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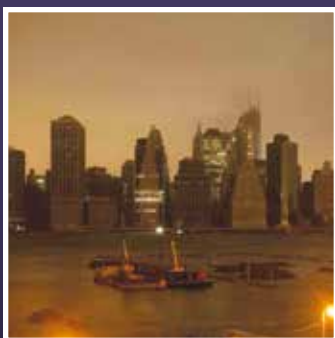
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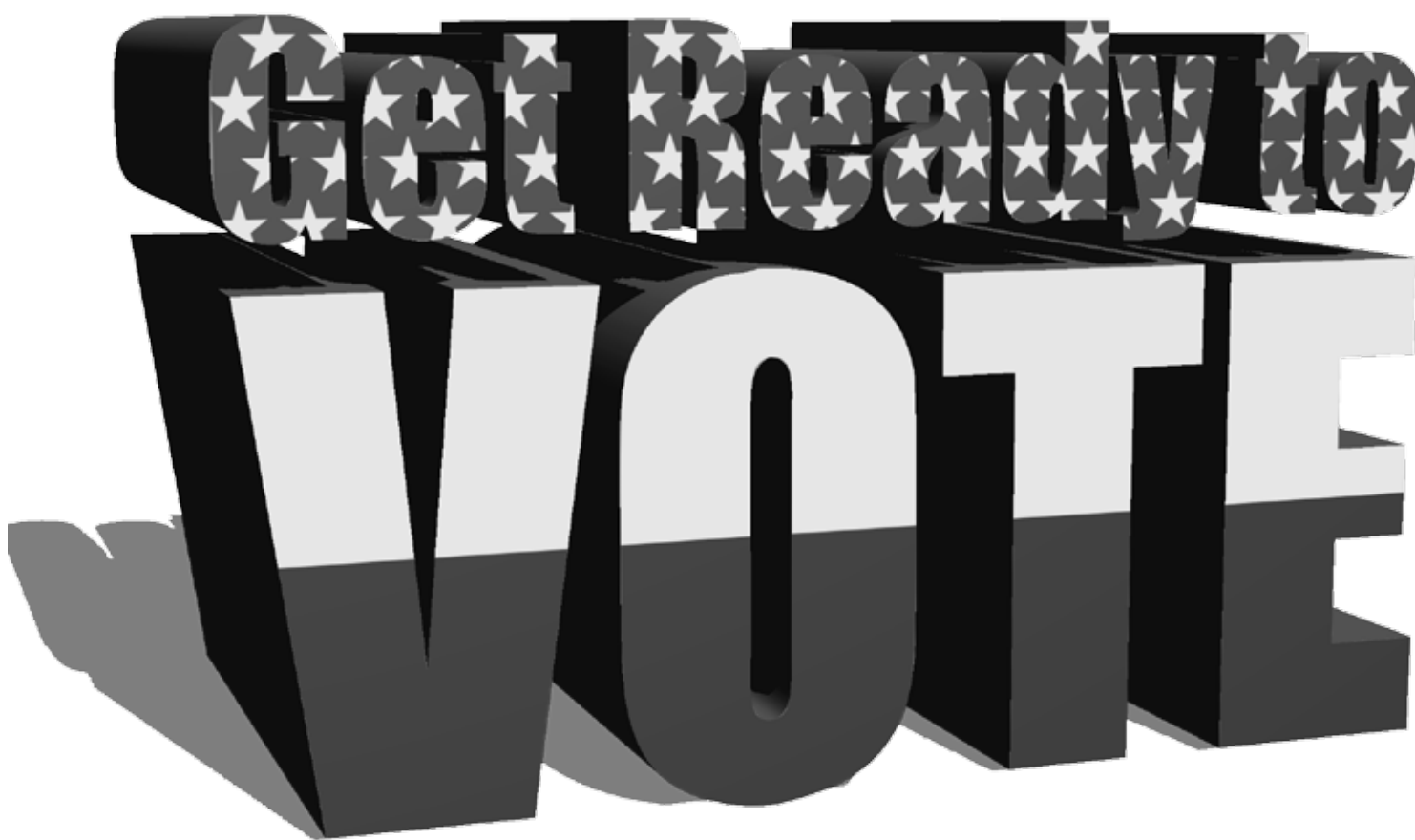
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your right to vote. Do not let anyone stop you from voting, it is your right as a citizen and anyone who attempts to stop you, is violating your rights under the U.S. Constitution. It is a serious offense and someone will be there to help you, all you have to do is call. Read through this Special Election Edition and get familiar with your choices, and then, GO VOTE!

