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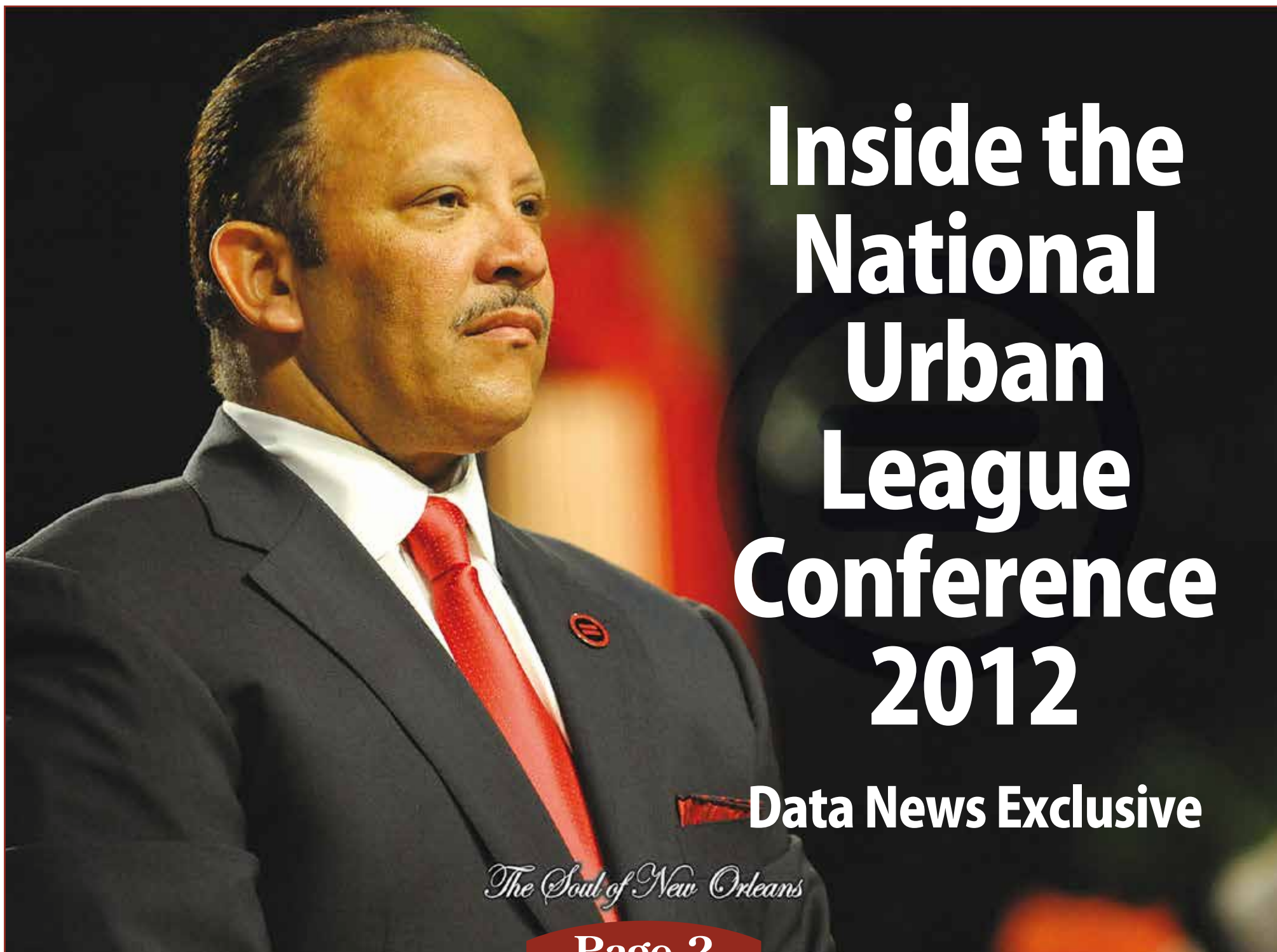
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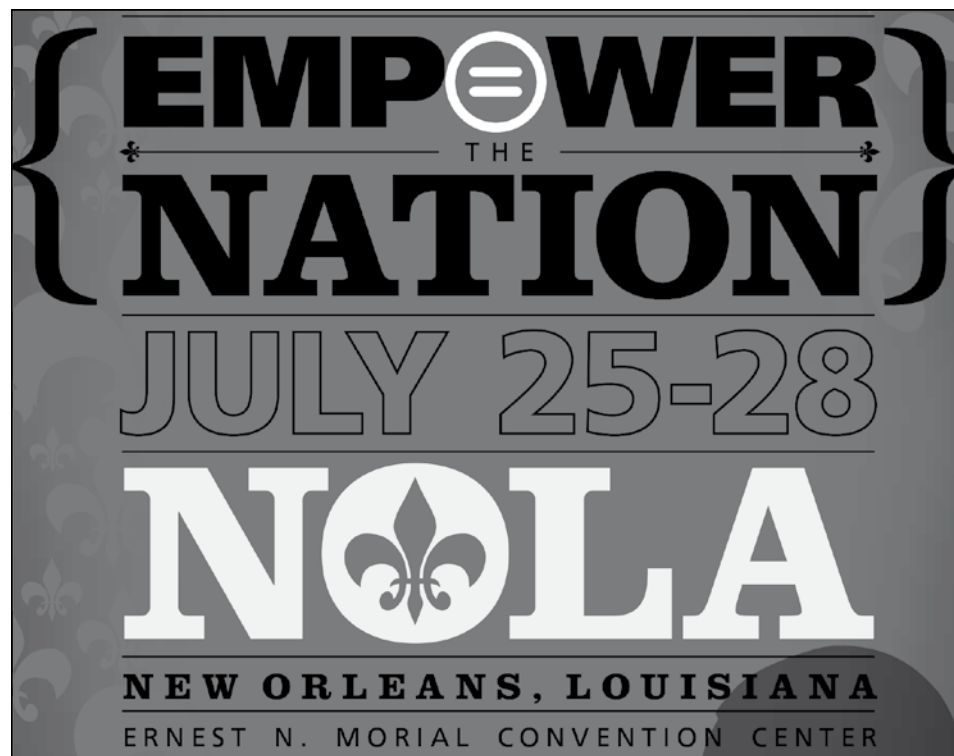


