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## CATS Helping Passengers Connect to the Polls



BATON ROUGE, La. - Representatives of the Capital Area Transit System (CATS) of East Baton Rouge Parish will be passing out voter registration forms to their passengers beginning Wednesday, September 30th.

Customers can pick up a form on Wednesday at the terminal located on Florida Boulevard from 11 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Voter registration forms will also be available at the Cortana

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# PRESIDENT TRUMP And First Lady Tested Positive for Coronavirus

Vice President Mike Pence tested negative for the virus on Friday morning



President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump were in Cleveland on Tuesday for the first presidential debate. They have since tested positive for the new coronavirus.

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has tested positive for the coronavirus, a stunning development that came hours after he confirmed one of his longest-serving aides with whom he had recently traveled also received a positive test result.

The revelation had implications for the president's health, the administration's response to the pandemic and also the Nov. 3 election, during which Trump has leaned on states to reopen and has claimed that the nation is "turning the corner" on the virus.

President Trump tweeted, "Tonight, @FLOTUS and I tested positive for COVID-19," Trump tweeted early Friday morning. "We will begin our quarantine and recovery process immediately. We will get through this TOGETHER!"

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## Metro Council to Vote Again on Bars Reopening

ATC says bars can reopen without metro council approval



BATON ROUGE, La. - The Office of Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome confirms that the metro council is expected to meet again Friday, Oct. 2 to re-vote on whether bars in the parish can reopen.

The metro council was called to a special meeting Wednesday, Sept. 30 to vote, but five members did not attend the virtual meeting, while one abstained from the vote,

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## Absentee Ballots to be Sent Voters in EBR Parish by Request

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH, La. - The East Baton Rouge Parish Registrar of Votes will begin sending out mail-in ballots to nearly 21,000 people Friday, Oct. 2.

The office will continue to accept ballot requests from eligible voters through Oct. 30 at 4:30

p.m., however, Registrar of Voters Steve Raborn advises people that the United States Postal Service (USPS) recommends people request a ballot as early as possible, and at least 15 days before Election Day.

Due to the high number of absentee ballots expected to be filled

out this year, Raborn advises people to read them carefully and follow all directions exactly to be sure their vote gets counted. The USPS recommends ballots be mailed in at least seven days before the deadline,

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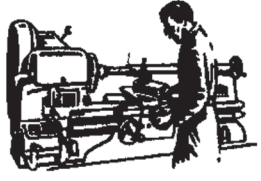
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## Knights of Peter Claver Council, Court 116 Donates Supplies to Scotlandville Elementary Schools



Council/Court 116 presenting back-to-school donations, from left are: George Newman, Deputy Grand Knight Lawrence R. Williams, Sr., Ryan Elementary School Math Interventionist Sandy Landry, Vice Grand Lady Claudia Griffin, David Perkins. Photo provided by Lawrence R, Williams, Sr.

On Friday September 18th, the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Council/Court 116 of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church donated antiviral and anti-bacterial supplies to Ryan, Progress, and Crestworth Elementary Schools situated in the

Scotlandville Community of Baton Rouge, LA. We are thankful for the support of local businesses and individuals in this endeavor. The Covid-19 Virus' possible effects on school children and the determined vigilant stance of school administrators to prevent an outbreak of

this organism among school staff, constituted a dire threat. Thus, the decision of the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Council/Court 116 was to donate antiviral and anti-bacterial supplies to assist in countering the latter threat.

## Iris Domestic Violence Center to Host "Paint the Town Purple" Initiative in October

According to FBI statistics, a woman is battered every 15 seconds in this country and 1 in 3 women will be beaten or abused in their lifetime by someone they know. Adding to this sober statistic is that it is estimated that less than 50% of domestic abuse incidents are actually reported to police. While these numbers are shocking, what is not reported is the countless children, friends, families, businesses and communities that are affected by domestic abuse and violence.

The month of October is designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Throughout the world, the month is typically filled with marches against domestic abuse and vigils honoring victims and survivors of domestic violence. However, the Covid-19 pandemic has severely limited those events in 2020.

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, we did not feel comfortable

in hosting those events again this year," said John J. Price, Executive Director of Iris Domestic Violence Center, a victim services agency that serves Baton Rouge and the surrounding community. "In an effort to increase awareness about domestic violence and unite all of those working to end abuse, Iris will instead be kicking off its "Paint the Town Purple" campaign during the month of October."

