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# Election Day Only a Few Weeks Away Get Ready to Vote



The White House

As a city, state and nation get ready for elections, we at Data News Weekly in our mission as the “People’s Paper” strive to be the primary source for providing information that will help our citizens make informed choices when they head into the polls on Nov. 6th. In the upcoming issues we will provide information about voting as well as interviews with candidates in races going on across the City. We encourage our citizens to get

out and vote, for these are important elections and the low numbers in several of the last elections cannot be the case this time. These are critical times for the future of the city, state and nation; many of the issues facing the community in regard to public policy hang in the balance, so it is imperative that people take part in their civic duty. Countless courageous Americans fought for this right and now, in this election, there have been challenges

By Eric Connerly

to deny citizens from exercising these hard earned rights. So it is mandatory that our community come out in record numbers at the polls. These are just a few of the races Data News Weekly will be bring you coverage on in the coming weeks leading up to Election Day.

On Nov. 6th on top of the Ballot is the race for President with the incumbent Barack Obama facing Republican Challenger Mitt Romney and a slew of lesser known candidates. In another race of interest, the 2ND Congressional District Incumbent Cedric Richmond is seeking re-election in a newly configured district as the result of changing census numbers which reduced the number of seats Louisiana has in the U.S. Congress from seven to six. This is an important race because the state population totals also determine how the federal government distributes hundreds of billions of dollars for education, housing, law enforcement and other programs. Louisiana stands to get a slightly smaller share of those programs in the future.

There are several races for judges at the state level in the 4th Circuit Court of Appeal with Division B incumbents Paul Bonin and Chief Justice Charles

Jones facing challengers to their seats on the bench. A local seat for the Judge of Criminal District Court Section B has become vacant with the resignation of Lynda Van Davis who will leave her seat at the end of the year. Entering the race to occupy the post is present Juvenile Court Judge Tracey Flemings-Davillier who is running against local Attorney Glen Woods who is making another run to occupy the bench at Criminal Court.

But the most talked about are the races for the New Orleans City Council. This election determines two seats which are up for grabs. One in District B, left vacant by Stacy Head being elected to a Council- at-Large post and District E left vacant by the sudden resignation of Jon Johnson after pleading guilty on federal conspiracy charges. This has left two seats vacant with both races having a crowded field of candidates vying for the positions.

Rounding out the field in District B is Broadmoor Improvement Association President Latoya Cantrell, Rapper and Small Business Owner Marlon Horton also known as 10th Ward Buck, Executive Director of the Juvenile Justice Project, Dana Kaplan and former Chief

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of Staff for Stacy Head, Eric Strachan. In the race for District E, State Representative Austin Badon is making a second run for the District E seat, also running is Jerrela Drummer-Sanders, founder of Mother's Helpers an organization that provides schooling for at risk youth who is making her second run in District E. Also on the ballot is Attorney and Chairman of the Orleans Parish Democratic Party, James Gray who is re-entering electoral politics after twice running for District Attorney. Also vying for the seat is Attorney Dana Henry who comes from a long line of activists and has served on several community boards.

#### Early Voting Information

In this article we have included information from the Louisiana Secretary of State Office because we feel it is important for our readers to have information concerning voting. It reads: You do not need a reason to vote early! All voters may vote early, just like they are voting on Election Day. Voters who want to vote early for any election may do so in person at their parish Registrar of Voters office or at designated locations in the parish from 14 days to seven days prior to any scheduled election. Oct. 23-30, 2012 is the early voting period for the Nov. 6, 2012 Open Primary/Congressional/Presidential (except Sunday).

The Registrars of Voters will open their offices from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. for each day of early voting.

#### Election Day Voting

When you go to the polls to cast your vote in an election, be sure to take one of the following:

- a driver's license;
- a Louisiana Special ID; or
- some other generally recognized picture ID that contains your name and signature.

You may get a free Louisiana Special ID at the Office of Motor Vehicles by showing your voter registration information card. If you have misplaced your voter registration information card, contact your registrar of voters for a new one.

Voters who have no picture ID may bring a utility bill, payroll check or government document that includes their name and address. The voter will have to sign an affidavit furnished by the Elections Division in order to vote.

You may wish to contact your local Registrar of Voters office for specific locations, dates and times 1300 Perdido St., Room 1W23 New Orleans, LA 70112 504.658.8300; Voting Machines Warehouse\* 8870 Chef Menteur Highway New Orleans, LA 70127 504.658.8300; 225 Morgan St., Room 105 New Orleans, LA 70114 504.658.0382. If you are a registered voter, and encounter any problems with voting at the polls, please immediately contact 1-800-MY VOTE 1, for immediate assistance.