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# Inside the National Urban League Conference 2012

## Data News Exclusive with

# NUL President Marc Morial



“As the nation struggles towards a financial recovery, public investments in education, job training and job growth are more vital than ever”, says Marc H.Morial, President and CEO of the National Urban League pictured with President Barack Obama at the 2010 NUL Convention.

By Edwin Buggage

### National Urban League: Over a Century Fighting Against Injustice

The struggle for equality of African-Americans is a battle that continues into the 21st Century. And while there are many fights still to be waged against injustice there have been many triumphs. Today African-

Americans once relegated to the margins of society now occupy spaces within all strata of American society. Where nearly a half a century ago Voting Rights below the Mason-Dixon Line and access to public accommodations were the issues facing African-Americans and having access to the American dream and living with dignity was out of reach for African-Americans all over the land.

Many groups and courageous individuals have fought injustice and racial repression during the so-

jour of African-Americans in this country; and one of those organizations continues to fight the righteous fight after a century of its existence and is still giving the clarion call into action. The National Urban League, headed by Marc Morial is at the forefront of the issues that faces African-Americans and people who are disenfranchised. He and leaders from across the country will converge on New Orleans for its annual conference that will take place from July 25th-28th.

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Morial advises that it is important to be ever vigilant to organize and stay involved in issues that impact your community and that may make the difference giving voice or bring to light issues of injustice or wrongdoing.

### Occupy the Vote: Employment and Education Empower the Nation

"The theme of the 2012 Conference is "Occupy the Vote: Employment and Education Empower the Nation." "Since the beginning of 2011 - more than half a century after the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 - 41 states have passed or are considering legislation that would impose unreasonable voting restrictions or absurd penalties limiting the registration process. As many as 5 million Americans, disproportionately minorities, senior citizens and young people, could be disenfranchised this year," Morial says of the conference and what he feels is the pressing issue facing African-Americans and other disenfranchised persons during this election year.

