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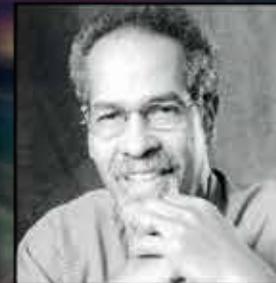
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Data News Weekly Honors The 2012 - 2013 Trailblazers of the Month

Each month, Data News Weekly takes time out to honor those individuals who are doing extraordinary things in our community. Often times, with few resources, these dynamic persons make wonderful things happen for people who need a hand up, a leg up, an ear to listen, a voice to

guide or just a friend to lean on. We recognize them for their outstanding commitment to our community and for their time and efforts to make New Orleans a better place for all, Data News Weekly says "Thank You" we salute and present to you, the 2012- 2013 Trailblazers of the Month.

MAY 2012

CHARLES VAUGHN

Artist and Activist



By Edwin Buggage

Charles Vaughn is a 21st Century Renaissance man, visual artist, emcee, TV host, writer, archivist and activist. Most people equate activism with marching in the streets.

However, there have been a great many artists, like Vaughn, who have used art to raise awareness for various causes. "I feel activism is about being a positive person and spreading that energy to whoever you come in contact with and whatever gifts or talents you have you should use them to uplift your community."

For over a decade Vaughn has been hosting events, most notably he was one of the founding members of Pozazz Productions, a poetry event that gave voice to spoken word artists and other performers. A self-avowed lover of the music, art and culture of New Orleans, Vaughn is an archivist of anything 5-0-4.

Charles Vaughn is a man who lives to give back and has an undeniable love for his City and he continues to inspire others and represent the best of New Orleans and for his work he is our Trailblazer for the month of May 2012.

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JUNE 2012

AL "BROTHER" MIMS *Crusade to Save Lives*



By Edwin Buggage

He is a man who is well-known all over the City of New Orleans. Al "Brother" Mims one who is always beaming with positive energy and talking about his life's passion, the salvation of young people. He is tirelessly committed to putting a stop to the senseless violence that is permeating throughout the Black community. His journey from champion kick boxer to civic activist was spawned by a tragic event that changed his life and its purpose and meaning. Recalling this moment he says, "My father was murdered in 1987 and my whole life changed, at that time I was a champion kick-boxer and when I lost my father, I also lost my trainer, mentor and friend."

As he talks you cannot help but get caught up in the fervor in his voice as he is committed to change. For Brother Mims it is sometimes an uphill battle and the odds seemingly insurmountable, as people are dying unnecessarily in

the streets of New Orleans, "Since my father was murdered I have been to 2000 funerals," remarks Mims on this startling number, but he remains optimistic, "While we are losing so many young people to the streets we are still saving lives all the time and giving people hope that they do not have to resort to some of the things that may cost them their lives, and what I am focused on is helping people make better choices in life."

Al Mims, has been a member of the Louisiana State Parole Board, and has been recognized for his work in the community as a Quiet Hero on WWL-TV and by WDSU-TV Making a Difference. "As I am humbled by these honors, it is about the work of saving people's lives and making this City a better and safer place for our citizens," says Mims. Al Mims and his family are an example of a family that lives to give and are committed to serving and for their efforts Al "Brother" Mims and his family are being honored as Trailblazers for the month of June 2012. r the month of November.

JULY 2012

JOE JONES *Giving the People of New Orleans a Voice*



By Edwin Buggage

In New Orleans, the name Joe Jones is synonymous with being committed to change. He is not someone who simply talks the talk; he walks the walk and is doing amazing things in the City

of New Orleans using media to give African-Americans an alternative perspective. He has been building a base of programming on 504 Black Network TV, that not only critiques and analyzes, but uplifts and celebrates the positive aspects of the Black life in the Crescent City. He is the host of a popular cable access television show On The Streets Unhinged, where Jones interviews people from around the community on the issues that affect them.

Jones is an advocate of education of youth as well as

adults, serving as a volunteer at New Orleans Recreation Department (NORD) where he tutors children in Mathematics, helping them prepare for state exams as well as homework. As he is growing 504 Black Network TV,

Jones is looking to give young people an opportunity to learn about TV production as student interns. Joe Jones is one who lives to give and for his commitment to better his City and give voice to others he's been chosen as Data News Weekly Trailblazer for July 2012.