Purple is the color associated with the fight to end domestic abuse and family violence. Iris is asking that the public participate in the event and show their support for ending domestic abuse by exhibiting the color purple during the month of October.

Participants are also being asked to take a picture of their purple exhibitions and send it to Iris where it will be shared on the Iris website and Facebook page. Photos should be emailed to jrigh-

ards@stopdv.org.

"We are asking individuals, businesses and schools to participate by exhibiting the color purple to show their support for ending domestic abuse and family violence. Wearing purple clothes, putting a purple bow in your hair, a purple wreath on a door or a purple ribbon on your vehicle - these are all ways that people can express public awareness of the plight of domestic abuse and show their support for the work of Iris and other agencies to stop its spread," said Price.

Janice Richards, Director of Development for Iris, stated that the Paint the Town Purple event helps to raise public awareness and recognize allies in the fight against domestic abuse and violence. It signifies our support for survivors of abuse while remembering those individuals whose lives have been lost due to domestic violence. Our Paint the Town Purple project will encourage others to join in our cause and make ending domestic abuse, sexual and relationship violence a lifelong commitment."

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meaning the council did not have enough votes to approve or deny the measure.

However, the Louisiana Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control (ATC) says bars in East Baton Rouge Parish can reopen without permission from the metro council.

Council members say the final say is in fact up to them.

## La. Lawmakers Push for More Control Over Phase 3 Plan, Future Emergencies

BATON ROUGE, La. - Lawmakers debated a number of ideas Wednesday, Sept. 30 that would allow lawmakers to throw out or change certain rules Governor John Bel Edwards has put in place to help mitigate the coronavirus' spread.

Republicans argue the governor should not have "unrestricted and unbridled" authority to create and enforce laws on his own during a public health emergency.

"I think Edwin Edwards was quoted saying, 'Why would I be president when I can be governor of Louisiana?'" Rep. Dodie Horton, R-Haughton, said. "That is how much power we, the people, have allowed any governor who sits on the fourth floor and occupies the mansion to have."

Lawmakers want more say in how emergencies are handled. One plan would create a council that could shoot down or change a governor's executive order or emergency proclamation.

The council would consist of the governor, the attorney general, the state treasurer, the House speaker, and the Senate president. It could essentially rewrite the entire order, over the governor's objections, with a 3-2 vote.

"It would give us a voice, the voice many of us feel like we do not have currently," the bill's



author, Rep. Jack McFarland, R-Jonesboro, said. "It would create that line of communication."

Another similar set of ideas would allow either chamber to veto specific rules while leaving other restrictions in place

But Democrats and the governor maintain that adding a step in the emergency process would create an opportunity for a stalemate that could prevent the state from getting timely federal assistance.

"I'm very concerned about bringing too many people into the decision-making process," Rep. Sam Jenkins, D-Shreveport, said. "I can see debate, and I can see delay at a time when people need quick, decisive decisions."

The House and Governmental Affairs Committee will vote on each of the plans Thursday, Oct. 1.

Gov. Edwards would have to sign the bills into law.

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a graduate of Southern University and Southern University Law Center. As an Adjunct Law Professor at Southern University Law Center it's a privilege and honor preparing our future attorneys.

With 20 years of courtroom experience, I believe everyone who comes into the courtroom should be treated with dignity and respect. I will use my knowledge and experience to ensure that the law is administered fairly and impartially and will work hard every day to accomplish that.

I am a member of the Louisiana Law Institute, the Capital Area YMCA Board, the Baton Rouge Bar Association, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc, Imagination Leads, Louisiana State Bar Association, Baton Rouge Soccer Association Coach, and Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church.

I began my military career at the age of 17 and served in the Global War on Terrorism. Following my deployment I determined that there is a need to establish a Veterans Court. Veterans who find themselves in the judicial system are sometimes suffering in silence from post traumatic stress disorder and are not getting the help they need. We need to take care of them.

I am a husband and father. My children are Jackson, 14 and Nahtali, 10. I am married to Brandi Littles- Lawrence. As the father of a black son I am acutely aware of the challenges faced by young black men. If elected as your judge I reaffirm my commitment to administer the law fairly and impartially.