As he is in the middle of a heated re-election campaign, President Barack Obama will give the opening address at this year's conference. Morial states that the NUL has had a productive and amiable relationship, "This is the third time we've welcomed President Obama to our Conference. The first time he spoke as a candidate in 2008, and we welcomed him again in 2010 for our Centennial Conference. We've enjoyed a produc-

tive relationship with President Obama and I'm proud that he recognizes that the National Urban League Conference occupies a singular echelon in America's cultural and political discourse. He's not only sharing his vision with our Movement, but listening and learning about our vision as well."

While the country is gradually recovering from the global economic slowdown, segments of Black America are finding the American Dream slipping out of their reach, a point not lost on Morial as he speaks of the major issues facing Black America, "As the nation struggles towards a financial recovery, public investments in education, job training and job growth are more vital than ever. Yet those very investments are targeted for sacrifice in favor of diverting more and more of the nation's resources to those at the very top of the economic pyramid. At the same time, a coordinated effort is underway to exclude from the political process the very citizens whose futures hang in the balance."

As this nation found itself four years ago celebrating its triumph over negativity and polarization in the political process, and where a nation voted for hope and change. At the end of 2008 what was thought of as a new frontier

and spirit of progressive politics has made a 180. This is a troubling trend according to Morial, as he speaks of what the National Urban League is doing to combat this recent spate of events that is trying to keep people away from the polls, "Earlier this year we launched our "Occupy the Vote" campaign to educate the nation about restrictive new voting laws, and to push back against voter suppression. Our Occupy the Vote online election center can be found on [www.IAmEmpowered.com](http://www.IAmEmpowered.com). We've brought to light the secretive relationship among the American Legislative Exchange Council, which developed and advocated much of this legislation on the state level, and as a result ALEC has lost a great number of its corporate partnerships. Most recently, the National Urban League Policy Institute released a new report, "The Hidden Swing Voters: Impact of African-Americans in 2012." The report takes an in-depth look at the effect of the Black vote and how much is at stake."

### Activism in the 21st Century: A Call to Action

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# National Urban League Empower the Nation Speakers and Honorees

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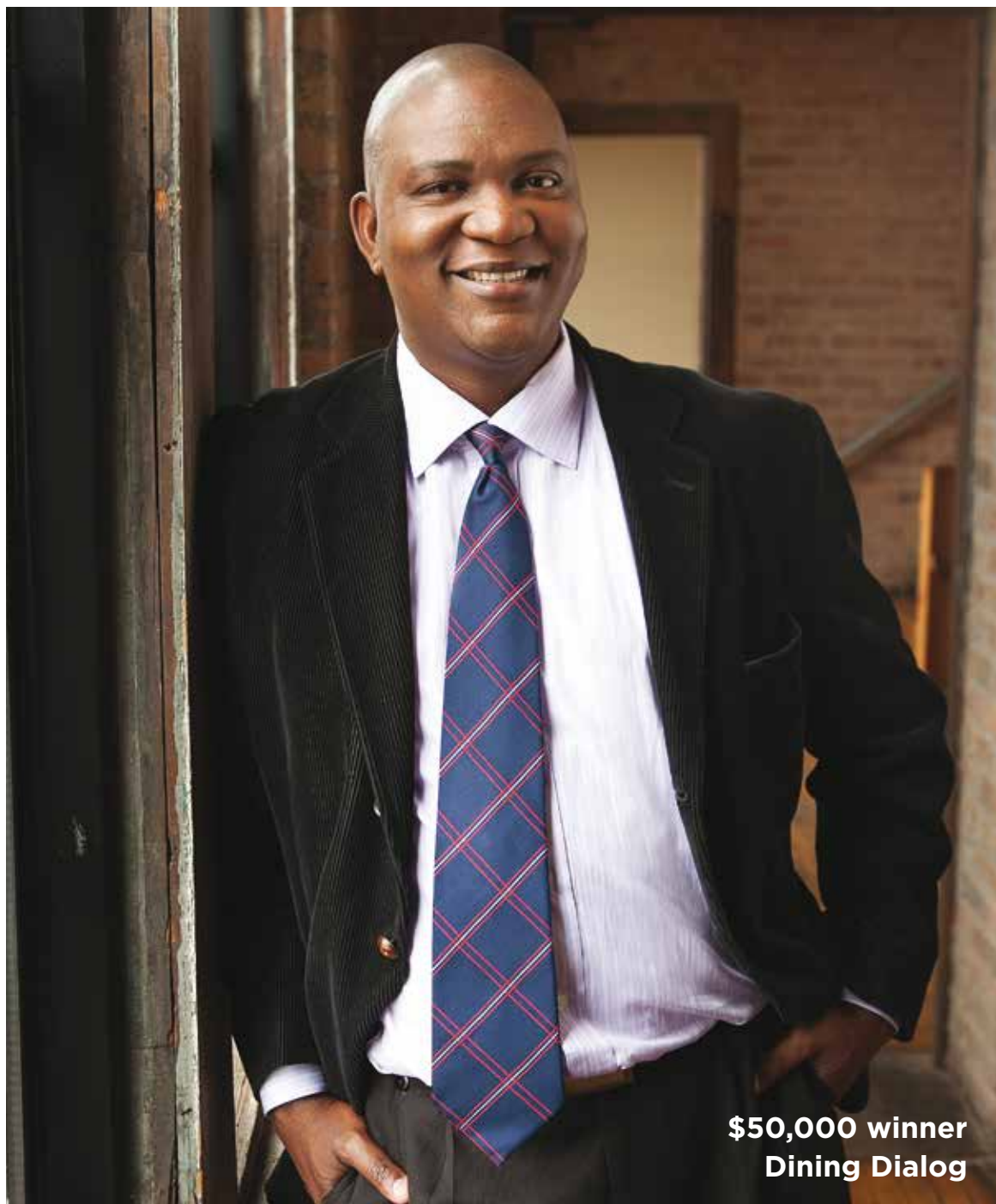
People from all over the world are mourning the loss of "Uncle" Lionel Batiste. Recently, there was a local celebration of his life and legacy at Sweet Lorraine's and Data News Weekly was there.