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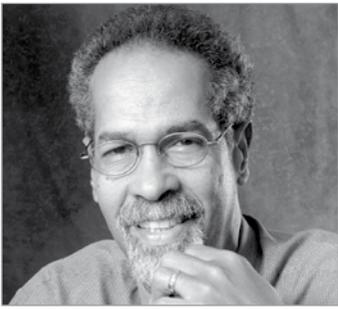
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AUGUST 2012

LLOYD "LOVE DOCTOR" DENNIS *A Prescription for a Better Community*



By Edwin Buggage

Lloyd Dennis is a man who has lived a life dedicated to serving his city and working to empower his community. He is an advocate of self-help and people taking the mission of changing their community

into their own hands.

Dennis has been active in the community since his teens. He is never one to sit on the sidelines diagnosing and over analyzing situations, instead, he works with young people as an educator and mentor. You may know him by his "Love Dr." moniker that's become a popular column and radio show which focus on giving the community a prescription for change and bettering their quality of life.

In addition to his successful Love Doctor Column,

Dennis along with Pastor Arthur Wardsworth created the Silverbacks, an organization whose goal is to develop and mentor young men to become successful family men and leaders in the community which is something that is near and dear to his heart. Dennis is a staunch advocate of community people understanding that the power to change their circumstances is in their hands and for this we honor him as the August 2013 Trailblazer of the Month.

SEPTEMBER 2012

JULIA AARON- HUMBLES *Taking a Ride Down Freedom's Road*



By Edwin Buggage

Julia Aaron-Humbles is a woman of courage who embodies the spirit of a selfless servant of humanity. She is a woman who with her undeniable strength and fortitude paved the way for future generations during the Civil Rights Era.

2011 marked the 50th Anniversary when courageous Americans got together to take part in the Freedom Rides, challenging the segregationist laws of the day and while there have been many gains for African-Americans since their triumph Humbles believes there is still a long way to go, "I feel great when I see how far we have come, but it is alarming to me that some of the things

we were addressing 50 years ago such as voting rights have again become an issue."

Today Humbles is still on the frontlines fighting the righteous fight. Humbles, now splits time between her adopted city of Atlanta and making "pilgrimages" to the place she will always call home New Orleans where all her family still lives. "The spirit of the people of New Orleans is different than any place in America, and wherever I am I will always be a New Orleanian."

Julia Aaron-Humbles is a giant in our quest for Civil Rights and the journey she began over 50 years ago continues, as the City, nation and world continues down the road in the pursuit of freedom and justice.

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OCTOBER 2012

RICKEY F. WILSON JR.

Restoring Hope



By Eric Connerly

Rickey Wilson, Jr., has dedicated his life to giving back. He epitomizes overcoming struggle and hardships. At the tender age of 11 because of family violence Rickey and his brother became homeless. However, struggles and adversity it did not deter Rickey from working hard to become successful. Through hard work and planning he eventually opened his own business, and today is the President and owner of Deep South Audio & Customs.

Now that he is a successful entrepreneur, he has also used this as a way to give back, "I use my shop as a trade school to teach young people how to tint windows, install stereos, do upholstery, and I feel giving them a skill is essential,

skills they can use to go out and get a job or start their own businesses."

While today he is the picture of success, Rickey hasn't forgotten from whence he came and the days when he was homeless. He has developed Rickey's Save the Youth Team, a community outreach program geared towards at risk young people; giving them hope for a future and tools with which to help them gain success in their own lives.

He is a dedicated foot soldier who believes that there is hope for everyone and is committed to making a difference in the lives of young people in the City of New Orleans. And for his service for enriching the lives of the young people of New Orleans he is Data News Weekly Trailblazer for October 2012.

NOVEMBER 2012

LEONTINE DENNIS

The True Meaning of Thanksgiving



By Edwin Buggage

Leontine Dennis has opened her heart, home and resources to enrich the lives of others. She is a woman rooted in her spirituality and believes with God's help anything is possible. Like Job in the Bible, she is a woman

who's experienced her share of adversity and feels that it is the mechanism used to build her strength, character and the will to serve humanity.

Although everyday she gives thanks and works to better the lives of people in her community, Leontine Dennis especially reaches out to those in need by feeding the hungry during Thanksgiving. Ms. Dennis says she started this tradition after a life threatening medical condition in 1975, "That Thanksgiving my husband tried the best he could to cook, and no one came around to help, so I

said if I ever get better, every Thanksgiving I am going to reach out to any and everybody and feed them and I still do that."

She is the owner of Dennis Mortuary and she is a woman who volunteers her time and embodies the spirit of "Blessed to be a Blessing." Leontine Dennis' life example is the definition of "Thanksgiving" something she does 365 days a year and for her commitment to serving her community we honor her with Data News Weekly's Trailblazer Award for November 2012.