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Former White House doctor Ronny Jackson told Fox News early Friday morning that Trump was asymptomatic and predicted the president would "weather this storm."

"I will bet you that he does not develop symptoms, that he moves on and this does not become a big deal," Jackson said.

The president has often

claimed the U.S. has the pandemic "under control," but his own positive test result - assuming it is accurate - is certain to raise questions about the reopening of schools and businesses when the virus could not be contained within the White House, arguably the most secure facility in the world.

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## Child Development Institute Director, Gisele Haralson Uses the Arts to Help Youth Express Their Creative Personalities



From left to right: Gavin Lathan, Nicholas Chesterfield, Zyqueaz Desira, Jeremiah Dixon, Jarvis Scott, Mazi Ikechukwu, Carl Matthews Jr. / Bottom Gisele Haralson

By Gisele Haralson

Gisele Haralson uses her imagination to dream big: as a writer, film producer, radio personality, and executive director of Child Development Institute. Her journey to success has not been a path of the straight and narrow.

When Haralson thinks about the feelings she felt when she finally discovered her divine purpose, what she was called to do in life. She bravely began making the steps necessary to begin moving in the direction of her God given purpose. Upon graduating from high school she wanted nothing more than to be a teacher. She truly loves children and the idea of becoming an educator fueled her as a college freshman. Visions of the pitter patter of little hands and feet in a classroom setting illuminated her mind as she studied at her alma mater Southern University AM in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The idea that she could be a part of shaping the future excited her tremendously and although she has authored several books, working on two film productions, hosting her own radio show; Gisele's greatest sense of satisfaction is the work that she is currently doing as Execu-



Gisele Haralson, Executive Director of Child Development Institute

tive Director of Child Development Institute.

Child Development Institute is a non-profit organization that unites a number of innovative ways to encourage, educate, foster creativity, and leadership skills in children. In the fall of 2019 Gisele Haralson was fortunate to receive a grant that allowed her to offer some Creative Expressions workshops. The goal of these classes was to encourage creative expressions by helping students develop a love of using words, drawings and music to express themselves but also to inspire students to think bigger and broader

about the world in which we live.

The reason why this project means so much to Haralson is that it shows the resilience, innocent, and talent of children during a very difficult time in our country.

The project provided an outlet for children to be able to immerse themselves into a world of creative expressions where they could unleash their imaginations while journeying into a world of endless possibilities. This unknown journey provided an opportunity if only for a moment, to remove children from their new normal; a normal for many that is twisted in a circle of fear, and uncertainty.

Gisele Haralson believes that the Arts are a wonderful place to grow and expand your mind, not just for children but for all individuals that are courageous enough to follow their dreams.

After ten years in the film and entertainment industry, hosting events that empower women, being a voice for the voiceless; Child Development Institute has brought Gisele back to her first love which is children and youth development. Her underlining message is that anything is possible if you dare to dream.

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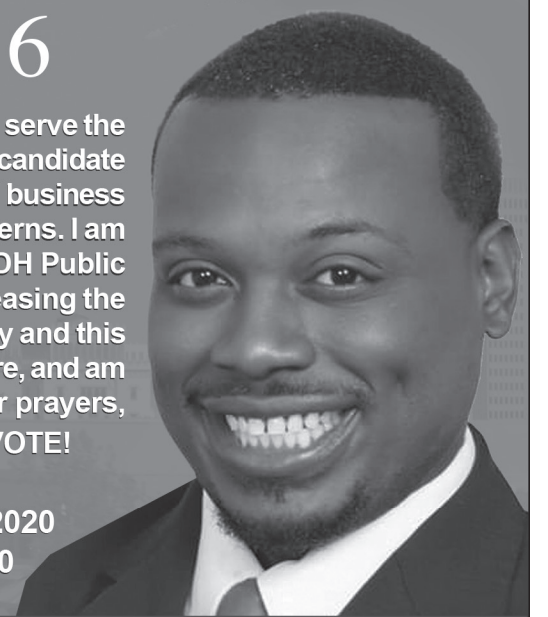
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Transit Center on Thursday, October 1st.

This is not the first voter registration drive the company has held, according to CATS. Leaders of the transit system say it's about meeting their customers where they are.

Around 100,000 passengers month travel using the CATS system. That number is down from their usual reach due to the pandemic, CATS says. However, both the terminal and Cortana Transit Center are high volume areas during the morning and afternoon hours.