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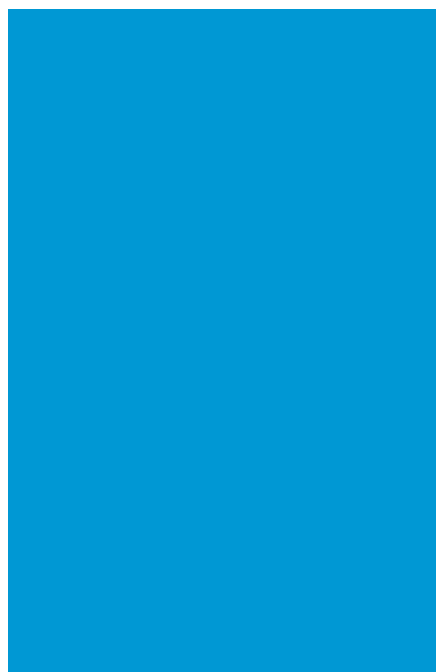
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# Welcoming the National Urban League



Terry B. Jones  
Publisher

As Publisher of the New Orleans Data News Weekly I welcome those to our great City for the 2012 National Urban League Conference. I begin by saying that we have a lot of work to do, we are in the midst of a Presidential election year and our City and nation are facing many challenges. We cannot allow the hands of time to be turned back for we have come too far. So I advise you to get out

and be civically involved. This is not simply a plea to go out and vote, but to stay abreast of the issues that affect your community and become part of the solutions to many of the problems that plague our communities across America.

But while there are things we have to do in addressing the problems in our community, this is also a time for us to celebrate our

progress. For today in 2012 African-Americans are doing things that were unthinkable only a half century ago. Today a young African-American can say with some amount of certainty that through hard work they can become whatever they desire in life even the President of the United States. We have made great leaps and bounds and today we can aspire to reach higher.

The question for us today is not only access but ownership. Today economics, education and rebuilding the family unit are the most important issues for us moving forward. These are the things that will lead to us being empowered as a community. We must use this conference as an opportunity to network with one another and begin supporting each other and let monies circulate inside our community and share resources and information. We must begin to lift each other up and under-

stand that if we are unified we are stronger as a people.

We at Data News Weekly continue to be true to our motto, as being The People's Paper, and we are glad to partner with the National Urban League and hope that this conference bring about a recommitment to us understanding the importance of supporting each other in our endeavors. And I say that because with our collective wealth according to the "Buying Power of Black America" it is estimated at 836 billion dollars per year. So if we were to begin to spend a larger portion of our money with each other there would be no limit to the things we could accomplish as a people. So I say again welcome to New Orleans and please sample the food, music and culture of America's most African and international City. Have a good time and use this time to be inspired to making a difference.

