einstein school, under the leadership of Chief Executive Officer Shawn Toronto. The extension school is located at the old Intercultural Charter site on Michoud Boulevard. The school will have a strong math and science focus. Info: www.einsteincharter.org

Wilson Charter

This is an open-admissions charter, which has not yet achieved academic excellence, has a dedicated staff under Principal Logan Crowe that shows real potential. The school offers a strong after-school program, which includes tutoring. This

school is located in Uptown New Orleans at 3617 General Pershing St. Info: www.wilsoncharter-school.org

Homer A. Plessy Community School: First and Second Grade only

This open enrollment Orleans charter has a limited number of openings for first and second grade. The school is a Rodrigue Foundation "Louisiana A+" school. Free after-school programming is available until 6 pm each day. All students participate in the Strings music program. The school that will open in August 2013 at the Frederick Douglass Building on St. Claude Avenue in the Bywater neighborhood. Families interested in enrolling should contact the school immediately at info@plessyschool.org or call Sara Leikin at (504) 421-5711. Students from across Orleans are welcome to apply.

K-3 Jefferson

Located at the Kate Middleton campus in Gretna, Young Audiences Charter is the westbank's first arts-integrated, open admissions charter in Jefferson. Enrollment is limited to grades K-3. The school will add a grade each year until they reach the 8th grade. For info: www.yacarterschool.org

High School Orleans, 9-12

New Orleans Science and Math High School is an open admissions charter focusing on science, math, engineering and technology. The school is celebrating its 20th anniversary of taking children with the will to succeed to college, career or national service. For info: www.noscihigh.org

Want to evaluate a school's standing relative to other charters and traditional schools? Find free data and statistical comparisons at: <http://lcharterschools.org/resources/data-and-statistics/>

First NBC Bank hosts New Orleans Business Alliance as part of Business Development during Essence

First NBC Bank's Vice Chairman Charles C. Teamer recently hosted guests of the New Orleans Business Alliance (NOLABA) in the 233 Carondelet Bank lobby in the Central Business District.

NOLABA President and CEO Rod Miller addressed the gathering made up of business men and

women from around the Country. All were in New Orleans in conjunction with the 2013 Essence Music Festival. Teamer welcomed the group and gave a historical look at First NBC Bank and its contributions to rebuilding the city of New Orleans seven years since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita ravaged the Louisiana coastline.

Among those present were the President and Founder of M.R. Beal, the oldest African American Investment Bank in



Pictured from left to right: First NBC Bank Vice Chairman Charles C. Teamer; New Corp. President Vaughn Fauria; First NBC Senior Vice President Ed Marshall; New Orleans Business Alliance President and CEO Rod Miller

the country, and Cartarwa Jones of RLJ Lodging, a real estate group founded by Bob Johnson of BET fame. Miller said First NBC Bank's sponsoring of the reception allowed NOLABA to make sure that they met additional business leaders in a more social setting.

The World is Watching as Zimmerman Trial Ends

Two Attorneys Monitoring Trial Predict Different Verdicts

By James Harper
Special to the NNPA
from the Florida Courier

SANFORD, Fla. – One of the attorneys for the parents of Trayvon Martin predicts that George Zimmerman will be found guilty of murdering the unarmed 17-year-old youth.

Daryl Parks, who shares a law firm in Tallahassee with Benjamin Crump, has been at the Zimmerman trial in Sanford since jury selection began two weeks ago.

"He (Zimmerman) was following Trayvon. Was the amount of force justified? Prosecutors are proving it wasn't justified," Parks said in an interview with the Florida Courier.

On Feb. 26, 2012, Zimmerman fatally shot Martin in a gated community in Sanford. Zimmerman is claiming self-defense in the shooting.

Parks said he was not upset that the judges ruled out letting experts testify during the trial over whether the voice on a 911 call was Martin yelling for help.

"The layperson can identify the voice better," he remarked.

Response to lack of protests

Martin's mother, Sybrina Fulton, was scheduled to take the stand on Friday to validate that it was her son's voice asking for help on the 911 call.

"The world is watching this case. They are listening," Parks said when he was asked if he was upset that those Sanford residents and others have not been protesting outside the courthouse since the beginning of the trial.

"We live in a different age," Parks added, noting that the TV ratings for the trial have been phenomenal with millions of people watching it every day.

Seminole County NAACP President Turner Clayton Jr. was quoted last week, saying that the "so-called demonstration area that has been designated you will not see us protesting in that particular area cause no one tells us where to go, how long to stay, what to do, and what to say."

'We are crusaders'

Regardless of what happens during the criminal trial, Parks said they will be going after Zimmerman



in civil court for monetary damages.

They are waiting for the results of the Department of Justice investigation into whether Martin's rights were violated.

Parks said the Martin case is just one of the many incidents where Blacks have been killed unjustly and he said their work for the voiceless will continue.

"We are crusaders. There are all kinds of battles going on," he stated.

Parks also said in the interview: "Zimmerman said this guy threw the first punch. Zimmerman has admitted he was on top. Was Zimmerman in fear of Trayvon? He was following him in the dark." Parks added that he believes Zimmerman may have been overzealous and attempted to hold Martin until the police arrived.