2012 Fall Election Schedule

November 6, Tuesday

Open Primary/Congressional Primary and Presidential Election

Early Voting: October 23 - 30

December 8, Saturday

Open General/Congressional Election

Early Voting: November 24 - December 1

How to Vote Absentee by Mail

Absentee ballots may only be obtained from the Parish Registrar of Voters Office. You may request a ballot by mail or by fax. Absentee ballots must be received by the Registrar of Voters by the close of business the day prior to the scheduled election.

The request must include the voter's name, address of registration, date of birth, Social Security number, the mailing address, the reason the person is unable to vote in person and, most important, the voter's signature as it appears on the rolls.

If you have registered to vote by mail and have not voted in a prior election, you must vote in person, either during

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Data News Staff Report

Election Day 2012 is finally upon us. The choices are set and now all you have to do is go cast your ballot for the candidates you feel will represent you best. This Special Election Edition is designed to give you all of the

information you need in one place to make your decisions and to understand what the choices you have are. From which candidates are on the ballot to choose from, to what the ballot initiatives are, and finally the procedures to

cast your ballot in person, vote early or vote absentee by mail, everything you need to make your voting experience go smoothly is in this publication. If you encounter any difficulty in voting, or are in any manner, intimidated or denied your right to vote, contact the NAACP immediately by calling 1-800-MY VOTE 1, and a legal representative will get to you quickly to restore

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LaToya Cantrell
New Orleans City Council
District B

an early voting period or on a regular election day in order to be eligible to cast an absentee ballot by mail.

Handicapped and housebound citizens can apply for regular absentee voting by contacting the Registrar of Voter's Office and requesting the forms for the Housebound Program be sent by mail. The forms must be signed by a doctor and returned to the Registrar's Office in City Hall.

Voting on Election Day

STATE ELECTIONS:

POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 AM UNTIL 8:00 PM.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS:

POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 6:00 AM UNTIL 8:00 PM.

Voters that are in line to vote at 8:00 pm will be allowed to cast their ballots.

Voters must provide one of the following: A Louisiana driver's license, a Louisiana identification card or any other generally recognized picture ID. If you do not have a picture id, then you may present any other identification card plus further information such as a utility bill and a completed voter identification affidavit.

Presidential Candidates on the Ballot

You might surprised to see 11 choices on the ballot for President and Vice President. Beyond Democrats Barack Obama/Joe Biden and Republicans Mitt Romney/Paul Ryan, there are third- party tickets from the Libertarian and Green parties, which are officially recognized parties in Louisiana. The name of these parties will appear on Louisiana ballots by the candidate names. This year, there are no Reform Party or Green Party candidates on Louisiana's 2012 Presidential ballot even though those are also "official parties" in Louisiana.

However, there are President/Vice President tickets for the Constitution Party, the Justice Party, the We the People Party, and three Socialist parties (Socialism and Liberation, Socialist Equality and Socialist Workers). There are also Prohibition Party candidates. All of those candidates with non-recognized parties are listed as Other on the official Louisiana electoral ballot

President of the United States of America

Barack H. Obama/Joseph Biden*
Willard Mitt Romney/Paul Ryan

Congressional Elections and the Libertarian Push

The Libertarian Party is making a big push this year with a candidate for U.S. Representative in five of the six Louisiana Congressional Districts. (Only District 1 has no Libertarian candidate.)

Here are the candidates in the New Orleans area Congressional Race District 2

U. S. Representative 2nd Congressional District

Dwayne Bailey
Gary Landrieu
Josue Larose
Cedric Richmond *
Caleb Trotter

Local Ballots

Local races in New Orleans include two Council seats, some School Board seats and several courthouse races, including judge, constable and clerk of court for 2nd City.

Other judicial elections include two 4th Circuit Court of Appeal Judge positions, judges for Division B and Division H, as well as Section B Criminal District Court Judge. There are also a couple of uncontested races.



