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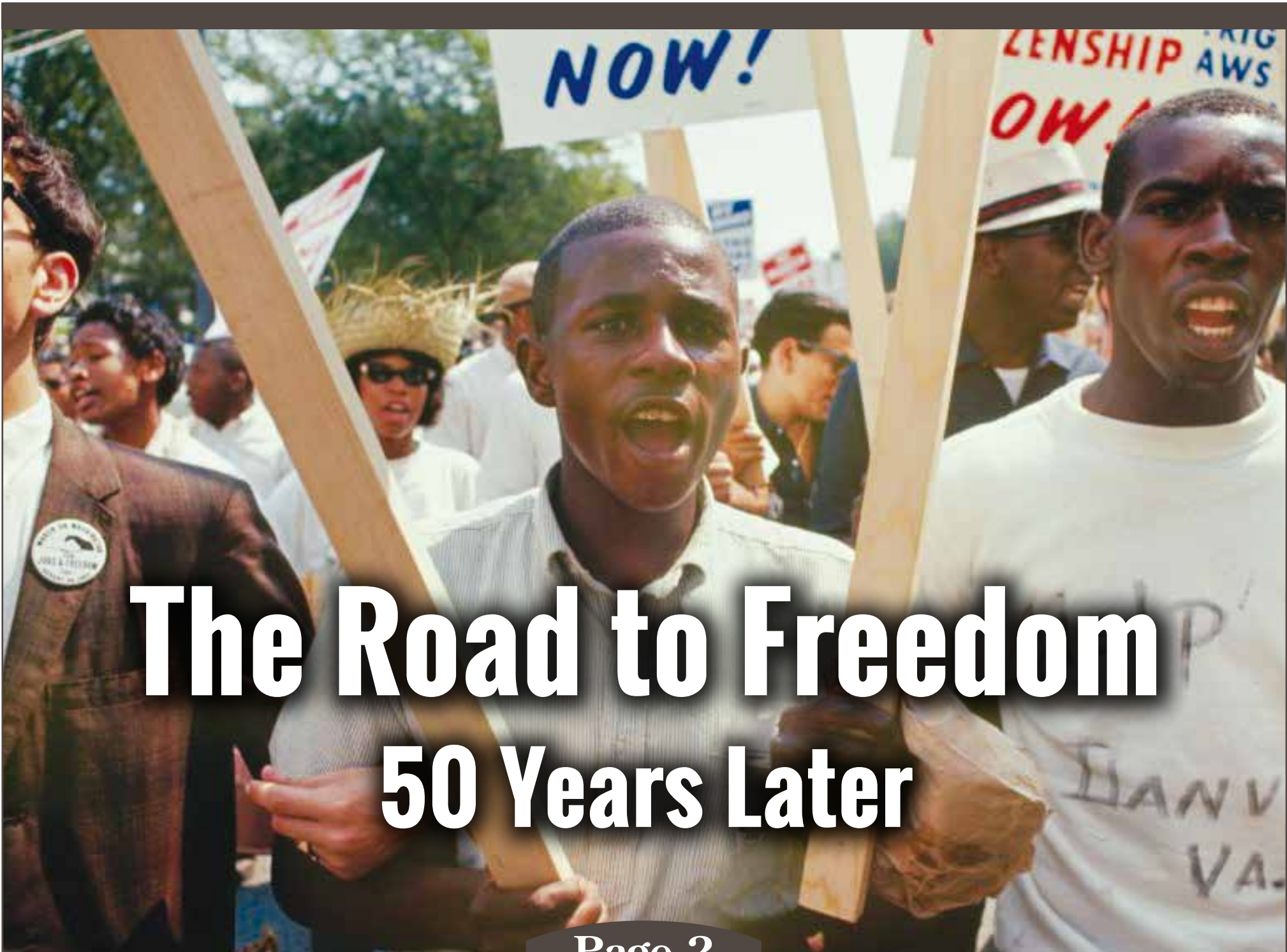


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Today we must not take for granted our collective progress as a nation . Today hands that once picked cotton can now pick presidents .