The voter registration forms for customers and community members can be filled out and complete at the location.

If a customer is already registered to vote, feel free to stop by and pick up a free mask and CATS swag.

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which is Nov. 2.

### INFO FOR VOTERS

Read all instructions before voting.

■ If you have internet access, watch the Secretary of State's YouTube video, which shows how to properly complete and return your ballot

■ East Baton Rouge ballots are printed on two sheets of paper, some printed on front and back

■ When marking your ballot, completely fill in the ovals next to your choice(s)

■ Place all pages of the voted ballot in the ballot envelope and seal it, but do not remove the flap

■ Complete all information on the ballot envelope's affidavit flap, including the date of election, and mother's maiden name

■ Sign and print your name on the ballot envelope in the presence of a witness. Anyone may serve as your witness.

■ Your witness must sign and print their name on the ballot envelope

■ Do not remove the flap from the ballot envelope

■ Place the sealed ballot envelope in the return envelope that is addressed to the Registrar of Voters

■ East Baton Rouge ballots require first class postage in the amount of 70 cents on the return envelope

■ If you prefer, you may hand-deliver your voted ballot to any location of the Registrar of Voters Office (or any early voting site during the early voting period). No person except an immediately family member of the voter may hand-deliver more than one marked ballot to the Registrar of Voters.

■ Check that your ballot has been received by the Registrar of Voters using the Secretary of State's voter portal at here

Raborn says every ballot envelope must have a witness signature. Voters must sign their ballot envelope in the presence of a witness, then also have the witness sign. He says a missing witness signature is the most common reason an absentee ballot gets rejected.

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## Oh, to Be Crazy and Get Paid for It

DR. JAMES L. SNYDER

I usually don't complain a lot. When I do I get caught in some dilemma that I can't talk my way out. You think I would learn my lesson, but I'm still in the learning curve.

After supper one night, we took our coffee into the living room to watch a little bit of the news. That is always the wrong thing to do, and you would think I would know it by this time.

Watching the news, my wife could see that I was getting a little bit agitated. I don't always get agitated, but when I do... I do.

"What has you all worked up," my wife asked?

Finally, I broke my silence and said, "I'm rather tired of all of these crazy politicians who don't know their right hand from their left hand, except when they stick it out for donations. I'm tired of these crazy politicians being on television! Why can't they go to the principal's office like I had to do so often when I was in grade school?"

When I quieted down, I heard some chuckles across the room. I looked in my wife's direction, and there she sat giggling and chuckling and having a great time of it.

"What's so funny?"  
 She just looked at me and continued giggling and then finally



said, "Don't you know that those crazy politicians get paid for being crazy. The crazier they are, the more money they make."

Then she broke into one of her hysterical laughs.

"Don't you," she said between giggles, "wish you were that crazy?"

"If you want to make money like them," my wife continued, "you will have to be just as crazy as they are."

That's a very good thought. Maybe I ought to look into this situation a little closer.

"That's why you don't have much money," my wife explained, "you are not crazy enough!"

That was a surprise coming from my wife. I thought she knew how crazy I really was. But then I got to thinking. Perhaps she is right after all.

"Where do you suppose they get all of their craziness?"

Again, my wife chuckled and looked at me and said, "Because they have no idea what they say from one day to the next. They live in a bubble and have lost a sense

of reality in this world of ours." Again, she was spot on about this craziness in politics.

"They don't live in the real world," my wife began to explain to me. "They live in a world of their imagination, and their imagination creates a spirit of craziness."

"So," I said to her, "if I'm going to get paid for being crazy, I gotta quit living in the real world."

"Now you got it," she replied.

I got it, but I'm sure not going to get it. Getting paid for being crazy means that I have to live in a bubble and not the real world, I wonder if it's really worth it?

Maybe being poor and sane is the better alternative.

How much money would be worth becoming that crazy?

I then thought of a verse in the Bible. "Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless" (Ecclesiastes 5:10).

Being crazy isn't worth all the money in the world.

Dr. James L. Snyder is pastor of the *Family of God Fellowship, Ocala, FL 34472*. He lives with the *Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage in Silver Springs Shores*. Call him at 352-216-3025 or e-mail james-snyder2@att.net. The church web site is [www.whatafellowship.com](http://www.whatafellowship.com).