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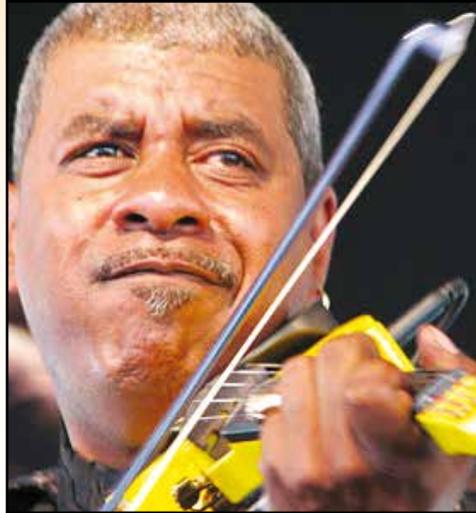
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## Twins Rock Star Search



Photos by Glenn Summers

The September "Twins Rock Star Search" talent event announced the winner of an all-expenses paid trip to Hollywood to Michael Jackson impersonator Daron Wilson "MJ of New Orleans"

# Shoot Ya Best Shot!

## Hamp Music Festival Highlights

Photos by Ray Bonnee for Bonnefied Images LLC

Thousands turned out for the 4th Annual Hamp Music Festival celebrating the legacy and life of Edwin H. Hampton, who founded the St. Augustine High School "Marching 100" and was its band director for over 52 years. The event featured Howard Hewett, and Morris Day & The Time. Proceeds from the Hamp Music Festival assist students in financial need to attend St. Augustine High School and to be a part of the tradition that Mr. Hampton dedicated his life to.




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# The 4 R's Republicans, Romney, Ryan and Racism



Edwin Buggage  
Editor-in-Chief

I remember when I was young and learning the three R's that were the basics for learning, reading, writing and arithmetic. Today during this election cycle we have a new set of R's plus one. It is Republicans, Romney, Ryan and Racism. It is unfortunate that we have had such a sad turn of events in four years. I remember four years ago the country celebrated a triumph of a nation overcoming racial repression. I remember as I stood at the Inauguration in the

freezing cold the warmth of the people as they celebrated what was at the time perceived as a new day for America.

During this time as the country celebrated itself and in its hysteria began to talk about a post-racial America. While those of us who have been on the other side of history saw this term spoken only by those who were racially naïve, we were still hopeful that better days lie ahead. In those first months following the election in 2008 the air was still filled with hope and positivity as people celebrated this symbolic widening of the lanes of democracy. And that we have gotten closer to a day where the words spoken by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in his "I Have a Dream" speech rang a deeper truth, "That people will be judged not by the color of their skin, but the content of their character, and that all people were created equal."

But as we fast forward four years we see a nation sharply divided. Where racial intolerance again is rearing its ugly head, again we hear all the buzz words and policies that threaten to turn back the hands of time and setting the clock back to a time where racism is acceptable. This is evidenced by what we are seeing in regards to voter suppression and talk of States' Rights. And these are some of the same arguments that we're spewed from the mouths of venomous racist during the times preceding the Civil War, Reconstruction and the Civil Rights Movement.

While today it is unacceptable to use some of the language used by staunch segregationist like George Wallace, Ross Barnett, Eugene "Bull" Conner or Orval Faubus men who tried to stand in the way of the changing tide of history, but their ideas were washed away in the sea of change.

Today we are seeing a repeat of this from some in the Republican Party. Those that refuse to accept that America is changing and they are in a concerted effort to revive old ideas and bring America back to its worse days where racial repression was the rule of the day.

And what is so sad about this is that it is coming from the Party of Lincoln. A party that once stood against slavery, a party that during the Great Depression under Republican President Herbert Hoover created many of the projects proposed by President Obama and is also someone who laid the ground work for many of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal initiatives. This is a party where Republican President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent in federal troops to protect young people after the Brown v. Board of Education and during his two terms as President appointed five justices to the U.S. Supreme Court where many

landmark decisions were made that changed this country and expanded opportunities for many Americans.

I ask what has become of the G.O.P.? And why have they become a political party that is having such an identity crisis that they have let the worse of their party hijack it to where the voices of reason are muted. And it seems intolerance have won the heart and soul of their party that they offer these two candidates and the standard bearers of their party, their ideas and their plans for America. It seems that the Grand Old Party is not looking at the new America that's emerged in the 21st Century and seeing it as a Great Opportunity for Progress. But are stuck in a Cold War, John Wayne posture that no longer carries that same weight in a changing world, and the proponents of these positions resemble