Today less than a half-century after King's speech African-Americans are leaders and captains of industry and young people are competing at the highest levels of many fields of endeavor with the sky being the limit. But conversely, we must recognize there is still police brutality, racial profiling, and lack of respect for African-American lives in the judicial system.

Saturday August 24th, there will be a march tracing the historic 1963 route. That afternoon, church bells will peal in communities around the country at 3 p.m., the exact moment when King began addressing the crowd. The National Cathedral plans a repertoire that includes "We Shall Overcome" and the hymn "Lift Every Voice and Sing." In an afternoon ceremony jointly sponsored by the Park Service, the King Center and the legacy organizations involved in the 1963 march, President Obama will speak from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, where King stood; where he will be joined by former Presidents Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton.

While admittedly, the country has moved forward in ensuring equality, there are still issues that need to be addressed today. For the struggle for Civil Rights/ Human Rights is not a sprint, but a relay race. Where the baton must be passed to the next generation in the fight for justice; the Saturday march is billed as a "National Action to Reclaim the Dream." And the August 28th march is called the March for Jobs and Justice. "The message is that we still have to deal with issues that are alive in the 21st Century," said Rev. Al Sharpton, in a published report speaking of the events surrounding the march. The talk-show host whose National Action Network is co-sponsoring the Saturday march along with a host of other labor and civil rights groups continued saying,

"While we celebrate 50 years of progress, we still have not achieved the dream of Dr. King."

Many of the issues that we face today are similar to those a half-century ago and there is a generation gap where young people are less civically active. Some would argue much of the success of the Civil Rights Movement was because of the participation and activism of young people. Civil Rights Veteran John Lewis, who was the youngest speaker at the March on Washington, then only 23 and a member of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) spoke on this issue recently on National Public Radio about the need to remind the present generation that today the struggle continues. "I'm deeply concerned that the present generation failed to grasp what happened," Lewis said. "That's why I think it is so important for young people — and people not so young — to know there's a role for them to play. I have a feeling that people are just too quiet. And the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington is a good opportunity for them to move their feet."

Civic-minded people must not go to sleep at the wheel thinking that positions alone equal progress for all. And that the victory in November was all that needed to be done to ensure that the nation continues to move in the right direction. Today, there is a backlash and full frontal assault against Civil Rights is being fueled by the Tea

Party Activist, American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), conservative state legislators, judges at the state and federal level and others who are trying and in some cases winning in rolling back Civil Rights gains. As witnessed by recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions centered on voting and also states now making it harder for citizens to vote. The obstructionists of today or organized forces using all means of communicating a message of fear and hate making inroads trying to stop the country from continuing to move in a positive direction to ensure all citizens are treated fairly. Therefore, it is important that progressive minded people not take these actions lightly as just some "loonies" on the fringe. Or feel that because there is an African-American President that the dream has been fulfilled.

In the 21st Century the landscape of the Civil Rights/Human Rights have come to include not only African-Americans but immigrants, women and LGBT population; as one of the 1963 march chief organizers Bayard Rustin, who was openly gay, was pushed aside by some in the movement. America today is a country changing and must rethink itself and its ideas of liberty, justice and fairness. So to include all of its citizens, and also in the 21st Century begin to understand that in our diversity it makes us a stronger nation. So new alliances are essential moving forward in the fights of the 21st Century no

longer is tribalism or other small group thinking suffice in the fight for justice.

As we look around 50 years after Dr. King and others took to that hot August day stage to demand justice. And while we can look at a host of issues and say things have not changed, that would be a view that is shortsighted and inaccurate. Today we must not take for granted our collective progress as a nation. Today hands that once picked cotton can now pick presidents. Today less than a half-century after King's speech African-Americans are leaders and captains of industry and young people are competing at the highest levels of many fields of endeavor with the sky being the limit. But conversely, we must recognize there is still police brutality, racial profiling, and lack of respect for African-American lives in the judicial system. Where recently cries for justice for Trayvon Martin went unheard in the George Zimmerman murder trial. But the way to fight against these things is as a united front and not get distracted and divided.