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Congressman Cedric Richmond



Congratulations to Data News Weekly

on 47 Years of Service to the

New Orleans Community.

I also Salute the Trailblazers.

Happy 47th Data

DECEMBER 2012

GLYNN JOHNS REED

The Quest for Keeping New Orleans Businesses in the "Black"



By Edwin Buggage

Glynn Johns Reed is the Publisher of "The Black Pages New Orleans" and has been a driving force in promoting African-American businesses for several decades. A trailblazer in many ways she was

the first Black concierge hired at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, next to the Super Dome. This was a significant moment as it helped plant the seeds for her ventures into the world of publishing and a promoter of African-American businesses, as she would encounter people

who were staying at the hotel and would ask me where they could find a Black restaurant or a Black cab company. She would soon launch "An Official Guide to New Orleans," the precursor to "The Black Pages New Orleans."

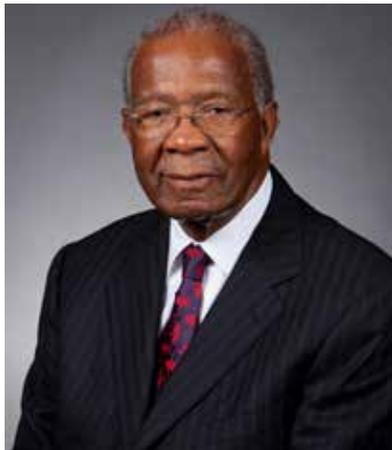
It is evident that she is deep-

ly committed to helping African-American businesses succeed. She points out one of the many challenges that many small businesses face is they do not have large promotional budgets to advertise in mainstream media. And while she notes the important role African-American media plays, she felt a specialty publication that focused on African-American owned businesses was vital. So she created "The Black Pages New Orleans" as a way to connect businesses to the people of the community.

Having a strong, vibrant class of African-American owned business is important for our community to continue moving forward, but more support is needed by people in the community to help generate more sustainable wealth amongst African-Americans.

What her example shows is that anyone can make a difference. It doesn't matter where you are. And Glynn Johns Reed will be there helping keep New Orleans businesses in the Black, and for this she is our Trailblazer for December, 2012.

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Delfeayo Marsalis

Playing a Tune of Success for New Orleans Youth

by: Edwin Buggage

The name Marsalis has become synonymous with great music and many people have come to know Delfeayo Marsalis as a talented musician (trombonist) and producer. But what many do not know is that he is an educator who uses his immense talent to give back to the community. In addition to being part of a great legacy of music he is also active in working with the youth as founder and artistic director of The Uptown Music Theatre. On the origins of what fuels his passion for service he says, "The inspiration for me wanting to work with young people comes from spending time and helping out with my younger brother Mboya, who has Autism. In the years of seeing my brother facing challenges, I grew to feel compassionate about helping those in need and I found a way to use the arts to help young people gain the knowledge, skills and confidence so that they could reach their full potential in whatever endeavor they choose to pursue and become assets to the community."

Since founding the theatre in 2000 children between the ages of 8 and 18 have been enriched after going through Marsalis' program, also in 2009

he implemented his "Kidstown After School Program" in three New Orleans Public Schools and composed 80 songs to introduce kids to Jazz. As he speaks about young people it becomes clear that he is truly committed to giving young people the tools to succeed in life. "I think that exposing kids to the arts allows them to grow in ways that can be applied to other aspects of their lives." Continuing he says, "Through the arts they learn discipline, it helps develop their cognitive skills, it helps them learn to work in teams, also it teaches them to think creatively and get in touch with their emotions." With great pride he speaks of the kids and their great accomplishments saying they have participated in the Junior Theatre Festival in Atlanta, Georgia where year after year competing with kids from around the nation and winning numerous awards including "Outstanding Production" and being recognized for their excellent work.

Marsalis is using his talent in reaching kids in a variety of ways. Presently, he is set to release his first children's book "No Cell Phone Day" on August 29th. On his website it is described as a children's picture book writ-



ten by Delfeayo Marsalis, and illustrated by award-winning Harlem Artist, Reginald W. Butler. The book playfully addresses the idea of imposing technology and how it affects our relationships with loved ones. In the book, Delfeayo and his daughter decide to put down their cell phones for a day to explore their hometown of New Orleans! Along the way, they see the sites, hear the sounds and enjoy all the great things The Big Easy has to offer. Most importantly, they spend quality time TOGETHER! Speaking about the book he says, "I feel in the age of so much technology we are losing touch with our humanity, I feel that we need to interact more with one another, and

connect in a real way, I remember some of my greatest life lessons sitting around with my family and friends just talking and doing things together and I feel it is important for kids today to spend real quality time with their parents. And it is equally important for us as parents and adults to bond with our children in real ways especially with all the things going

on with our young people today. It is my hope that this book resonates with readers and make them think about investing more "real time" with their children because it can make a real difference in their lives."