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Nielsen applauds the National Urban League's celebration of empowerment initiatives during their 2012 Annual Conference.

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# Sound the Trumpets for the Angel's Trumpet

By MG Calla Victoria  
Data Columnist

The Angel's Trumpets is one of my favorite flowering trees, some say it is a flowering shrub that can grow up to 20 feet tall, for me 20 feet is definitely a tree. The botanical name for Angel's Trumpet plant is *Brugmansia x candida*. The Angel's Trumpet is a tender perennial, meaning it will die back in the Winter, and come back in the Spring if planted in the ground. You might consider growing them in a pot and bringing them indoors before the first frost. But amazingly even though it basically dies to the ground in the Winter, when it comes back in the Spring it is twice the size. The flowers are large, pendulous, with single or double blooms. The blooms are trumpet-shaped hence the name Angel's Trumpet, and range in colors from pale orange to peach, white, pale violet, and shades of yellow. There is however an Angel's Trumpet



plant called "3-in-1" that has three different colors of blooms on it.

When this tree is in bloom it is such a spectacle. My neighbor said my Angel's Trumpet had so many blooms he was expecting it to make music. What is interesting about the blooms of the Angel's Trumpet is they have no fragrance in the morning, but profusely perfumed in the evening.

Nature is so wonderful I don't know how someone can say there is no God; I mean who tweeted these plants and told them only to have fragrance in the evening, which sent them that memo! In our climate Angel's Trumpets bloom from Spring to Winter providing continuous color and fragrance for your enjoyment.

This fabulous tree is easy to

propagate as well. The Angel Trumpet can be propagated by cuttings. It is suggested that you root the cutting in water and then plant it. That method has not worked for me, my neighbor told me to just take a cutting from an existing plant and stick it in the dirt, and that works for me every time. Take your cutting, make sure that a node (where a

leaf grows) goes down in the dirt, and water it daily. For a couple of weeks the cutting will look limp and like nothing is happening, and then you will start to see small new leaves growing. I started with one Angel's Trumpet and from that one plant now I have four trees. I love the elegant and graceful look of these tree in my garden.

If you would like to have your garden to be considered for "Data's Garden of the Week," send in photos of you and your garden to [datanewseditor@bellsouth.net](mailto:datanewseditor@bellsouth.net). Please type "Garden" on the subject line. Coming soon you will be able to upload your gardening questions and suggestions to our website; I will also be posting a weekly gardening tip on the website.

Remember never get too busy or too important to stop and enjoy the beautiful flowers.

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of time where America was a place when all could not dine at the table of liberty and freedom. Morial acknowledges that some of the vestiges of racial intolerance still remain, but is optimistic about the future of American race relations, "Unfortunately, during the Presidential primary campaign earlier this year, we saw candidates linking race with welfare and food stamps and even worse, with a lack of work ethic. So I think we have to admit we have some work to do. But I think we're seeing that racial differences seem to matter less to each successive generation. While we will never forget the harsh lessons of history, those who have grown up in a post-Jim Crow Society have less tolerance for discrimination. The election of the first African-American President has been an enormous milestone, but that alone is not enough to wipe out racism in one fell swoop. I believe we're achieving a fully inclusive society step-by step, from the classroom

to the boardroom."

The struggle for civil and human rights is less of a sprint and more of a marathon. Morial advises that it is important to be ever vigilant to organize and stay involved in issues that impact your community and that may make the difference giving voice or bring to light issues of injustice or wrongdoing, "The most important recent example of the importance of civic action has been the tragic death of Trayvon Martin. Civic activism kept the issue of Trayvon's killing alive, and it was only after months of activism that authorities finally revisited the case and made an arrest. Through civic action, we have inspired states to revisit their "Shoot First" laws, which have resulted in increased gun violence throughout the country. Civic action spurred the corporate partners of the American Legislative Exchange Council to withdraw their support. We can, and do, effect positive change in the world."

