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## Pipeline to the People

# Data News Speaks to Citizens About Issues That are Important to them During this Election

By Edwin Buggage

In our role as the People's Paper we went out in the community and spoke to a cross section of citizens about what they feel are the issues during this election.



**Anthony Patton**

Voting in 2012 has become a moral obligation in the Black community. No matter what side you fall on, we must be engaged and demand that our agenda be heard. My key issues are the economy and Black business development at the federal, state, and local levels. I have been a business owner for over 12 years and have had the awesome privilege to hire more than 100 employees over time. There is no question small business is the engine that will address jobless-

ness and crime reduction. Black-owned businesses have leveraged too much, especially here in Louisiana, we need the same bailout our fellow corporate billionaires received or at least community lenders who can circumvent the banking system, (who by the way were bailed out), and give our businesses and community a fighting chance. These are some of the things we must challenge the President to do if he is elected to a second-term. Give 34,000,000 Black Businesses \$1,000,000.00, (the equivalent of the auto bailout for the Big 3 auto companies totaled \$34 billion in government loans.) and watch how many jobs we create, how much new innovation and consumer spending will increase, and how crime will go down from new job opportunities and development of Black wealth. I appreciate the President as a representative of all people, but it's been far too long for him to offer a Black agenda.



**Vera Warren-Williams**

My biggest concern with the Races that are presently taking place is what would be the outcome for poor and middle-class families? If this election goes the wrong way, I would say it could be more devastating than a flood or massive fire. On the subject of health care Ryan and Romney want to put the health care in the hands of local government which living in Louisiana we know how that is working out, and this is a dangerous path to go down with not as many health care options in New Orleans post-Katrina. As an advocate for children

I felt saddened by the recent incident that made me think about how some of our young people are suffering at the hands of mentally ill parents. And that there are not enough services for them which leads to greater societal ills such as homelessness. If this election goes the wrong way the tax structure will have middle-class and the working poor paying more like during the Bush years. If we do not get out and vote the war will continue as we "risk" more of our children's lives for the sake creating jobs while we are outsourcing industrial ones. And as far as the educational system we would revert back in teaching servitude and class, caste systems with the notion of whose better than whom? This is an indicator of what we can expect if our country returns to "their" control again. We can sit back and choose not to exercise our right to vote and complain about how "bad" things are but we will be in for economic and social horrors unimaginable so please get out and vote.



**Charles Dickerson**

My number one issue is education in urban schools. I feel as we move forward as a nation, the most untapped resource we have in this country is our urban youth. And it is important that we become more vigilant in investing them so that they can reach their full potential.

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

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



**Melanie Thandiwe Edwards**

As a college graduate, a female, and unemployed, I have my concerns on what will happen in the next four years not only for me but for generations. There are too many people I know that are in the same shoes, educated and without work. This is an issue that must be

addressed; that people who have played by the rules and prepared themselves through going to school and cannot find employment which matches their educational attainment. I hear both candidates talking about job creation and we need to know exactly where these jobs will come from, and will they provide livable wages. My other biggest concern is health care, I personally am pro-choice and believe that if a politician doesn't believe in birth control or abortion that is his/her right to their said belief, yet we cannot go back to the days of backrooms and coat hangers. Abortion needs to stay legal as it has been for the last fifty years so it can be safely done. These are my concerns.

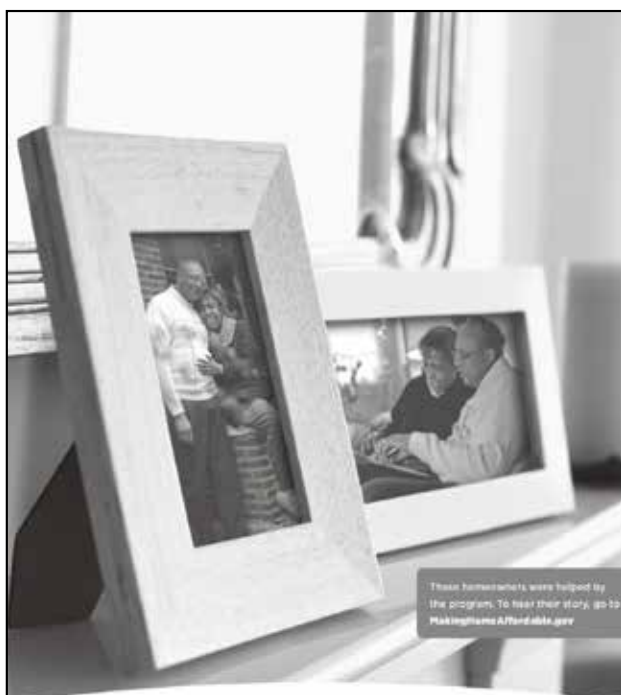


**Micah Boyd**

As a young person I am looking forward to voting in my first Presidential Election. I feel the 2012 presidential election to me comes down to one thing it is all about the economy. Though President Obama in his four years in office has not had support from congressional Republicans, he's found a way to get some things done. In these

debates I find President Obama to be more steeped in the future and representative of where we are in the 21st Century. He consistently hammers on what his plans are to manage the deficit more efficiently; while Governor Romney and his polices are warmed over ideas from the past that didn't work then and unlikely to work now. He continues to ramble on about his five-point plan that continues to sound like the same old recycled republican agenda. Governor Romney has failed to provide a clear idea of what his tax plan is. I think whichever candidate clarifies his plan to manage the deficit, decrease unemployment, and grow the domestic economy will likely win, even if they lie to do so.