Delfeayo is committed to his City, like his brothers Wynton and Branford he lived in New York City for a time. Feeling it wasn't a good fit, he returned home where he feels he can be more creative and also make a difference in the lives of the City and especially its youth. As he releases his book on the Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, speaking about the City and its future he says, "In my travels people ask me about the City and I describe it as imagining you break every bone in your body, this is how I think of what happened to the City. But in spite of all that happened to the City and all that needs to be done I still love New Orleans, but I realize that

it will never be the same again, but I also realize that this is a great opportunity in some ways to make it better."

Marsalis feel it is important for adults particularly men in the community to be better examples for young boys, "We must in everything we do become more involved in the lives of our young men. We have to give them better examples of what a man does, how he looks, acts, dresses and how he conducts himself. We cannot continue to let our young men fall by the wayside and then solely blame them, because when they fail it is us the adults who have failed them, so I am trying to do as much as I can to make a difference in their lives." Continuing he says, "To ensure our youth have a bright future, it is all of our responsibility to let kids know we love them and are here for them and that we care and want to see them succeed."

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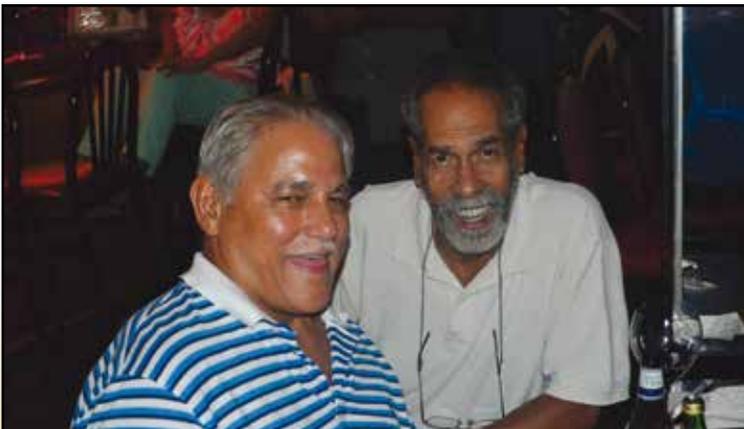
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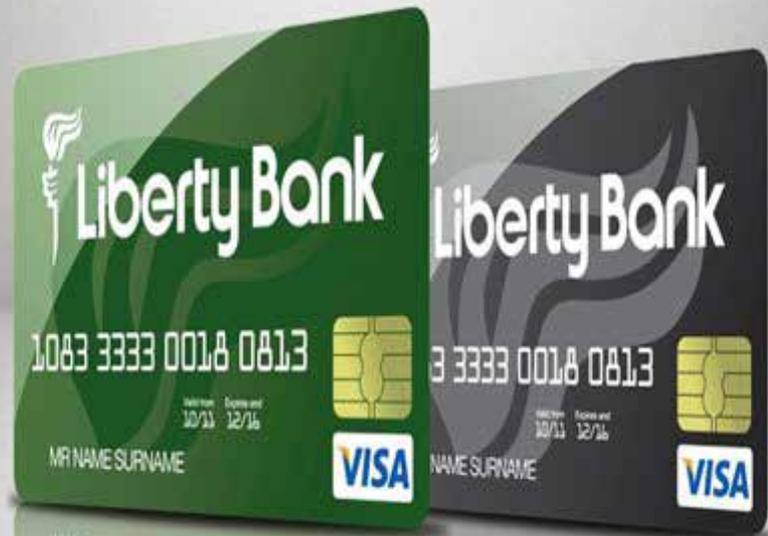
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Diary of a Survivor

Reflections From New Orleans Eight Years Later



By Edwin Buggage
Editor, Data News Weekly

It is again that time of the year when we reflect on the days that changed many of our lives forever. It was eight years ago that we went through Hurricane Katrina. And as I look around eight years later much has changed in our great City, some for the better and some for the worse. What we see in our City are pockets of progress and only blocks away there is wreckage as if Hurricane Katrina happened yesterday; reminding us that we still have a long way to go in our recovery process.