The National Urban League is still relevant after a century and is moving forward addressing and leading the charge into the 21st Century, "For more than 100 years, the National Urban League has been committed to economic empowerment, and advocating for the nation's underserved communities. Through our network of 98 affiliates, the Urban League Movement empowered more than 2.6 million individuals who avoided foreclosure, found a job or received job training, participated in a wellness program or received lifesaving medical screening, earned a scholarship or found their way toward the economic mainstream," says Morial of its continued mission.

While the Civil Rights Movement led by Dr. Martin Luther King was centered on public accommodations and access today the social landscape have changed and the issues of the 21st Century are similar yet there are stark contrast from 50 years

ago, "The cutting-edge issues for the urban community and the Civil Rights Movement today are economic issues. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King didn't fight simply for racial equality under the law. He fought for economic equality. His final speech, in which he told us, "I've been to the mountaintop," was delivered in support of striking sanitation workers in Memphis. In a less-remembered part of that speech, he mentions that, on the Road to Jericho, the Levite asked, and "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But the Good Samaritan asked, "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?" An even more important question for our time is: "What will happen to the nation?" As Dr. King said, "Let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge, to make America what it ought to be. We have an opportunity to make America a better nation."

## National Urban League Helps In the Rebuilding of New Orleans

This is more than an annual conference for Marc Morial, it is a homecoming for a man whose family is known for service, his mother Sybil Haydel-Morial and father Ernest "Dutch" Morial were trailblazers in many areas of Civil Rights. His father was a man of many firsts eventually was elected the City's first African-American Mayor and Marc was to also serve as Mayor from 1994-2002. Of his native City he says, "One of the things I miss most about New Orleans is the food! Of course, I miss my family and my friends. The people of New Orleans are the most resilient, community-minded people in the country, and I think the rebirth of the City really reflects that. You'll recall that in the aftermath of Katrina, the National Urban League issued a Katrina Victims Bill of Rights, calling for a compensation fund, disaster unemployment assistance

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# Nearly 200 Volunteers Participated In First "Nola For Life Volunteer Day"

City Departments Teamed With Citizens and Community Organizations to Make Major Improvements

Approximately 200 volunteers joined City agencies, the New Orleans Police and Fire Departments and community organizations for the first "NOLA FOR LIFE Volunteer Day" on Saturday, July 14, 2012. The event was coordinated through ServeNOLA, the Mayor's service and volunteerism initiative, and is a part of Mayor Mitch Landrieu's NOLA FOR LIFE plan.

"We put out the call and the community responded," said Mayor Landrieu. "This event was successful because the City, local neighborhood organizations, local non-profits and volunteers from throughout New Orleans worked together to achieve our



goal of revitalizing these communities and making them safer."

Volunteer efforts targeted the areas around Taylor Playground in the Hoffman Triangle neigh-

borhood of Central City and Hardin Playground in the Seventh Ward. Activities included improvements to both playgrounds, and neighborhood beautification

along the surrounding streets within the designated borders. In all, volunteers built five picnic tables and four park benches, cleared 21 catch basins, filled 119 bags of trash, collected five tires and three mattresses, painted 12 utility poles and replaced two basketball nets. Volunteers also painted the baseball diamond and power washed the basketball court at Taylor Park.

In addition to the volunteers' work to improve playgrounds and clean up neighborhoods, the effort included blight eradication and beautification efforts from City departments including Code Enforcement & Hearings Bureau, NOPD (Quality of Life officers), Sanitation, NORD, Public Works, Parks & Parkways, Sheriff's Office, Office of Neighborhood Engagement and Mosquito, Rodent

& Termite Control Board. In all, the City repaired 14 streetlights, towed 16 abandoned cars, towed one boat, filled 299 potholes, cleared 36 debris sites, replaced one street sign and closed out 311 work orders. The New Orleans Mosquito, Termite & Rodent Control sprayed for mosquitoes and treated 42 catch basins. And finally, JOB1 offered 30 summer jobs to youth and registered several youth for career centers.

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# President Obama to Open National Urban League 2012 Annual Conference in New Orleans

The opening address at the National Urban League's 2012 Conference will be delivered by President Barack Obama.

The President will address the Conference on Wednesday, July 25, at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

"We're thrilled and proud to welcome the President to our Annual Conference for the third time," said Marc H. Morial, President and CEO of the National Urban League. "It has become a tradition for Presidents and major-party candidates to address the conference, not only to share their agenda for the nation, but also to hear ours."