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## Home Style

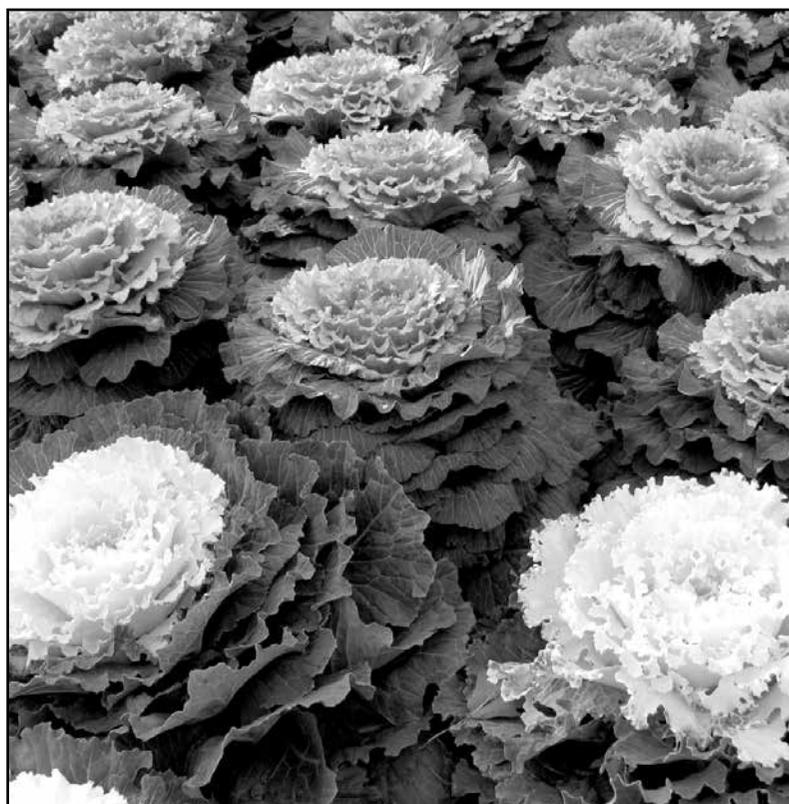
### Master Gardener's Corner

# Fall Gardening

By MG Calla Victoria  
Data News Columnist

Although in many parts of the nation it is still oppressively warm, now is the time to start preparing the soil and planning your fall garden. Start thinking about your cool weather veggies like broccoli, cauliflower, lettuces, carrots and lots of greens. Also let us not forget those fall/winter blooming ornamentals like camellias, ornamental cabbages and kale. You will soon see mums, pansies, sweet alyssums, and many ornamental grasses in all of your favorite garden centers to create fall splendor in your gardens.

One of my favorite ornamental grasses for fall is Gulf Muhly (*Muhlenbergia Capillaris*), it makes a spectacular show in any garden, just fluffy and looking like clumps of pink cotton candy has been just dropped on your lawn. If you are looking for fragrance and



color look to the Daphnes family including Daphne Bholua, and 'Jacqueline Postill.' But if you want all out show-stopping pizzazz there is nothing like the Candlestick Shower Tree / Christmas Candle (*Cassia alata*). This plant has lush green foliage and tall electric yellow blooms that stand up like fabulous candelabra.

The Extension Service Agencies for each state select "Super Plants" twice each year. The plants are called "Super Plants" because they perform beautifully throughout the season and are hardy and durable in their particular zone. These plants have been selected after extensive testing and trialing in various growing conditions. Here in Louisiana the LSU AgCenter is the extension agency for this state. They have selected the "Super Plants" for Fall 2012. The Super Plants

for Fall 2012 are Sorbet Violas, Conversation Piece Azalea, and Evergreen Sweetbay Magnolia. Other fall favorites in this area are ornamental cabbage borders, Sedum 'Autumn Joy' which looks good all year, requires minimal attention and attracts few problems. Also Hardy Begonia (*Begonia grandis* subsp. *evansiana*), which is fragrant, clump-forming pink or white flowers with oval olive-green leaves; blooms from mid-summer to early fall, sometimes through frost.

Submit your Gardening questions to me at [www.thegardeningdiva.com](http://www.thegardeningdiva.com). Also click on my "Gardening Tip of the week" to get great information, and upload photos of you and your garden if you would like to be featured on the "Its My Garden" page.

Remember, never be too busy to stop and enjoy the beautiful flowers!

# Can You Dig it?



Dr. Eric Griggs, MD  
Data News Columnist

“Who’s the Cat that won’t cop out  
when there’s danger all about?  
He’s a complicated man,  
but no one understands  
him but his woman.....”  
—Isaac Hayes, 1971

That’s right, John Shaft. The iconic 70s private detective known for his courageous exploits through Harlem that always had a way with the ladies. In many ways Shaft symbolized the epitome of tough, cool, and smooth. John Shaft is the perfect character to represent the month of October, the heart of football season, but probably not for the reason you think.