Chief Justice Charles Jones
Judge, Court of Appeal 4th Circuit,
1st District, Division H

Judge, Court of Appeal 4th Circuit, 1st District, Division H

Sandra Cabrina Jenkins
Charles R. Jones *

Judge Criminal District Court, Section B

Tracey Flemings-Davillier
Glen A. Woods

Judge Traffic Court, Division A

Herbert Cade – Uncontested *



Kiana Aaron Mitchell
Judge, 2nd City Court

Judge, 2nd City Court

Kiana Aaron-Mitchell *
E. "Teena" Anderson-Trahan
Martin L. "Marty" Broussard Jr.
Edward Markle
Kim M. O'Dowd
Marie Williams-Brigandi
Constable 2nd City Court
Ennis Grundmeyer
Edwin Shorty Jr.

Councilmember District B

LaToya Cantrell *
Marlon J. Horton
Dana Kaplan
Eric Strachan



Dr. Dwight McKenna
Orleans Parish School
Board District 2

Councilmember District E

Austin Badon
Jerrela Drummer Sanders
James A. Gray II *
Dana Henry
Mary Fontenot Smith

School Board 1

Heidi Lovett Daniels
Ira Thomas

School Board 2

Cynthia Cade

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THE WINNING TEAM!



BARACK OBAMA
President



JAMES GRAY #61
Council



CEDRIC RICHMOND #9
Congress

The Most Important Endorsement is Your
Vote

on Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

CONGRESSMAN
Cedric Richmond

MAYOR
Mitchell J. Landrieu

THE HONORABLE
Cynthia Willard-Lewis

SHERIFF
Marlin Gusman

ASSESSOR
Erroll William

CLERK OF
CIVIL COURT
Dale Atkins

CLERK OF
CRIMINAL COURT
Arthur Morrell

CONSTABLE
Lambert Boissiere Jr.

PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSIONER
Lambert Boissiere III



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Data News and Voter Education

By Eric Connerly

As residents of the City go to the polls to vote in the election for President, city council, school board, several judges seats and other high profile races. But when voters go to the polls there will be several local ballot initiatives and State Constitutional Amendments. And we at Data News feel all races are important so we wanted to give special attention to these ballot initiatives and constitutional amendments, so when you go to the polls you are armed with information that can empower you when you cast your ballot.

New Orleans Local Ballot Initiatives:

PW School District Local Option – Term Limits

In many offices across the state from the Governor, Mayor, and also elected legislators such as the state representatives and senators in addition to those who serve as city councilpersons there are term limits imposed upon them, if approved this measure will give elected members of the school board three consecutive four year terms for a total of 12 years in office if this measure is adopted would take effect Jan. 1, 2014

PW Crescent City Bridge 20 Yrs. – Toll Collection – Act 865

This ballot initiative would continue the toll on the Crescent City Connection, the only toll bridge over the Mississippi River in

the state. Voters in Jefferson, Orleans and Plaquemines parishes will decide whether to renew tolls on the Crescent City Connection (CCC). If approved, tolls would continue for the next 20 years, until December 31, 2033. If voters reject the measure, tolls on the bridge will expire at the end of 2012.

PW CC (HRC) HRC Amendment – CC

This is a proposal to change in the City Charter, which would create two separate elections for Council At-Large candidates starting in 2014 if approved.

PW CC (N.O. Reg. Bus. Park) 20 Mills – CC – 20 Yrs.

This proposal if approved would renew a special property tax on commercial and industrial properties within the New Orleans East based-Regional Business Park. Lake Vista Crime Prevention District \$220

Parcel Fee – CC – 4 Yrs.
Gentilly Terrace & Gardens Security. District, Annual Fee – CC – 3 Yrs.

N. Kenilworth Improvement & Security District. Annual Fee – CC – 8 Yrs.

With crime as a continuing concern in the City of New Orleans, Neighborhood Policing districts have been created with fees for residents being on a voluntary basis. These ballot initiatives if approved by voters in these respective communities would create an additional tax for added security. Orleans Levee District 6.07 Mills – BOC – 30 Yrs.

After Hurricane Katrina ripped through the City questions of levee protections has been at the forefront of many political debates. On the ballot is a proposal whether to authorize the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East to levy a 30 years a tax of 6.07 mills on property in the

Orleans Levee District, which comprises the east bank of Orleans Parish.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

CA NO. 1 (Act 873 – SB 82) Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly:

A VOTE FOR WOULD:

Prohibit the Legislature or governor from taking money from the Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly to help balance the state operating budget.

A VOTE AGAINST WOULD;

Leave the possibility that money could be taken from the fund.