On this day, as we are on the eve of our beloved New Orleans Saints playing in the Superdome and hearing the thunderous roars and united cheers for the black and gold, there is still a divide between the Black and White and the rich and poor of this City. The Superdome and the Convention Center that on those tumultuous days during Katrina were havens of hopelessness, and today they are great examples having been transformed as symbols of what New Orleans does best. Throwing parties and playing host for tourists, but the underside of this at what cost to locals living in less fortunate circumstances in many instances only a stone throw from the revelry. The sad reality is that in neighborhoods across New Orleans many are ravaged by crime, blight and lack of resources. But this is the same City that can spend millions and billions of dollars to host major events on a grand scale while so many people who live here cannot afford to participate in them. And then afterward speak of its economic

impact, but rarely does this reach our most vulnerable citizens.

This is a City that in the initial aftermath of Hurricane Katrina former Mayor Ray Nagin made his infamous statement that New Orleans would remain a Chocolate City. His comments came in the face of what at the time was a plan to shrink the City's footprint and decrease the African-American population. But even as he made this statement the City was majority Black, but the economy and power structure of it was more like apartheid. A chocolate city yes but with vanilla on top and as always a few nuts, today it is a City that the reigns of political power and representation have shifted. No longer does a majority Black city have an African-American Mayor, no longer do we have an African-American Police Chief, no longer do we have a majority on the city council and the economic reins of power that have always lied in the hands of a few have remained unchanged. So the question moving forward is where do African-Americans fit into the "New" New Orleans?

After Hurricane Katrina what we have seen is a dismantling of public education and our children being made into pawns for profit. Yes there was undoubtedly a problem with the public education system in New Orleans prior to Katrina, but firing all the teachers was not the solution; when many other societal problems had as much as if not more of an impact on students' performance in the classroom. And one thing for certain the answer definitely does not lie in our City becoming a petri dish for experimental approaches to education, where teachers are not much older than students and are transients who are not fully invested in our City. And I say this in taking nothing away from them and their efforts, for they are simply pawns as well, but in the end it is our children who suffer still getting an inferior education and living in communities that are outside of the view of tourist that

are still havens of neglect, leading many kids to never reach their full potential. Where hope dies before they get a chance to dream or aspire to reach higher, in my view this is a crime worse than the violent crime we see on the streets, where young people are not supported and given the tools they need to become successful.

In our eight years after Hurricane Katrina we have won a Superbowl and become world champions on the football field, but in the field of rebuilding we have continued to have eight consecutive losing seasons. Where blight has become an acceptable part of some of our City's neighborhood landscape, and causing further damage to the environment, it is criminal for a City to allow our children and residents to live next door to houses that have become havens for vermin, filth and criminal activity. This is also a City where in New Orleans East many middle-class home owning residents do not have stores and other amenities that you would expect in a middle-class area affecting their quality life.

And while our City has garnered praise as a fast growing City and all kind of other positive stats according to Mayor Landrieu, I respectfully say, go to some of the more distressed areas of town and tell the residents who live there they are better off than they were 8 years ago, 4 years ago or even last year. What do you tell people when they see their wages decrease and the price of everything becoming more expensive? What do you tell people who desire to return home and can't find affordable housing? What do you tell someone who wants to rebuild their home and find out their insurance may be as high as their mortgage payment? It seems today eight years later things are not so easy in the Big Easy.

But in spite of all the problems with the politics, the inequality, corruption and lack of progress, New Orleans still retains one of

its greatest assets. It is not the buildings, the food, music and culture alone that make this a great place. It is the people whose resilience fought back after the storm knocked it to its knees. It is the citizens of this great City and those who came to help. This is the reason New Orleans is where it is today and it again is up to the people to take a stand and make a difference. It is time to get out and be civically engaged and understand that true power is in your hands. It is time to build bridges of brother and sisterhood and recognize and work for the betterment of everyone and realize that all our citizens are equally important not just a select few. That every citizen deserves a quality education and a path to the middle-class and it is incumbent that we build an economy where those

who desire to live a middle-class life and standard of living do not have to leave the City to achieve.

In the eight years since Hurricane Katrina as we reflect, we must begin to reject the idea that mediocrity and continued inequality is acceptable, or the economic polarization that has crippled the City from becoming the City it could become. Today we must work harder to become a City that we all can be proud of. Not one that is simply a great place to visit, but a great place to live for all our citizens. And this is not out of our reach, many thought the Saints would never win the Superbowl, but putting the best players on the field and having the right coaches they were able to achieve the unthinkable, and today we must do the same. And when we get to this great day we can all cheer.

