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# Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!

## *Let the Good Times Roll!*



Mayor Ray Nagin Toasts the 2009 Super Bowl Champions, New Orleans Saints at the Victory Parade on Tuesday evening.

**By: Kingfish**

Yes it's real, The New Orleans Saints are the World Champs, the holders of the Vince Lombardi Trophy!

It seems Peyton Manning does not walk on water. That's not a slight against Peyton, but to the color analysts that covered all the pre-game hype. These were the individuals that gave the New Orleans Saints no chance at holding up the Vince Lombardi National Football League Championship Trophy. New Orleans on the other hand, knew exactly what we were going to do. Laissez les bons temps rouler,

(let the good times roll) and that's exactly what happened...after the half.

I know everyone in the city wants to say we busted that @\$\$, but the truth of the matter is, it was a great game fought hard by both sides. Peyton Manning had the Saints number in the beginning of the game. All the Saints could do in the first half was kick field goals, which scared me to death; scoring like that they were not going to reach my predicted score of 34-17. Truly that wasn't my main concern, just them winning was the most important thing. Then, it happened; the gutsiest call in Super Bowl history. The

onside kick that started the second half can now be looked at as one hell of a smart move. of course that's because it worked! If not, it would have been second-guessed until the Saints made it back to the Super Bowl.

With the onside kick recovered, the ball and possession belonged to the Saints. This is the first time in the game I said, "now this looks like my Saints and not my daddy's." Well, I was right, they took that possession and went down and scored a touchdown. With 11:41 seconds left in the third quarter, Pierre Thomas scored on a glorious screen pass from Drew

Photos by Julie Plonk, City of New Orleans

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The Saints Toast themselves and New Orleans



Saints QB Drew Brees



Saints Coach Sean Peyton holds the Vince Lombardi Super Bowl Trophy

Brees, to take the first lead of the game for the Saints. Time for the route, right, no we are playing Peyton Manning. Well with 6:15 left in the third quarter Joseph Addai from LSU ran in from 6 yards to put the Colts up 17 (which is the points I predicted they would get) to 16 headed into the fourth quarter.

As it has been for the entire year, the fourth quarter belonged to the Saints Offense. With 5:44 left in the fourth quarter, Jeremy Shockey (hey Shockey way) scores for his two-year long overdue Super Bowl Touchdown. There aren't many people that can miss 93% of the football season and come back for the Super Bowl and make the catch Lance Moore made for the two point conversion....OMG! That was one of the greatest catches I've ever seen, the body control was off the charts. To all my aspiring pro football players out there, that's an instructional video.

Its now 24 -17 Saints with a little under five minutes left in the fourth quarter, its Peyton Manning's time. He has made a reputation and living off of his fourth quarter winning drives. With 3:23 remaining in the game the Colts were marching, but the Saints D was hunting for that illusive turn over that had escaped them all game, but Tracey Porter hadn't given up on his prey. As they say "good things come to those who wait." How good is a "pick six" to seal the Super Bowl victory! Porters interception for a touchdown will and did make him a legend in New Orleans, and what better place to do it than 20 miles from where you were born!

Even though the Saints did not pull off another field goal to make my prediction perfect, 34 - 17. I'll settle like the rest of us, for the win! BAAAAABAY!





# I BELIEVE!

## *A Black and Gold Weekend*



Dionne Character, Author  
Entertainment Editor & Columnist

As we come to the end of our Historic weekend of Black and Gold, winning the Super Bowl, what a joyous occasion it was for all men to be equal, in the City of New Orleans.

We experienced life, as it should be, with no color barriers, no racism, and not an ounce of hate for our neighbor. We danced with the pride we all carry around on a daily basis in loving our unique city, and the people who make us, who we are.

Our actions spoke so loud we made history across the nation. We screamed together, cried, held hands, men



Lewis & Barabino Family Celebrate at their Super Bowl Party. Photo by Glenn Summers

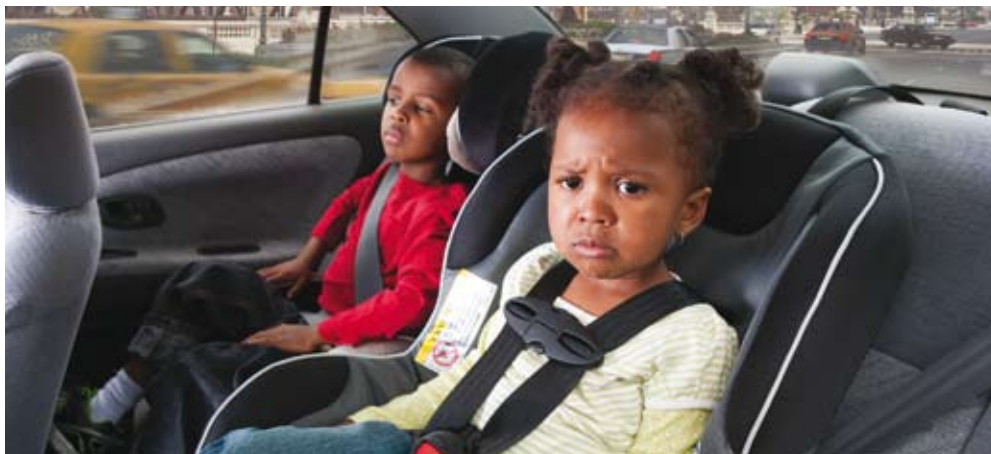
wore dresses, we danced in the streets and purchased all the black and gold we could find. We honked horns, had second-line parties, and brought forth victory, for a team of men who "Believed" it was possible after all the commotion from its fans.