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Meharry Medical College

Howard University

Major, United States Army

Surgeon

Former President of the Orleans Parish School Board

ELECT DR. DWIGHT MCKENNA #83, ORLEANS PARISH SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 2

Vote Vote Vote!!!

Get Out and Vote



Terry B. Jones
Publisher

The day is finally here, the day we choose those who will represent us in elected offices. This has been quite a campaign season and we at Data News Weekly encourage you to go out and vote. Vote as if your life, liberty and freedom depend on it. In this election cycle we have seen attempts to suppress the vote and we must show that we will not let the hands of history be turned back.

Four years ago our country made a monumental step in electing Barack Obama the nation's first African-American President. This is the same nation that some fifty odd years earlier Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. made his "I Have A Dream Speech" where he envisioned a day where all people would be created and treated equal. Today we have traveled down a road as African-American where we can walk with our heads up and live with dignity. I can say I have lived long enough to see the changes in this country and it is important that we do not take our gains for granted. And one of those is the right to vote, so today we must let our collective voice be heard and let the world know that we matter.

Data News Endorsements

Last week we endorsed **President Barack Obama, U.S. Congressman Cedric Richmond** and for City Council District E, **James Gray**. We feel these candidates are the best qualified to carry the mantle of leadership for our community. This week we make our second round of endorsements.

New Orleans City Council District B

In the race for New Orleans City Council District B, Data News Weekly endorses

Latoya Cantrell. She is a candidate that's shown that she is well suited for leadership. In her roll as a community leader in the Broadmoor Neighborhood she's shown a great ability to bring diverse groups of people together. Latoya has been recognized nationally for her work in rebuilding efforts in her neighborhood after Hurricane Katrina. She is someone who is passionate, competent and serves as great example showing that our citizens can work together across lines of race and class. As a leader she is at the forefront of one of the truly remarkable success stories of our City post-Katrina. She is a candidate with a grasp of grassroots organizing, business and community building.

Orleans Parish School Board District 2

Giving our young people the best possible education is a priority. As education is the gateway for many of our children to enter the middle-class. And those who we choose must be invested in uplifting our youth. That's why in the race for the New Orleans School Board District 2 Data News endorses **Dr. Dwight McKenna**. We feel he is someone who understands the challenges that faces our City and our educational system. McKenna is a man who has a long record of successes in his life serving our community in many capacities and has a unique understanding of its needs. Moving forward the board needs a strong voice that will be an advocate for educational equity and that person is Dr. Dwight McKenna.

Orleans Parish School Board District 7

As the City of New Orleans continues to face challenges post-Katrina, public education is at the forefront. And the City needs dedicated individuals to lead. We have such a person in **Nolan Marshall Jr.** Data News Weekly is proud to endorse a man in the race for School Board District 7. Marshall is a man who has a proven record of leadership in our community. For over four decades he has been a partner and advocate for the New Orleans Public Schools. He's also given his time serving on several boards and has shown he is fully invested in working

to better the lives of our City's youth. Marshall is also someone who has the combination of business skills and a passion to serve which is an asset to someone serving on the board. And that is why Data News Weekly is endorsing Nolan Marshall Jr.

Judge, Court of Appeal 4th Circuit, 1st District, Division H

After our state court being embroiled in a recent issue over the appointment of Chief Justice Bernette Johnson to the Louisiana Supreme Court we have seen how important it is for balance and diversity on the bench. In the race for Judge in the Court of Appeal 4th Circuit, 1st Circuit District, Division H Data News Weekly endorses incumbent and present **Chief Justice Charles Jones**. He is a man of integrity and a proven record of competence. Serving on the bench with honor and dignity in his two decades as a justice; we must re-elect Chief Justice Charles Jones, it is a name we know and trust.

Judge 2nd City Court

In a City that's rebuilding there is a need for bold new leadership. There is a need for someone with a fresh approach to solving problems. In the race for Judge of 2nd City Court there is such a candidate. Data News Weekly endorses **Kiana Aaron-Mitchell**. She is a woman that comes from a family with a history of service to the people of New Orleans. She is an attorney with experience in both the public and private sector, and is armed with stellar credentials. She has displayed excellence not only in her career but is also a community leader volunteering her time to help and empower those in need. In a City that is looking for new voices of change Kiana Aaron-Mitchell fits the bill and will be a great addition to 2nd City Court.