John Shaft was first portrayed by Richard Roundtree in the movie “Shaft” in 1971. Roundtree, in 1993, became one of a minority of men diagnosed with breast cancer. Yes, the symbol of masculinity for an entire generation was diagnosed and treated for what has become the most common cause of cancer in women, excluding skin cancer. It is estimated that the chance of a woman being diagnosed with breast cancer is 1 in 8. For men, that risk is 1 in 1000. Roundtree has become not only a spokesman for male breast cancer survivors, but for breast cancer survivors worldwide. He has also helped to heighten awareness for this disease.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month was founded in 1985

by the American Cancer Society and Imperial Chemical Industries in an effort to promote mammography as an effective tool in the fight against breast cancer. Since that time, the month of October has been designated an international month of increased awareness and fund raising towards research into the causes, prevention and treatment of the disease. Though the pink ribbons representing breast cancer can be seen everywhere you turn, the real life reminders of this potentially deadly, yet treatable disease can be seen every day.

The key to breast cancer survival is early detection, which starts at home. Regular breast self-exams should be performed at least once a month, at the same time each month. Any changes in shape, size feel, or nipple discharges should be reported to a doctor immediately. According to the American Cancer Society, women in their 20s and 30s should have a clinical breast exam by a health expert at least every three years. Then, after age

40, women should receive clinical breast exams yearly. (American Cancer Society: Breast Cancer Overview. 2012) Routine mammograms should begin at age 40 as well and continued annually. Routine screening increases the chances of detection at an early stage which leads to earlier treatment and increased survival.

Men should be aware that breast cancer is not limited to women. The signs and symptoms are the same in both men and women. Signs to be aware of on self-exam include: skin dimpling or puckering, abnormal lumps or swelling (usually painless), nipple retraction (turning inward), redness or scaling of the nipple or breast skin, and/ or discharge from the nipple. Nipples can also sometimes become itchy, scaly, sore or have a rash, all of which should be reported to a health expert.

The misconception about risk factors is that the presence of certain risk factors does not mean you will definitely get the disease, but that you are more predisposed to the disease than those without those risk factors. Conversely,

the absence of risk factors is no guarantee that you will not get a disease. Roughly 5% to 10% of breast cancers are due to inherited genetic mutations. Other risk factors include: family history, first period before age 12, menopause after age 55, excess weight after menopause, first child after age 30, taking birth control pills for 5 years or longer, drinking more than one alcoholic beverage a day, current or recent use of combined HRT (hormone replacement therapy i.e. -estrogen/progesterone), high breast density, exposure to large amounts of radiation, and history of breast or ovarian cancer. (Lifescript.com “10 Life-Saving Breast Cancer Facts.” Edward Geehr. October 17, 2008)

African-American women have the highest mortality rate from breast cancer. Asian-American and Pacific Island women have the lowest mortality. Caucasian women have the highest incidence, while Native American women have the lowest incidence.

Breast Cancer is a formidable disease that can successfully be treated as we continue to increase our awareness.

Prescription for the Month: October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Examine yourself carefully today. If something “doesn’t feel right,” go to the doctor. If Shaft did it, so can you. Can you dig it? (For more information go to: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org))

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fossils and are political museum pieces that have not caught up with the changing hands of time.

We are a country that now lives in a world that it is necessary that we in this country can have civil discourse based on mutual respect and this is the key to forge a better understanding of one another as our nation moves forward. Where we can appreciate the quantum leaps we have made in this nation by enfranchising citizens making us a more humane society that can continue to be celebrated and revered the world over.

I reminisce about how I and so many Americans felt four years ago when the world cel-

ebrated our triumph in the making of history. In realizing what we had overcome in that 50 years ago our country was divided over the issue of race and that we elected our first African-American President. And today some want to turn back the hands of time by making race a wedge issue separating Americans and fanning the flames of intolerance in this election. Today, I say it is incumbent upon progressive Americans to continue the march forward. And on Jan. 21, 2013, which will be Inauguration Day and also the MLK Holiday that we can celebrate defeating the four R's that threaten America and its future.

## Parcc Informational Session

On Saturday, October 13, 2012, The Division of Education, the Departments of Mathematics and English, will sponsor a PARCC Informational Session, from 10 am to 12 noon. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the community of the changing standards in mathematics and English/Language Arts for grades Kindergarten to 12th. The changing standards are called the Common Core Standards and will increase the rigor of the curriculum. The LEAP tests will be phased out this year, and replaced by assessments powered by the new standards.

Registration will begin at 9:30 am in the University Center Ballroom on the third floor. A continental breakfast will be served and door prizes will be awarded. Please come out and learn about the Common Core Standards and the impact the new standards will have on your child's educational future.

If you would like more information, please contact Renee Akbar at Xavier University.



In last week's issue of Data News Weekly, Caesar Elloie's photo was incorrectly captioned. The photo is Caesar Elloie and not Charles Elloie. Sorry for the error.



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