But with all the problems that continue to persist and exist, we are by and large still a great nation. We as a great nation have not reached its full potential. We are as many nations changing in the 21st Century and we must understand that there may be growing pains involved but in the end it makes us a better nation. It is time for us to mature as a nation that is changing and understand that

because someone or a group is gaining something that does not mean that someone or a group is losing something. We must continue to grow as a nation and not look back and realize that freedom, justice and equality is not a zero sum game of winners and losers, but a game of building a strong team to compete in a world that is global and ever changing. Today, we must have our best players on the field to continue to be a first rate nation and that talent can come from anywhere, from the suburbs or from the inner cities and barrios. In the 21st Century it is our charge to break out the straightjacket of old ways of thinking. We have a positive sign that we've witnessed in our last two presidential elections. Americans from all walks of life were tested and passed, but this nation is still polarized and much of the work of Civil Rights/Human Rights remains undone. And it is our responsibility as "civil" citizens of our nation to continue to make the pursuit of an American Dream a reality for all our citizens and judge them by the contents of their character, the size of their hearts and their service and compassion to their fellow man and woman. And give them access to fairness, justice and access to a first-rate education and opportunities for economic success. Then, we all can together shout the words of the old Negro Spiritual, "Free At Last, Free At Last, Thank God Almighty We're Free At Last."

History Journal Examines Early New Orleans as Multicultural Atlantic Enclave

New Orleans' Faubourg Tremé is often described as the oldest black neighborhood in the U.S. But the area's early history doesn't much resemble our present-day image of urban neighborhoods that are either mostly African-American or largely white.

In the most recent *Journal of American History*, Pierre Force portrays Tremé's development at a time when New Orleans' racial categories were fluid and mixed-race "free people of color" owned property and interacted freely with white residents of the city. The *Journal of American History* is published by the Organization of American Historians, based at Indiana University Bloomington.

In "The House on Bayou Road: Atlantic Creole Networks in the 18th and 19th Centuries," Force, the dean of humanities at Columbia University, tells the story of "two families, one 'black' and one 'white,' whose paths briefly crossed in New Orleans in 1811."

The paths crossed when Charles Decoudreau went to court to repossess a house he had sold to Charles Lamerenx. While they were of different races, both men were products of a multiracial society with African, French, Spanish and Portuguese influences that evolved in enclaves on the Atlantic.

Decoudreau, a free man of color, was a carpenter. His mother was

the daughter of a wealthy white planter who was one of the original builders of New Orleans and a slave in the man's household. She gained her freedom and owned a house, land and two slaves at the time of her death.

Lamerenx was part of a noble French family with property in France, Haiti and Cuba. He apparently failed to make payments on the Bayou Road house because he had sailed to Africa and either joined or been captured by pirates. He lost his land, spent time in prison and lived out his days supported by the French government as someone who lost property in the Haitian Revolution.

Racial categories hardened in New Orleans in the years leading to the Civil War, Force writes. The Decoudreau family evolved from "slave owners to civil rights activists" during Reconstruction, as a descendant served as crusading editor of the New Orleans Tribune newspaper.

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The *Journal of American History* cover illustration shows fashionably dressed free women of color in the 1760s in Saint Domingue, a street scene similar to what might have been seen in New Orleans in the same era. Photo courtesy of Indiana University.

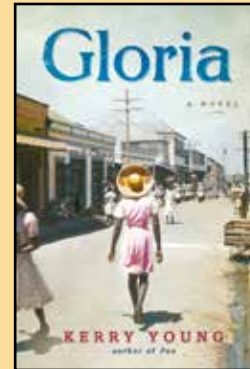
Gloria

By The Bookworm Sez
Data News Weekly Columnist

Do you know yourself well enough?

You know your height and weight. Favorite color, sense of humor, likes and dislikes, history and mysteries. Sure, you know yourself better than anybody.