Election 2012: Choose or Lose

I cannot stress more

how important this election is to our future. Data News Weekly since its inception, has been to inform the people of our City. To be on the frontlines of getting people civically engaged. In 1966 Data News Weekly arose out of the Civil Rights Era where many great men and women of our City fought for us to be included in the power equation of our City, and we continue to be committed to our motto as "The People's Paper."

When we look at the last few elections and changes in the decreasing numbers of our presence in elected offices I must say we are at a crossroads as far as Black leadership. One I feel that could be eliminated by us simply getting out and voting. We must recommit ourselves to organizing

around the interest of our community and get out and vote. In our community we must begin to make this part of our everyday conversations. We must tell our friends and family to get out and vote. And while we know there are those working against us and we still face many challenges, the power to shape our future is in our hands, so we at Data News Weekly encourages you to go out and **Vote Vote Vote!**

**GET OUT AND
VOTE AND LET
YOUR VOICE BE
HEARD!**

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Shoot Ya Best Shot!

Halloween at LeRoux's

Photos by Terry Jones

New Orleanians really do know how to celebrate Halloween, and this year was no exception. A great crowd at LeRoux's Soul Food Restaurant got their party on just right, and Data was there!!!



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Shoot Ya Best Shot!

Voodoo Experience 2012

Photos by Kichea S. Burt

Voodoo Experience, also commonly referred to as Voodoo or Voodoo Fest, is a multi-day music and arts festival held in City Park, New Orleans, Louisiana. Held the week of Halloween, the festival has hosted over 450 artists and one million fans over its decade-plus existence. Here are a few highlights from this year's event.



Bootsy Collins



Cheick Hamala Diabate of Mali



Bootsy Collins Presented with a Birthday Cake



Frederick Toots Hibbert of Toots n the Maytals



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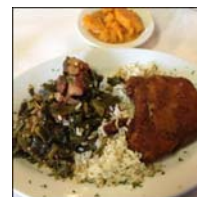


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Dear America

A Letter from a Katrina Survivor to the Victims of Hurricane Sandy and My Fellow Citizens



Edwin Buggage
Editor-in-Chief

As we have gotten caught up in a lot of the political wrangling that is the Presidential Election, something that in my view has brought out the worse in many in our country; Hurricane Sandy has for a minute taken us back to reflect and think of who we are as Americans at our best; that we are a people who care about our neighbors when they are in need and are a people who work together to assist our fellow Americans when they are suffering. I for one can speak for many citizens of New Orleans who know this first hand, that if it were not for people from around the nation and the world

coming to lend a hand and assist in helping us, who knows where we would be in our road to recovery.

Today we as citizens of New Orleans must do the same thing as states across this nation are feeling the wrath of Hurricane Sandy. A weather event that will forever change the lives of many of our fellow Americans; this not simply a plea for the citizens of my City but to people from every of our country, but more so the people of New Orleans, because only seven years ago we were drowning in a sea of hopelessness and despair as Katrina and the Levee breaches changed our lives forever.

I ask of those who may want to politicize this unfortunate event, that this is not the time to attempt to score political points. This is one of those times, such as 9/11 or Hurricane Katrina that a nation must pull together and as Abraham Lincoln said in first Inaugural Address, siding with the better angels of our nature. And it is during these

times we must put our small differences aside and think big. It is in these tough times we must come to the realization that we are in fact one country and though we may have come here on different ships we are now in the same boat. And today we are at a crossroads in our nation and we are faced with the choice to either find a way to sail together or sink together.

Looking at some of the images from Hurricane Sandy brings me back to the days of uncertainty after Hurricane Katrina where I did not know where my mother and other loved ones were. To the days of seeing my fellow citizens stranded on rooftops or at the Superdome and Convention Center not knowing whether they were going to live or die. It takes me back to when I first came back to a City that resembled a ghost town and the smell of death was still in the air. And of remembering my City that had so much life and memories bought to its knees by a catastrophe that forever altered

the life of myself and so many other New Orleanians.

Today, I empathize with my fellow Americans, for the days ahead are uncertain. But as Americans in these times we pull together. Today I saw Chris Christie, the Republican Governor of New Jersey and Mitt Romney supporters speak of the excellent job President Barack Obama is doing in assisting him and the people of his state with whatever they need to recover. This is only one example of people putting aside differences to focus on a larger truth. That before we are Republicans or Democrats, Black, White, Hispanic, or Asian, rich or poor, we are Americans; and while we are nearing the end of a contentious Presidential Election this is something that some have forgotten. But it is incumbent upon us that we remember we are one nation and one people. And realize that the things that unite us are greater than the things that divide us and it is in this spirit that we must work moving forward. And it is my hope that this disaster while

unfortunate can remind us and help us heal as a nation. And in this tragedy we can be reminded that we are a great nation because at our best we are civil minded people and that has been the key to us becoming the greatest nation the world's ever known. So today I say to those affected by Hurricane Sandy do not fret because help is on the way.