National Urban League Annual Conference occupies a singular echelon in America's cultural and



political discourse, Morial said. The nation's largest civil rights and social justice conference attracts thousands of the nation's

most influential community leaders, together with top policy-makers, academicians, business leaders and artists for three days

of dynamic dialogue, intellectual exchange and community service.

The Conference has been the only event of its kind to feature both major-party presidential nominees during each of the last several elections and attracted a majority of primary contenders in 2008, including Hillary Clinton, John Edwards and Mike Huckabee. In 2004, both George H. W. Bush and John Kerry addressed the Conference. Additionally, leading elected officials and cabinet secretaries have chosen to break major announcements at the conference. Education Secretary Arne Duncan, for example, unveiled the administration's Equity Agenda during the 2010 Conference.

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and protection of voting rights. I joined former Presidents Bill Clinton and George H. W. Bush in visiting survivors in Houston. I testified at FEMA hearings before Congress. A total of 40 affiliates across the country opened their doors and extended a helping hand to provide Katrina survivors with food and clothing. Another ten affiliates worked with the National Urban League to create the Gulf Coast Empowerment Project, in partnership with the U. S. Department of Labor, to assist with housing and employment for evacuees. We established the Urban League Katrina Fund, and raised \$13 million for the Red Cross. Our work to connect people with jobs and housing assistance is ongoing."

The National Urban League is

an organization that has a proven record of getting things done. Throughout their history they have been in the business of empowerment. And that is what it continues to do according to Morial, "I like to say that the Urban League is not a think tank. We're not a talk tank. We're a do tank. We find inspiration in the 2.6 million people each year who can say "I am empowered," thanks to the economic first-responders in the Urban League Movement, a teenager who was once homeless, now in college and on his way to a successful career; a family on the brink of foreclosure, who kept their home. Men and women lacking basic health care who can now see a doctor. They are empowered. And we are empowered, as a nation."

## Mother's Helpers To Dedicate Art To Family Of Slain Kipp Believe Student

Mother's Helpers, a service agency that provides services to at-risk youth 9-17 years of age, will dedicate a room of art to the family of slain Kipp Believe student, Christine Marcelin, at Mother's Helpers Learning Center, located at 7301 Downman Road, on Thursday, July 19, 10:00 a.m.

"Mother's Helpers has hosted a teen camp for the past seven weeks and during our art sessions we have prepared canvases to be presented to the family in honor of Christine," says Executive Director Jerrela Drummer Sanders. "Our curriculum has focused on behavior modifications, crime prevention, and citizen awareness. The profound impact that the student left upon the community was well worth this organization carrying on her message which youth empowerment and the motto 'Live... Laugh... Love,'" says Drummer Sanders.

Christine's mother, family, and other members of the community have been invited to attend. Crime Stoppers has also been invited to attend.

For more information, please contact Nakietha Walton at, 504.246.5045 or e-mail mhhelpers@yahoo.com.

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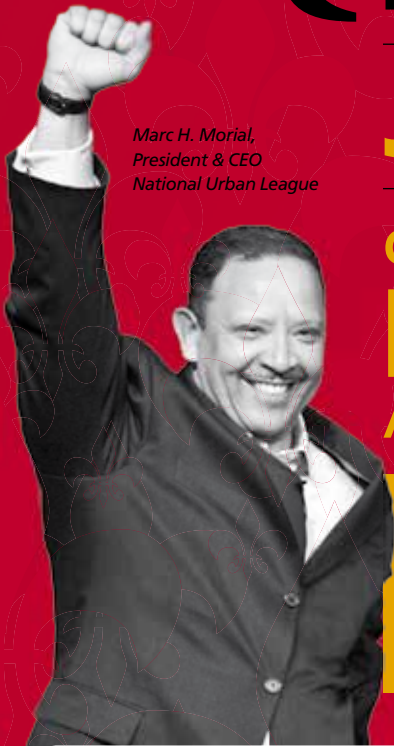
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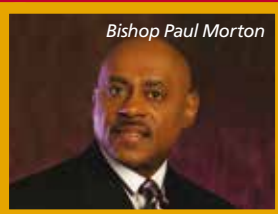
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