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Terry B. Jones
Publisher

It is the 47th Anniversary of Data News Weekly and I would like to thank the community for

supporting our vision started by my father Joseph "Scoop" Jones on giving you news that you can use. As we forge ahead we plan to continue as our motto states serve our great City as, "The People's Paper. In this issue we pay tribute to 12 amazing individuals who have given back to their community and we thank them for their service. Also we hope that their stories inspire others to commit to giving some of their time to make the City a better place. As we move forward we are looking

back at eight years after Hurricane Katrina. And as we look back we can say that our City has come a long way since the days of devastation, but we still have a long way to go.

We at Data News have been at the forefront of many of the events that's taken place in our City and as we rebuild; we will continue to give a voice to those who sometimes feel they do not have a voice. Also we will continue to celebrate and spotlight those individuals and groups who

are doing extraordinary things in our City. Data News Weekly is proud to be part of the tradition of African-American Newspapers, which are as much advocates for our community and its interests in addition to being a source of information. And as we have moved into the 21st Century people are getting information in a variety of ways, so earlier this year we launched our new and improved website www.ladatanews.com as well as expanded our presence on social media, because we realize we

must be everywhere our readers are and continue to grow the Data News brand.

We would also like to thank our advertisers and sponsors for their continued support of Data News Weekly. And know that if a business is trying to reach African-Americans in New Orleans, Data News is the place to maximize your reach.

So in closing I would like to say I hope you enjoy our Anniversary Edition, and remember that together we can make a difference.



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for their Achievements.

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JANUARY 2013

JEFFREY MAY

21st Century Activist



By Edwin Buggage

Jeffrey May's life is draped in the spirit of his passionate conviction in the fight for fairness and justice. He lives to give, and is a twenty-first century activist. Jeffrey May is a voice for justice fighting the battles that sometimes is not focused on in the media or political pundits. His work as the Former Director of The New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center and his present post as the Assistant Director of National Neighbors, a Division of National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) that deals with discrimination in the housing market, bank lending practices and other businesses that is what every day he is on the frontlines fighting to prevent. In his work, he travels the country doing workshops to empower people in various communities about consumer protection and leads a team that investigates banks looking for

patterns of discrimination in their lending practices.

While today his work takes him across the country fighting for justice, he takes the time to serve on several boards and do other work in his community. Over the years, he was appointed District Chairperson of the Urban West Region of the New Orleans Boy Scouts of America; where they provided mentoring, broadening the experiences and emphasizing the importance of continuation of education for urban youths of New Orleans. Jeffrey also serves on the board of the Louisiana Network which preserves and promotes Louisiana culture among its members. It also does fundraisers to give money to charities or help those in need.

Jeffrey May has taken up the mantle of leadership of the challenges of the Twenty-First Century, and for his great work, he is Trailblazer for January 2013.

FEBRUARY 2013

PAUL BEAULIEU

Honoring a Man with a Heart of Purple and Gold



By Edwin Buggage

Paul Beaulieu has shaped and molded the lives of many as an educator, worked to give voice to the voiceless as a member of the media and worked with the New Orleans Branch of the National Urban League fighting to give African-Americans access to eco-

conomic opportunities.

For many years Beaulieu was a teacher at St. Augustine working with young people planting the seeds and giving them a solid foundation to strive not only to be their best but to give back. He is also well-known for his work media; an extension of his work as an educator, for he informs the community about the issues and how it impacts them.

Throughout his career, he's hosted a news magazine show called "Dimensions," he's received the Press Club Award for political column writing; and was a pioneer in journalism as the first African-American op-ed columnist for the States-Item News-

paper. His resume is long and varied, but the common thread is his commitment to giving the people of the City the tools to civically engage and empower themselves.

Most recently, he's taken on the role as the General Manager of WBOK-1230 AM. The station recently celebrated its Fifth Anniversary and its current slogan is "Real Talk for Real Times" something that fits right into Beaulieu modus operandi, one that is brash and bold with no holds barred

For his hard work and the lives he's touched over several decades Paul Beaulieu is Trailblazer for February, 2013.

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for serving the
New Orleans Community
for
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MARCH 2013

NICOLE SLACK JONES*Changing the World with the Gift of Song*

Nicole Slack Jones has traveled the world pleasing audiences with her magnificent voice and stage presence. In her years as a performer she has become a renowned singer, actress, international product endorser and humanitarian. She has become an ambassador of her native New Orleans, showing the best of what the City has to offer. Part of Nicole's mission is constantly working to improve the lives of people, where she places special emphasis on young girls and women across the globe.