And finally, as I end this letter I hope after November 6th regardless of who is elected our next commander-in-chief that we can unite as a nation and face the challenges of our great country together. That we can remember that it is not us vs. them it is just U.S., the United States of America. And that we are stronger when we are united than divided. Living through Hurricane Katrina is something that taught me this lesson firsthand, and now, Sandy may remind us again of what makes us great as a nation. May God Bless those affected by Hurricane Sandy and may God Bless the United States of America.

Pipeline to the People

by Edwin Buggage

In our role as The People's Paper we went out in the community and spoke to a cross section of citizens about what they feel are the issues during this election. These two commentaries are included in the ongoing dialogue within our community regarding the importance of the pending election and what is at stake. What issues do you hope to address with your vote? We invite you to log into our Facebook and talk about them.

Vera Warren-Williams

My biggest concern with the Races that are presently taking place is what would be the outcome for poor and middle-class families? If this election goes the wrong way, I would say it could be more devastating than a flood or massive fire. On the subject of health care Ryan and Romney want to put the health care in the hands of local government which



Vera Warren-Williams

living in Louisiana we know how that is working out, and this is a dangerous path to go down with not as many health care options in New Orleans post-Katrina. As an advocate for children I felt saddened by the recent incident that made me think about how some of our young people are suffering at the hands of mentally ill parents. And that there are not enough services for them which leads to greater societal ills such as homelessness. If this election goes the wrong way the tax struc-

ture will have middle-class and the working poor paying more like during the Bush years. If we do not get out and vote the war will continue as we "risk" more of our children's lives for the sake creating jobs while we are outsourcing industrial ones. And as far as the educational system we would revert back in teaching servitude and class, caste systems with the notion of whose better than whom? This is an indicator of what we can expect if our country returns to "their" control again. We can sit back and choose not to exercise our right to vote and complain about how "bad" things are but we will be in for economic and social horrors unimaginable so please get out and vote.

Charles Dickerson

My number one issue is education in urban schools. I feel as we move forward as a nation, the most untapped resource we



Charles Dickerson

have in this country is our urban youth. And it is important that we become more vigilant in investing them so that they can reach their full potential.

When it comes to student achievement, urban students are faced with many extraneous factors that others, specifically the majority of suburban students, do not need to worry about on a daily basis. For these reasons, urban students have a lack of motivation to learn. A student's motivation to learn directly af-

fects their achievement. Unlike suburban students who attend schools in a safe and pleasant environment, where learning is the only priority; learning is not the primary concern for urban students. Schools and government agencies need to realize that if student's basic needs are not met then learning will suffer. Many additional factors contribute to the low achievement of students in urban schools such as teacher-centered classrooms, perceived racism, discrimination, teacher apathy, lack of caring and low expectations. In spite of the overwhelming lack of student achievement in urban schools, there are still a significant amount of students that despite the circumstances overcome the obstacles and manage to succeed. Urban schools still have a long way to go, but sweeping reform is making significant improvements in student achievement.

Kermit Ruffin, Michael Ward, and Rebirth Brass Band to Headline Lake Area High School Marching Band Fundraiser

The Lake Area New Tech Early College High School Marching Band will host the first of its kind fundraiser to provide much needed funding for uniforms and instruments for students. The event scheduled to take place on Thursday, November 8 at the Howlin' Wolf at 7:00 p.m. promises electric performances by award winning New Orleans' locals including jazz trumpeter Kermit Ruffin, violinist Michael Ward, Grammy Award winner Rebirth Brass Band, To Be Continued Brass Band, pianist Davell Crawford, and more.

"I am very pleased that the professional music community has embraced our school," said Principal Michael Booker, Ed. D. "With their assistance, we can keep the rich musical heritage, which is



Rebirth Brass Band (pictured) and other all-star musicians will lend their support to The Lake Area New Tech Early College High School Marching Band fundraiser for uniforms and instruments for the students.

native to New Orleans, alive and thriving within our school. The individual artist's contributions are priceless and their unified efforts are a formidable force in educating our students."