Let us not retire our Black and Gold, let this not be the end of the Who Dat Nation, as we remain resilient

and move forward on the fast track to a new city, with a new administration.

I do believe if we love thy neighbor as we loved thy football season, we can continue to make this year, historical.

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## 2010 Mardi Gras Parade Schedule

It's Mardi Gras! The city is full of celebration, Mardi Gras, Saints, you name it, we are celebrating. For your convenience, here is the parade and event schedule in the city for this weekend through Mardi Gras Tuesday. Don't miss a thing!



### SUNDAY, February 14th

Krewe of Okeanos  
Uptown 11:00 a.m.

Krewe of Mid-City  
Uptown 11:45 a.m.

Krewe of Thoth  
Uptown 12:00 p.m.

Krewe of Bacchus  
Uptown 5:15 p.m.  
Featuring Drew Brees as Bacchus

### MONDAY, February 15th - Lundi Gras

Zulu Aid and Pleasure Club Presents:  
Lundi Gras Festival  
Woldenberg Park  
10:00am - 5:30pm.

Arrival of the Zulu King and his Queen at 5:00pm.

Krewe of Proteus  
Uptown 5:15 p.m.

Krewe of Orpheus  
Uptown 5:45 p.m.

### MARDI GRAS DAY, February 16th 2010

Zulu Social Aid & Pleasure Club  
Uptown 8:00 a.m.

Krewe of Rex  
Uptown 10:00 a.m.

Krewe of Elks Orleans  
Uptown 11:30 a.m.

Krewe of Crescent City  
Uptown after Elks

### MARDI GRAS DAY MARCHING CLUBS

Jefferson City Buzzards  
Uptown 6:45 a.m.

Lyons Carnival Club  
Uptown 7:00 a.m.

Corner Carnival Club  
Uptown 7:00 a.m.

Pete Fountain's Half-Fast Walking Club  
Uptown 7:45 a.m.

Mondo Kayo Social & Marching Club  
Uptown 7:45 a.m.

Société de Saint Anne Marigney / Bywater  
French Quarter 10:00 a.m.

KOE  
French Quarter 10:15 a.m.



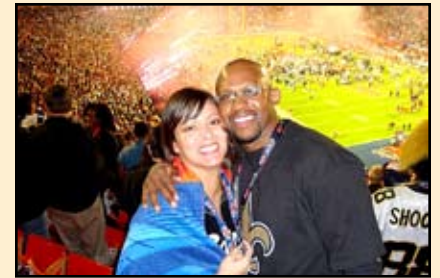
# Shoot Ya Best Shot!

All over New Orleans, big parties were held in anticipation of the Saints Victory. From living rooms to hotels to clubs, everybody was watching! Here are scenes from three parties here in New Orleans.

## @Prime Example



## @Miami



## @Sweet Lorraine's



## @The Perfect Fit





# 2010 Municipal Elections Results

By Cheryl Mainor

Several hotly contested races took place for seats and offices that make up the New Orleans Municipal Government. Though much attention was cast on the contest for mayor, several changes occurred and voters must be

prepared to again trek to the polls for runoff contests which will be decided on March 6th.

In each election following Katrina, a shift in the makeup of the City-Council has occurred with fewer and fewer seats being held by African Americans, ultimately

to where it stands today. One Black candidate, Cynthia Hedge Morrell has emerged victorious, with one seat still in the balance, District E in the fight between Austin Badon and Jon Johnson. The former District C seat, which was held by James Carter but

not contested by him, was won by Kristin Gisleson-Palmer. This one seat, shifted African American held seats from 3 to 2.

The Race for Council-At-Large between Cynthia Willard-Lewis and Jackie Clarkson at press time, has not been settled with Willard-

Lewis asking for a recount. The race, initially was called even with a runoff schedule, then shifted to Clarkson win by a narrow margin, and presently stands with Clarkson winning, and Willard Lewis asking for the recount.



Jon Johnson  
Runoff for Council District E



Cynthia Hedge Morrell  
Winner, Council District D



Cynthia Willard Lewis  
Recount for At- Large



Erroll Williams  
Runoff City Assessor



Austin Badon  
Runoff for Council District E



Marlin Gusman  
Winner, Criminal Sheriff



Paula Brown  
Winner, Judge Civil District Court



Karen Carter Peterson  
Winner, State Senate District 5



Tracey Flemings Davillier  
Winner, Judge Juvenile Court

The election as expected, was an important contest, the results or which could possibly determine what kind of change happens for Blacks in the city.