Hailing from New Orleans, Nicole was recently featured on an episode of OWN (Oprah Winfrey Network) show *Blackboard Wars*, a reality show that was shot at her alma mater

John McDonough Senior High School, where she is helping put together a choir. Nicole performed at last year at UNESCO (United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization) during its first International Jazz Day where the culture of New Orleans was highlighted at the gathering of people from all over the world.

Nicole Slack Jones embodies the essence of a twenty-first century woman. She has become a success on her own terms and is giving back to women across the globe and changing the world with her gift of song. For this contribution named Nicole Slack Jones our Trailblazer for the month of March 2013.

APRIL 2013

DR. L'ISSA GATES*A Prescription for a Better Community*

Every aspect of L'Issa Gates' life is dedicated to serving others. L'Issa Gates M.D. is a local pediatrician whose work helping young people extends beyond her office. She is someone that is steeped in the spirit of giving to those in need. L'Issa says uplifting others and being part of a positive change in the community is something that's always been a part of her life.

Dr. Gates is a woman of faith working inside her church with the young people and feels that one of the things missing in today's youth is a solid spiritual foundation, and she feels this is essential to them having success in their lives. Additionally, she serves on the

advisory board for the Care and Development of Young Children (CDYC) Program at Delgado Community College. There she leads workshops for the students to educate them about medical and developmental topics that will enhance their learning of the care of young children."

As our City rebuilds we need many soldiers on the frontlines that are advocates of positive change, Dr. Gates is one of them giving her prescription for what needs to be done to make New Orleans a better City for all of its citizens and she is the Trailblazer of the Month for April, 2013

Latest March on Washington More Diverse

By Freddie Allen
NNPA Washington
Correspondent

WASHINGTON (NNPA) – The 50th Anniversary for the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom celebrated a more diverse coalition and needs, but the central themes resonated around voting rights, jobs, gun violence and equality in minority communities.

At this year's march, Blacks, progressive Whites and the labor movement were joined by Latino groups and Native Americans, Asian Americans, the Gay and Lesbian community and members of women's rights and children's rights organizations to protect Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder credited Dr. King for bringing about profound changes in the U.S.

"Their march is now our march," he said. "Our focus has broadened to include the cause of women, of Latinos, of Asian-Americans, of lesbians, of gays, of people with disabilities and of countless others across this great country who still yearn for equality, opportunity and fair treatment as we recommit ourselves to the quest for justice."

Al Sharpton, founder of the National Action Network and one of the key organizers of this year's "National Action to Realize the Dream" said the march was built on activists who stood on the same ground five decades earlier.

"There will be those that

miscast this as some great social event but let us remember that 50 years ago some came to Washington having rode on the back of buses, some came to Washington that couldn't stop and buy a cup of coffee until they got across the Mason-Dixon line, that couldn't buy a cup of coffee, some came to Washington after sleeping in their cars because they couldn't rent a motel room, some came to Washington never having had the privilege to vote some came having seen their friends shed blood, but they came to Washington so that we could come today in a different time and a different place and we owe them for what we have today."

Sharpton upbraided those who denigrate past suffering.

"Don't act like whatever you

achieved you achieved because you were that smart, you got there because some unlettered grandmas who never saw the inside of a college campus who put their bodies on the line in Alabama and Mississippi and sponsored you up here."

Fifty years ago, Dr. King said that America gave Blacks a check that bounced in the bank of justice and was returned marked insufficient funds.

Sharpton said that we re-deposited the check, only to have the check bounce again.

This time it was marked 'stop payment,' he said.

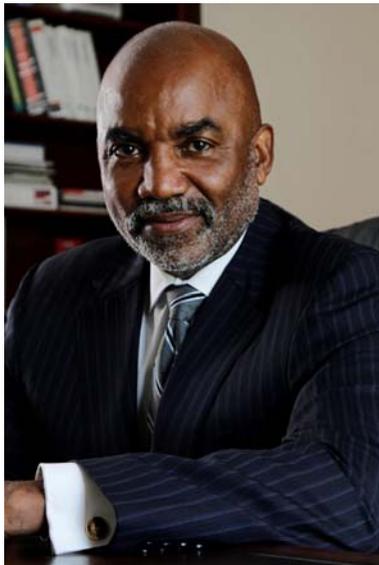
Families from across the nation attended the march together, the tragedy of the shooting death of Trayvon Martin and the underlying consequences of racial profil-

ing heavy on their hearts.

Mtangulizi Sanyika, former professor of African World Studies at Dillard University in New Orleans, attended the 1963 march and noted the differences between that march and the 2013 march.