Or do you? There were things that happened before you were born that you'll never hear about, things that occurred when you were small and can't remember, things your spouse doesn't mention, your parents never told you, your children keep quiet. And in the new novel "Gloria" by Kerry Young, some secrets run even deeper.



"Gloria: A Novel" by Kerry Young
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His hands were rough.

Sixteen-year-old Gloria Campbell remembered that as she bashed Barrington Maxwell's head in. She didn't plan to kill him, but when she heard her younger sister Marcia's screams, she reacted rashly. Maxwell was doing to Marcia what he'd done to Gloria not long before. He wouldn't do it again.

But when Maxwell's body was found, fingers pointed. Gloria knew that she and Marcia had to leave their small village

and go to Kingston, where life for young Jamaican women wasn't easy. Still, they'd manage.

After struggling with low-paying jobs that made her skin crawl, however, Gloria came to realize that the only way they'd manage was to sell themselves to men.

She resisted it – how could Marcia even consider it? – but Sybil, the owner of the house they'd moved into, said it was "the only way yu going mek yuself a life that is your own..."

Making that life was easier with the help of Henry Wong, Gloria's wealthy friend who became wealthier by giving the women money to run a lending service on the Kingston streets. It helped, too, that Gloria fell in love with Pao,

the man Henry sent to provide "protection" from deadbeats.

Pao was a married man, but he loved Gloria and couldn't stop seeing her. She loved him through her jealousy, and felt safe with him. She couldn't understand, though, with Pao's history of street enforcement, why he would become friends with the new local policeman.

She couldn't understand why the new policeman seemed to have such an interest in her...

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Knowing When to Plant



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I recently attended a Master Gardeners meeting and Dr. Dan Gill, LSU AgCenter Horticulturist, Plant Expert for WWLTV, and Times Picayune Columnist, was the guest speaker. And as always Dr. Dan had tons of great information to share. He spoke about the Louisiana Super Plant Program which trials plants in various conditions and selects the very best performer to be deemed "Super Plants" for zones 9, 9A, and 9B. These plants are guaranteed to be superior performers in this area. The Super Plant program is designed to assist gardeners in making great selections for amazing gardens year round so look for the Louisiana Super Plant Logo at your favorite garden center when making your plant

selections.

The Fall Super Plants are:

Diamonds Blue Delphinium-full sun to part shade, the truest bluest blue, stunning and spectacular in the landscape

Drift Roses-Full sun, easy to grow, fabulous color choices

Willow Oak-Fast growing, allows sun through, and deciduous (meaning the leaves fall in the winter). Dr. Dan explained that all shade trees should be deciduous. The leaves help to shade our homes from the heat of the summer, but also should let sun in to warm the home in the cool months. (Fall for zones 9 and above starts in November)

Dr. Dan Gill also gave us some wonderful information on planting times. As avid gardeners, we master gardeners love to plant and we are always

planting. However, some times are more optimum for our plant material than others. Planting woody ornamentals (trees and shrubs) is best done in the fall and winter. This rationale is quite simple. During the growing season, as plants photosynthesize which creates their food, the pecking order for food distribution goes like this. First the food is distributed to the blooms and fruit, then to the leaves, then the stems, and lastly the roots. For trees and woody shrubs to survive they must have strong roots, and as you can surmise from the pecking order the roots are the last to get fed during the growing season. Once the growing season ends, the plant is still making food and creating energy. But now there are no more blooms or fruit to be fed, so the food goes to the leaves, branches, and the roots. Now

that the plant is resting so to speak, the roots get fed and the energy can go into creating strong roots rather than pushing out blooms and fruit; and the plant can become established.

When we research care for our plant material we are always told to water daily until the plant is "established," and when exactly is the plant established? Dr. Dan had an answer for that age old question, finally the mystery is solved. Bedding plants take two to four weeks to become established, shrubs one entire growing season, and trees take two full growing seasons.

Send your gardening questions to me at: sowing@thegardeningdiva.com and check out my "Gardening Tip of The Week" at www.thegardeningdiva.com

Remember, never get too busy to stop and smell the beautiful flowers!