MAYOR OF NEW ORLEANS Mitch Landrieu	DISTRICT A RUNOFF Susan Guidry Jay Batt	DISTRICT E RUNOFF Austin Badon Jon Johnson	CORONER Frank Minyard
CITY COUNCIL	DISTRICT B Stacy Head	CITY ASSESSOR RUNOFF Erroll Williams Claude Mauberret	STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 5 Karen Carter Peterson
COUNCILMEMBER AT- LARGE (2 seats) Arnie Fielkow – Winner	DISTRICT C Kristin Gisleson-Palmer		JUDGE CIVIL DISTRICT COURT SECTION J Paula Brown
RUNOFF Cynthia Willard-Lewis Jacqueline Clarkson	DISTRICT D Cynthia Hedge-Morrell	CRIMINAL SHERIFF Marlin Gusman	JUDGE JUVENILE COURT Tracey Flemings-Davillier

# Super Bowl... Saints, a New Mayor and the Future of New Orleans

By Edwin Buggage

As I continue my journey in the City of Light which is an enjoyable amazing experience I sometimes long for the sights and sounds of home. Not so much the architecture because many of the buildings and streets remind me of home, but it is the people and their colorful language, perspectives and way of life not seen anywhere else in the world. For in our great city life is improvised like a jazz solo, the things that have come out of our experience have spanned the globe impacting people's lives. It is interesting as I walk the streets of Paris meeting people and when I tell them I am from New Orleans there is a spark that appears in their eyes as they are excited about our wonderful city and what we have to offer.

They talk about our food, music, and the other things people come there to see, but the biggest accolades are heaped upon the people of the city. They always talk about how they know or met people from our city and how wonderful, personable and hospitable we are.

I was recently in a bar and sat excited and nervous watching the Saints overcome amazing odds to be crowned Super Bowl Champs. It was an interesting experience for me as someone who has been on the frontlines and on the field covering the history of our city unfolding since Katrina and the breaching of the levees changed our lives forever. Today I am still in the game, for technology has made it possible that I can keep up with things in an up to the minute way, but sometimes it feels like I am on the sidelines of the big game.

What is going on in our city is big, not in the sense that I am singularly talking about the Saints and their monumental victory. Although it is a significant accomplishment for the Black and Gold, their diehard fans and our city; it is important to note that the city has gotten a lot of press about what still remains the unfinished business of rebuilding and the its future. Questions remain as to how will we accomplish and execute this monumental task.

The media coverage of the



Mayor Elect Mitch Landrieu and Data News Weekly Publisher Terry Jones at the Landrieu Election Victory Celebration

Saints victory eclipsed a Mayoral election where Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu routed his opponents becoming the city's next mayor. As a sidebar, it is an interesting twist of fate to note that in four years how outgoing Mayor Ray Nagin talked about a Chocolate City; and today, how the political landscape has been transformed. Today New Orleans has experienced a sea change in the racial make-up of those who hold elected offices, and what will this mean for the future of the city and its citizens?

Will New Orleans become a city that can reach its full potential? Will it be able to build on what is wonderful and amazing about this special cultural jewel and make it a city that can create a model for a cosmopolitan global 21st century city, or will it stay stuck playing a new game with an old playbook. Today the citizens have chosen a new coach, one who can hopefully assemble a team that can help replicate what the Saints were able to accomplish and win the big one; that being the rebuilding and strategic repositioning of a city.

One that is functional and people are connected and can participate and benefit from the progress and prosperity of a city where the new purpose is the investment of putting the people first. Not as it had been before where there is pie a-la-mode for a few and the rest are either fighting to keep the small piece they have or fight-

ing over crumbs. This is not the way a city can progress and move forward. Today is a new day for our city, so it is necessary to have new standards where the status-quo is not acceptable.

Today the city is involved in a big game; the game of change; the game of the people taking a city out of the hands of a few where it can benefit all of its citizens. It is time to move the ball forward and get into the end zone and start putting points on the board. That means the re-opening of schools, neighborhood re-development, creating affordable housing, repairing the healthcare industry, improving infrastructure, making the streets safe, and providing economic opportunities where people can save, invest and be a part of the American Dream.

These are only a few of the many things that need to be done as our city rebuilds. As I am only at the beginning of my adventure in Paris I sit from afar preparing for my return in 2011, I wonder to myself what will I see? Will my city and its citizens move the ball forward? What will be the score? Will my city have a winning record against the opponents, corruption, divisiveness, ignorance, greed and apathy? It is my hope that I can feel as I felt on Super-bowl Sunday in Paris walking home that night, satisfied, excited, and overjoyed about my city and how we won the big game.



Senator Mary Landrieu celebrates her brother's victory in the Mayoral race with Councilman Arnie Fielkow and Nicole Shepherd

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