Another point of view

Attorney Ted Williams, who is based in Washington, D.C. and is a Legal Analyst for Fox News' "On the Record with Greta Van Susteren," was in Sanford this week to monitor the trial. Unlike Parks, he is not confident Zimmerman will be found guilty.

Considering what the prosecutors have presented and the witnesses they have called, Williams said, "Every witness the prosecutor has put on and evidence presented helps the defense."

He declared, "I'm very concerned the defense is not going to put on a case." Williams said what must be proven is that Zimmerman

was the aggressor.

Williams explained, "If there was any physical contact by Zimmerman, he could be seen as the aggressor and self-defense cannot be used." He also noted, "I do believe there could be a powder keg going off if there is a not guilty verdict."

Zimmerman's profane words

Inside the courtroom this week, jurors got to hear Zimmerman tell his side – through phone calls and video.

In a phone call with a police dispatcher minutes before he shot Martin, Zimmerman said offhandedly "those (expletive) punks."

On Tuesday, that phrase became one of the most important of the trial so far.

Chris Serino, the Sanford police detective who led the homicide investigation, told jurors that when Zimmerman said it, that showed the neighborhood watch volunteer had "ill will" toward Trayvon.

Up to that point — although they had put on more than six days of testimony — prosecutors had failed to show one of the key elements they must prove to convict Zimmerman of second-degree murder: that the defendant acted with a depraved mind, hatred, malice, evil intent or ill will toward the high school junior from Miami Gardens.

Assistant State Attorney Bernie de la Rionda suggested that when Zimmerman called Tray-

von a "punk," he was profiling the teen as a criminal.

Zimmerman didn't say a word in court Monday but jurors spent much of the day hearing from him as prosecutors set about trying to catch him in what Assistant State Attorney John Guy called a "tangled web of lies."

Guy had told jurors in his opening statement, "The truth about George Zimmerman is going to come directly from his mouth and from the lies that he told."

The struggle

On Monday, prosecutors played four statements Zimmerman gave to police — one a video-recorded walk-through the day after the shooting.

In each, Zimmerman gave the same general story but some details changed, especially about what Martin said and what happened as they struggled on the ground.

In each, Zimmerman consistently maintained that he found Trayvon suspicious because although it was raining that night, Feb. 26, 2012, the Miami Gardens teen was standing in the yard of a Zimmerman friend whose home had been burglarized.

Zimmerman called police, and then followed Martin on foot, he said. He lost him so Zimmerman turned back toward his truck and was leaving. Then the two came face to face.

There was a short exchange of words, Zimmerman said, and then Trayvon punched him in the nose, knocking him to the ground. The teen then got on top of Zimmerman and began hitting him and slamming his head against the sidewalk, he said.

Accounts varied

"In a statement he wrote for police that night, Zimmerman added, 'My head felt like it was going to explode.'"

But he offered conflicting accounts. He originally told police he was not following Martin — that he got out of his truck because he was trying to find a street sign to pass along better location information. But in an interview three days later, Zimmerman said something different and was challenged: "I wasn't following. I was just going in the same direction."

DATA CLASSIFIED

Call 504-821-7421 to
place your classified ad.

Mailboxes by Mark



You pay for the bricks or maybe you have bricks already. You provide the mailbox.

I will provide the cement, wood, mortar, nails etc. You choose or create the design. Prices vary according to the design.

Contact: Mark (504) 723-7318

AVON

The company for women \$\$\$ \$\$\$\$

Can you use some extra cash? Try Avon!!! Avon is easy to sell, no experience necessary. It cost only \$10.00 to start.

Become your own boss or just earn extra money. Whether you are interested in purchasing Avon products or becoming an Avon Representative yourself, I can assist you.

Call June - 504-606-1362
I will explain everything and help you to get started.

Distribution Manager Position Available

Data News Weekly is seeking a Distribution Manager for our weekly newspaper distribution.

The position requirements are:

- Must have a valid Louisiana drivers license
- Must have a truck/van/SUV and must be insured.
- Must have a thorough knowledge of the City of New Orleans
- Work days are Thursday, Friday, Saturday, flexible schedule on those days.

This is a paid, Part-time Position.

Contact Terry at Data News
Weekly to apply.

(504) 821-7421

Get PAID to Go to Church

Our business provides church leaders with the impressions of first time visitors. We'll hire you to attend a service and give us your feedback.

Sign Up:

www.faithperceptions.com
info@faithperceptions.com

Individual & Small Business
Medical - Dental - Hospitalization
Prescription Plan - Access to Doctor 24/7

For ENTIRE household

\$19.95/\$49.95/\$75.00 monthly
All ongoing conditions accepted
No age limit for more info

call 1-877-449-7540 or 504-559-0833

FIND *NEW* ROADS™



A CONTEMPORARY CLASSIC.

INTRODUCING THE ALL-NEW 2014 CHEVROLET IMPALA.

Sophisticated and soulful with a modern edge: This is the vision behind John Legend's latest album, *Love in the Future*, as well as the reinterpretation of a contemporary classic, the 2014 Chevrolet Impala.

©2013 General Motors. All rights reserved. Chevrolet Impala.