"There was an intensity in the air," said Sanyika of the 1963 march. "There was a deep concern about the role of the federal government and the Kennedy administration there was a concern about the movement and whether the movement was going to be crushed or not there was tension about John Lewis' speech and there was an over coalition of religious organizations and labor in the planning designing and delivery of that march."

Councilman James Gray



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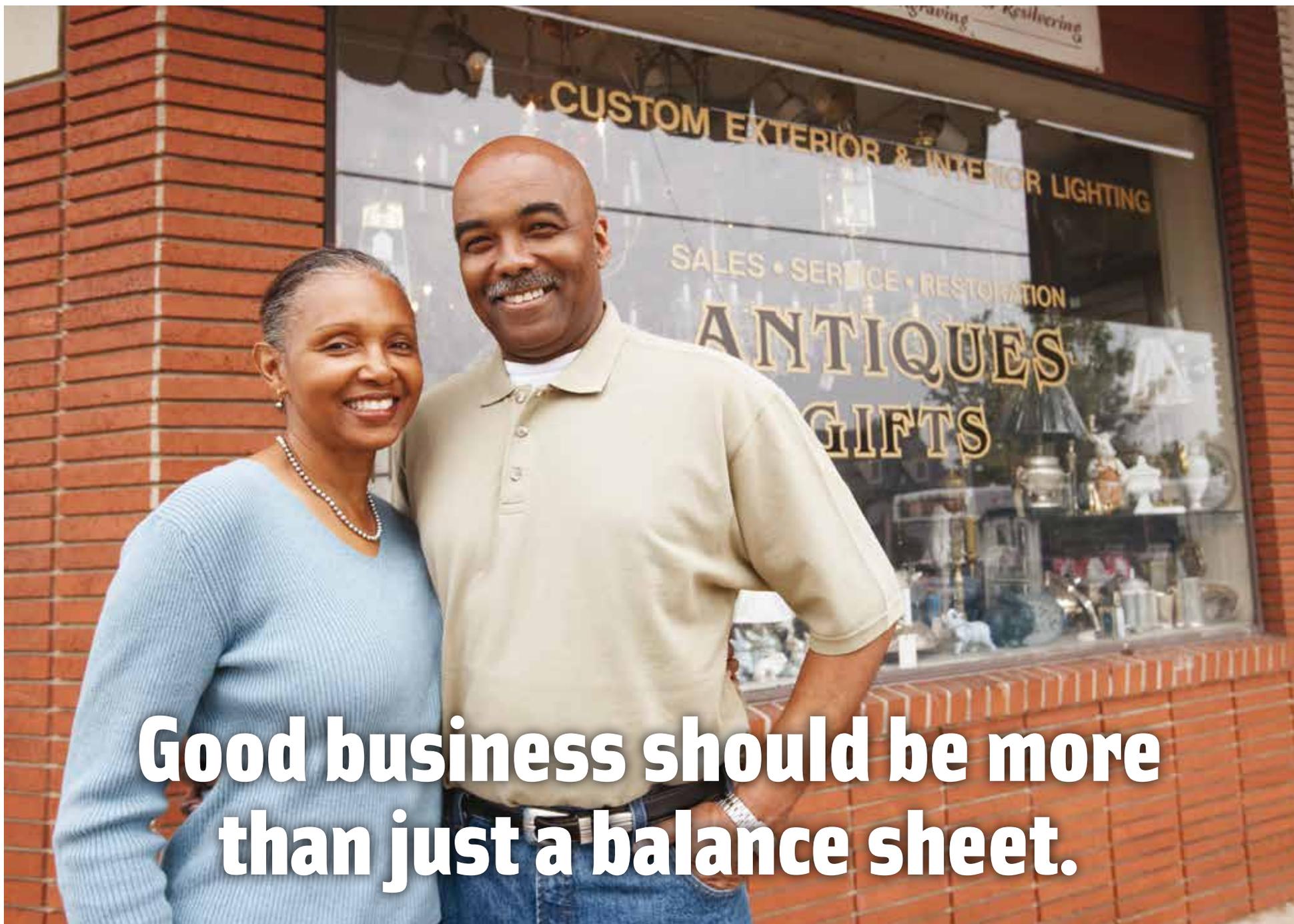
Hon. Dale N. Atkins

Clerk, Civil District Court, Orleans Parish



As Clerk of Civil District Court of Orleans Parish, I would like to extend well wishes to Data News Weekly on 47 years of service to the community and congratulations to the twelve (12) Trailblazers on their accomplishments.

Happy 47th Anniversary to the Data News Weekly



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*Charles Rice
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