Under the leadership of Capital One New Beginnings Charter School Network, Lake Area High established its marching band in 2011 when the school merged with Greater Gentilly High School and Thurgood Marshall Early College High School.

Event details:

Date - **November 8, 2012**

Time - **7:00 pm - 10:00 pm**

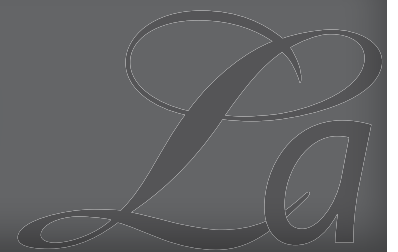
Location - **The Howlin' Wolf,**

907 South Peters

Ticket Price - **\$25.00**

All proceeds will benefit The Lake Area High School Band.

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Convocation Center Replaces The Barn at Xavier University

The brand new construction ushers in a new era for Xavier Athletics

Xavier University of Louisiana (XULA) is heralding in a new era of athletics with a series of events celebrating the opening of the Convocation Center and Annex. The Convocation Center will become the home of XULA men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball and replaces The Barn, a 1,300-seat gymnasium opened in 1937.

"The Barn will always be a part of Xavier's history, but I look forward to seeing the Gold Rush and Gold Nuggets continue their

winning traditions as well as establishing new traditions in the Convocation Center," says Dr. Norman C. Francis, President of XULA.

The new center boasts more than 93,000 square feet of athletic space with over 3,500 seats that can be reconfigured for a variety of purposes. The end stage and center stage arrangement allows flexibility for athletic and other large-scale events. A state-of-the-art scoreboard system includes four LED displays providing live and recorded video.

The Convocation Center also includes weight room facilities with taping and training areas as well as coach's offices and home and visitor locker rooms.

A monumental staircase at the entrance leads to a high-end VIP suite, and a dramatic second floor pre-function area that allows views to the outdoor plaza below while providing natural daylight into the facility. Supporting the Convocation Center is the Xavier University Annex that houses classrooms, athletic storage, and athletic offices as well as a "green" parking lot with pervious paving and solar panels. The Convocation Center and Annex are anticipated to be LEED Silver Buildings and incorporate community connectivity, water conservation, energy efficiency, recycled and regional materials, and improved indoor air quality. These are the first

LEED certified projects for Xavier University.

"Xavier's continued expansion is a reflection of the growth this University has seen over the last 75 years," stated Ray Manning of Manning Architects, the architects for the two structures. "The Convocation Center's capacity is three times that of The Barn, ensuring the multi-use facility can accommodate Xavier's growing needs."

The Convocation Center is across Washington Avenue from the main campus on a site bounded by Short, Palm and Stroelitz streets. A pedestrian bridge will be constructed across Washington Avenue to give the XULA community bet-

ter access to the new building.

A series of grand opening events will be held Saturday, November 3 beginning at 10:00 a.m. with a community tailgate party.

The schedule is as follows:

Xavier University Convocation Center Grand Opening Schedule of Events

Saturday November 3, 2012

Tailgating - 10:00 a.m.
Open to the Public - requests from media for interviews and photos will be honored

Ribbon Cutting and Blessing of the Facility- 11:30 a.m.
Open to the Public

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CA NO. 2 (Act 874 – SB 303) Right of each Citizen to keep and bear arms:

A VOTE FOR WOULD:

Require that any laws restricting the right to keep and bear arms be subject to the highest level of judicial review, known as strict scrutiny. Also, the amendment would say that the right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental one in Louisiana. It would delete a line in the Constitution that says the right to keep and bear arms shall not prevent the passage of laws to prohibit the carrying of concealed weapons.

A VOTE AGAINST WOULD:

Retain the existing language in the Constitution, which affirms that the right to keep and bear arms shall not be abridged but does not require strict scrutiny of arms laws and expressly allows the Legislature to regulate concealed weapons.

CA NO. 3 (Act 872 – SB 21) Prefiling DL/ for retirement/public employee:

A VOTE FOR WOULD:

Require that bills affecting the state's public retirement systems be filed a month earlier than other types of legislation submitted prior to a legislative session. A vote for also would double the public notice period for pre-filed retirement bills.

A VOTE AGAINST WOULD:

Mean bills affecting public retirement systems would continue to be subject to the same prefiling period and public notice requirements as they are now.