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Former EPA Leader Lisa Jackson Joins Tulane Board

By Michael Strecker

Environmental Protection Agency administrator and Tulane graduate Lisa Jackson has joined the Board of Tulane, the university's main governing body.

"We are delighted to welcome someone of Lisa Jackson's national stature and local ties to our board," Tulane President Scott Cowen said, "She is a leading authority in so many areas that are vital to Tulane and New Orleans."

Jackson, a native of New Orleans' Ninth Ward, graduated summa cum laude with a bach-



Lisa Jackson delivered the keynote address at the Tulane University Commencement in 2012.

elor of science degree in chemical engineering from Tulane. She went on to earn a master of science degree in chemical engineering from Princeton University before joining the EPA as a staff-level scientist in 1987.

In 2009 she was named administrator of the EPA, the first African-American and only the fourth woman to hold that position. She served as EPA administrator until February 2013. As leader of the EPA,

Jackson focused on vulnerable groups including children, the elderly and low-income communities that are particularly susceptible to environmental and health threats. Today she is vice president of Environmental Initiatives at Apple.

"To be able to serve the university I love in the city I love is a remarkable new phase in my life's journey," Jackson said. "The efforts of Scott Cowen and the Board of Tulane have greatly increased educational opportunities for students from pre-K through the university level in my home-

town. It is exciting to join this effort."

Throughout her career Jackson has maintained her connections to Tulane. In 2010 she joined Cowen in planting trees in City Park as part of the Tulane's Day of Service. She was also the keynote speaker at Tulane's John J. Witmeyer III Dean's Colloquium in 2009 and headlined the 15th annual Tulane Law School Summit on Environmental Law and Policy in 2010. In 2012 she was the keynote speaker and an honorary degree recipient at Tulane's Unified Commencement.

Aug 24th Local Commemoration 50 Year Anniversary March on Washington

Justice and Beyond Hosts March and Rally

Justice and Beyond, a local coalition of community, labor, and religious groups announces a local commemoration of the historic 1963 March on Washington. Christian Unity Baptist Church, the Greater New Orleans AFL-CIO, Safe Streets Strong Communities, Watson Memorial Teaching Ministries, the Urban League of Greater New Orleans, The Southeast Louisiana Building Trades, Love Outreach Ministries, United Teachers of New Orleans, A Community Voice, Orleans Public Education Network, and Israelite Baptist Church are a few of the organizations participating in the Justice and Beyond Coalition march and rally.

The commemoration will be held at the same time of a national commemoration held in Washington, D.C. It will begin at Ashe Cultural Art Center on Oretha

Castle Haley Street and proceed to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. monument on Claiborne and then proceed to Israelite Baptist Church 2100 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, pastored by Rev. Emanuel Smith, Jr.

The march and rally will commemorate in part the voices and struggles of the Freedom Movement of the 1950's and 1960's, but will also celebrate ongoing community organizing in New Orleans and around the nation in public education, jobs and contracting for African-Americans and people of color, healthcare, voting rights (civic engagement), and criminal justice.

We eliminated or killed Jim Crow and racial segregation," said Pat Bryant Co-moderator of Justice and Beyond, "but African-Americans, Latinos, and Asians and white allies still have to fight

effectively against white privilege when it comes to economics and political power. It is our disunity that is our major hurdle. We have to work together."

The march organizers expect a mixture of youth and adults, African-Americans, Euro-Americans, Latinos, and Asians to participate in cultural and political activities that include music, dance, panel of speakers, poets and other artists who will "fill participants' hearts, heads, and hands" said Rev. Dr. Dwight Webster, co-moderator of Justice and Beyond, and keynote speaker for the event. There will be marching bands, and brass bands, and African drummers, and Gospel choirs noting the strong musical tradition that has been a part of Freedom struggles and that is uniquely New Orleans.

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While I generally liked "Gloria" and while I thought it was, at its core, a very fine book, I often found it to be a challenge for a couple of reasons.

Right from the outset, I had trouble with the patois in the dialogue. Author Kerry Young adds authenticity here, and while that ended up being one of the main things I liked about the book, I had a hard time with it initially. The difficulties didn't last long, but they bear mentioning.