## DOE Releases New Single "Brighter" – LISTEN! New Self-Titled EP Coming Oct. 30th, 2020

NASHVILLE, TN – RCA Inspiration, one of the premiere labels in Gospel and inspirational music, and GRAMMY® nominated and Stellar Award-winning artist Jonathan McReynolds' Life Room Label released "Brighter," a new song from burgeoning star artist and songwriter DOE. "Brighter" is DOE's debut single as a solo artist and the first from her self-titled EP releasing



on October 30th.

Wowed by both her singing and songwriting prowess, McReynolds and Life Room Label's President, Walter Thomas, and Head of A&R, Darryl Howell, signed DOE in early 2020 and began working on her debut solo album. He says, "I've been a fan of DOE for years now. She's special. This music is special." McReynolds hopes to usher in a new wave of music through this partnership and various joint ventures. He

shares, "I feel like the Life Room Label will be the destination for a new generation of Christian expression and will be one of the best parts of my life!"

DOE first gained worldwide attention as a teenager as lead singer of the group Forever Jones, which released three albums and garnered numerous accolades, including two GRAMMY® Award nominations.

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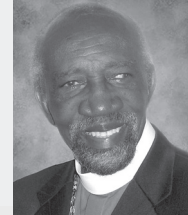
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She offers a refreshing sound with uplifting and introspective messages that people are in need of more than ever right now and she's excited to share her artistry with the world. "I'm excited to use the outlet of music to express the heart of God and have important conversations with people about life, love, and relationships. The best is yet to come," she says. Phil Thornton, SVP/GM of RCAI adds, "It is great to be partnered with Jonathan on this venture and we're all very excited about DOE's artistry and what she is offering to the world!"

DOE is featured on McReynolds' virtual Those People Tour, which kicked off on October 1st. Tickets for the Those People Tour are on sale at [www.liferoomlabel.com](http://www.liferoomlabel.com). live: "Brighter" is available everywhere now:

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## LED, SBA Honor 2020 Louisiana Small Business Award Winners

BATON ROUGE, La. — Louisiana Economic Development and the U.S. Small Business Administration announced the 2020 Louisiana Small Business Award winners. Small businesses that exemplify the entrepreneurial spirit of Louisiana were acknowledged as award-winners during a virtual event hosted by LED Secretary Don Pierson.

"Louisiana is fortunate to have enterprising and innovative business leaders such as these Small Business Award winners," Pierson said. "Small businesses account for 99 percent of all employers in Louisiana, and they employ more than half of our private-sector workforce. Our small business community plays a vital role in expanding and enhancing our economy, and we appreciate the significant contributions these leaders are making."

LED and the Louisiana Small Business Development Center Network served 10,758



small businesses and individuals last year, directly resulting in 1,373 new jobs, 2,581 retained jobs and the launch of 179 new businesses representing more than \$86 million in capital formation. The Small Business Award program recognizes top performers in a broad range of categories.

James J. Moore of Expert Maintenance & Construction Services in Prairieville was named Louisiana Small Business Person of the Year. The company was founded in 2005 as a janitorial and maintenance service with two employees and has expanded to include general construction, with 85 employees now on its payroll.

The 2020 Louisiana Small Business Award winners are:

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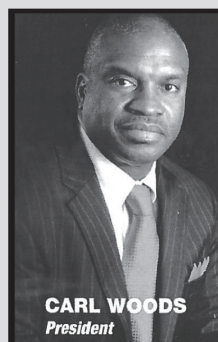


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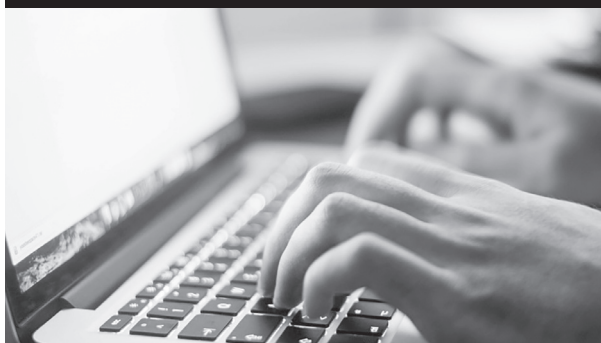
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