CA NO. 4 (Act 875 – SB 337) Survivor Spouse/Deceased Veteran/Homestead Exemption:

A VOTE FOR WOULD:

Allow the spouse of a deceased veteran who had a 100 percent service-connected disability rating to claim a higher homestead exemption even if the exemption was not in effect at the time the veteran died.

A VOTE AGAINST WOULD:

Mean the spouse could not claim the higher exemption if the veteran died before it took effect.

CA NO. 5 (Act 868 – HB 9) Forfeiture Retirement Benefit Pub.Off./Conv.Felon:

A VOTE FOR WOULD:

Allow the courts to include forfeiture of a portion of public retirement benefits as part of the sentence for a public servant convicted of a felony related to his or her office.

A VOTE AGAINST WOULD:

Leave the current system in place, which means a public servant convicted of a felony related to his or her office would be allowed to keep whatever public retirement benefits he or she has earned, except for court-ordered restitution and other specific circumstances already described in law.

CA NO. 7 (Act 870 – HB 524) Provides filling appts/Vac. on Bds. /Comm.

A VOTE FOR WOULD:

Adjust the membership selection process for constitutionally created boards and commissions that have members selected based on the state's congressional districts.

A VOTE AGAINST WOULD:

Leave the membership selection process for constitutionally created boards and commissions as it is now—based on a soon-to-be outdated number of congressional districts.

CA NO. 8 (Act 871 – HB 674) State Bd. of Comm./Industry-Tax Exemp. Contracts:

A VOTE FOR WOULD:

Allow the State Board of Commerce and Industry to grant local property tax exemption contracts to a targeted group of non-manufacturing businesses in parishes that choose to participate in the program.

A VOTE AGAINST WOULD:

Mean these targeted non-manufacturing businesses would continue to be ineligible for property tax exemptions.

CA NO. 9 (Act 876 – SB 410) Security District/Parcel Fee w/in District:

A VOTE FOR WOULD:

Increase the number of times that bills to create crime prevention and security districts must be advertised and require that the notices of intent state whether a parcel fee would be imposed and collected, whether the fee could be imposed or increased without an election, and what the maximum amount of the fee would be.

A VOTE AGAINST WOULD:

Mean crime prevention and security district bills would continue to be subject to the same public notice requirements as they are now.

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More Than Six Million Remain Without Power in U.S. Northeast

(Reuters) - About 6.2 million homes and businesses in 16 states remained without power on Wednesday as utilities scrambled to restore service disrupted by Hurricane Sandy, federal data showed.

The power companies had restored electricity to some 2 million customers in the U.S. Northeast, although the pace of recovery in New York appeared to lag behind other storm-hit states, the data showed.

At the storm's peak, 8.48 million customers were without power after Sandy came ashore with hurricane-force winds in New Jersey on Monday, according to a Department of Energy collection of data.

Power has been restored to nearly 600,000 customers in New Jersey, out of more than 2.6 million, although more than half the state still remains in the dark, according to the data as of 10 a.m. EDT.

But in New York, Sandy, which knocked out power to nearly a third of the customers in New York City and Westchester County, only about 165,000 customers of the total 2.1 million in the state have seen power restored, according to the figures.

The DOE did not provide any further comment or explanation for the figures.

In New York, power company Consolidated Edison Inc said about 786,000 homes and busi-



Hurricane Sandy's devastating winds and floods left Lower Manhattan (pictured) along with large portions of Brooklyn and Queens without power. The storm left millions along the east coast in the dark.

nesses in New York City and Westchester County were still without power due to the storm's devastation.

Con Edison said its crews had restored service to about 109,000 customers by 11:00 a.m. EDT Wednesday.

That is less than the estimated 140,000 customers the company said it restored on Tuesday. Officials at Con Edison were not immediately available to explain the difference.

Con Edison said those customers still out include: about 237,000 customers in

Manhattan, 115,000 in Staten Island, 109,000 in Queens, 108,000 in Brooklyn, 40,000 in the Bronx, and 176,000 in Westchester County.

Customers in Manhattan and Brooklyn, who are served by underground electric equipment, should have power back within three days.

Restoration to all customers in other areas served by overhead power lines will take at least a week.

Con Edison said Sandy was the largest storm-related outage in its history. The previous record was the more than 200,000 customers affected by Hurricane Irene in 2011.

Irene left more than 8.38 million customers out along the U.S. East Coast from South Carolina to Maine.

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