The bigger issue, I think, is that the story drags sometimes. That tended to make me lose interest. For sure, I lost track of who was who because of it.

To the good, though, this book does an excellent job in taking readers to a not-so-innocent time and place, politically, socially, and economically, and I liked that a lot. I think, overall, if you can bear with the bumps and savor that goodness, you may like "Gloria" well enough.

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mation, Medicaid and WIC enrollment information, consultations with doctors, midwives and nutritionists, and lots of great giveaways. Lunch will be served.

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The Climate/Katrina Connection Commemoration Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

New Orleans religious, community, and elected officials will gather this Saturday, August 24 for an interfaith prayer breakfast, as they will commemorate the 8th Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina and call for bold action on climate change to help reduce its effects, including extreme weather events like Katrina.

Guests and speakers will include:

Archbishop Gregory Aymond, State Representative Walt Leger, State Senator JP Morrell

New Orleans City Councilwoman Kristin Palmer, Charles Allen, Mayor's Advisor & Director of Coastal and Environmental Affairs, Anne Milling, Women of the Storm, Telley Madina, Oxfam America's Coastal Communities, Mark Romig, NOTMC, LaTanja Silvester, SEIU, Imam Rafeeq Numan and Rev. Norwood Thompson, Jr.

The prayer breakfast follows President Obama's historic action on climate change, which includes the nation's first-ever limits on carbon pollution from power plants, as well as other strategies to prepare America for the effects of climate change.

According to information from the Union of Concerned Scien-

tists, "Recent scientific evidence suggests a link between the destructive power of hurricanes and higher ocean temperatures, driven in large part by global warming. With rapid population growth in coastal regions placing many more people and structures in the path of these tropical cyclones there is a much greater risk of casualties, property damage, and financial hardship when these storms make landfall. ... Given the loss of life and the huge costs of rebuilding after hurricanes, it is essential to do whatever we can to avoid dangerous warming and protect America's coastal communities for ourselves and our children. This will require a combination of aggressive emission reduction efforts, improved building codes, and the restoration of wetlands, dunes, and barrier islands that can serve as a buffer against rising sea levels and hazardous storm surges."

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Dillard University Completes Appointments To President's Cabinet



Yolanda Page

Dillard University President Walter M. Kimbrough announced the completion of its administrative cabinet with the recent appointments of Dr. Yolanda Page, '91, vice president for academic affairs and David Page, vice president for enrollment management. Dr. Page has more than 20 years of experience in academe and has held a number of positions with increasing levels of responsibility including instructor, director, department chair and assistant dean. Prior to returning to Dillard, Dr. Page served as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. She earned a Master of Arts and PhD in American and African American Literature from Louisiana State University (LSU), and a B.A. in English and Business Management from Dillard University.

David Page, who has been appointed Vice President for Enrollment Management, is also no stranger to Dillard. He previously

served as Associate Director of Financial Aid for six years. After leaving Dillard in 2005, he served as Vice President for Enrollment Management and Director of Financial Aid at Philander Smith College where he oversaw the Office of Recruitment and Admissions, the Financial Aid Office and the Registrar's Office. He has also worked at the University of Tulsa. Mr. Page has more than two decades of experience in higher education in admissions and financial aid. He received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Oklahoma State University and his Master of Arts in Higher Education (College Student Affairs) from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Earlier this year, Dr. Denise Wallace, vice president for legal affairs and general counsel and Mr. Marc Barnes, vice president for institutional advancement, were appointed to the cabinet. Prior to her appointment at Dillard, Wallace served as general counsel for Palm Beach State College. Barnes joins the university from the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival & Foundation, Inc. and is former assistant vice president of development and alumni relations at Dillard. Mr. Gerald Coleman, vice president for finance and administration, was appointed last year. Coleman previously served as vice president for finance and administration at Cheyney University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Toya Barnes-Teamer, who has served as vice president for student success since 2007, will continue to serve in that capacity.

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