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Local Zumba® instructor Shona McKinney and the Party in Pink Group

Greater New Orleans residents will have an opportunity to get fit while supporting breast cancer awareness at a Party in Pink™ Zumbathon® event on Saturday, Oct. 27.


Local Zumba® instructor Shona McKinney is hosting the Party in Pink™ Zumbathon®, which will be held at Encore, 3940 Tulane Ave. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 if purchased at the door. Seventy-five percent of the ticket proceeds will benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure® in support of breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment programs.

"The Party in Pink™ Zumbathon® is a wonderful opportunity

to support Susan G. Komen for the Cure® while getting a rigorous workout," said McKinney, who also teaches weekly Zumba® classes at Finales Fitness Express in New Orleans East. "I am very excited about the event and I am looking forward to having a great time for a great cause."

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# Rickey F. Wilson Jr.

## *Restoring Hope*

By Eric Connerly

Rickey Favon Wilson, Jr., is a native of New Orleans who has dedicated his life to giving back. He is the son of Rickey F. Wilson Sr. whom he nursed during a fatal battle with cancer. These and many other events helped shape a man who today is armed with compassion and empathy. He is the embodiment and epitomizes overcoming struggle and hardships. At the tender age of 11 because of family violence Rickey and his brother became homeless. Recounting those days Wilson says, "I remember those were tough times for us because of the trouble we had at home we had to fend for ourselves, but it was many people of goodwill who helped us during those times and I think about that. And so now I give back because at what was the toughest time in my life so many people gave to me."



Photo by Mike B. the Grind

Although he began life with many 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 Rickey's Car Stereo & Customs. He has been in business for fifteen years now and 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. I feel the things I teach them are important to their growth and development and I now have to think about getting a larger space because we want to help more kids."

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. Wilson feels communication and empathy is key to breaking through with troubled youth, "I feel that sometimes what happens with our young people is that those who try to help them oftentimes do not have the vocabulary and the background to get through to

them, I have walked in many of these kids' shoes. I know how to help them because I was once them, I stood in their shoes."

Recently he and the Youth Team presented the 6TH ANNUAL STOP THE VIOLENCE CAR SHOW & EMPOWERMENT FAIR. During this event 300 people show up from a cross section of the community, some who he's helped go from hopeless to hopeful. "In my time doing this work I have talked to many kids, with some at the brink of doing things that could be harmful to themselves and others, and I told them of the consequences of these actions and what I've found in some of the so-called worse kids is they needed somebody to listen to them and understand what they're going through. And I feel whatever I can do to help as many young people this will forever be my life's mission. It is like my ministry except I use my business as my church to help save lives."

Rickey is a proud father of five and he is a dedicated to being there for his children, "What I want for my children is what most parents want, that is a better life than I had; I want them to pursue whatever it is they desire and I will be there in every way to support them. And further I want them to see how I give unselfishly of myself and hope they would follow in that tradition." Rickey Wilson Jr. is a man who has come through adversity and his resilience and dedicated spirit to give back is to be admired and should be emulated. 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 November 2012.

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# Shoot Ya Best Shot!

## Black Men of Labor Fall Evening Gala

Photos by Terry Jones

Black Men of Labor celebrated their Fall Evening Gala filled with music and heritage. The event featured the BMOL Second Line Group, The Yellow Pocahontas Indians, and Treme Brass Band. This year's gala honored the founders Fred J. Johnson Jr., Benny Jones Sr., and Gregory Stafford.



## Tremé Bicentennial Celebration

Photos by Terry Jones & Eric Connerly

Tremé, the oldest African-American neighborhood in the U.S. celebrated its 200th Anniversary and Data News Weekly was there.



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# Shoot Ya Best Shot!

## Broadmoor Fest

Photos by Terry Jones

The 7th Annual Broadmoor Fest turned out to be a great success. With Lady BJ as the host for the large variety of entertainment, and several community leaders in attendance; including LaToya Cantrell who is running for Councilmember for District B



Master Gardeners Donna Childress and Calla Victoria at the Gardening Diva's Booth



Sharon Martin and friend chowing down at the Fest



Latoya Cantrell and supporters



Staff from Quilting booth



First Emanuel Baptist Church Mass Choir perform at Fest

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# By Any Means Necessary

## Is There a GOP's Conspiracy to Win the 2012 Presidential Election?



Edwin Buggage  
Editor-in-Chief

It is ten days before Americans go to the polls to vote for President of the United States. And while I am excited about Election Day I am troubled about what has happened to the Republican Party during this election cycle. And the sad fact that they have made this entire four years about unseating President Obama, even if it meant the American People were to suffer at the hands of unprecedented amounts of obstructionism in the U.S. Congress.

This sad journey down the political low road began on January 20th 2009 at an invitation only meeting that was held by leading Republicans in Congress, and one of those included in this meeting was none other than Vice-Presidential candidate Paul Ryan along with 11 other members of Congress. Also in attendance was GOP pollster, strategist and Fox News Contributor Frank Luntz and also on hand was former Speaker of the House

and 2012 Presidential Candidate Newt Gingrich. In this four-hour meeting it was discussed how they would do whatever was necessary to make certain President-Elect Barack Obama would be a one-term President. And I would argue that it was shameful for our country that those in their thirst and lust for power would sabotage the legislative process at the expense of the American people in what is one of the worse economic times since the Great Depression.

And in these four years we have seen a Republican insurgency in the Tea Party movement that has silenced any voice of moderation and cooperation in their party. Also in these four years the larger American public has been introduced to organizations and people it never heard of in what seems to be the surfacing of a shadow government of plutocrats (super-rich) rearing its head and those in the GOP who take their marching orders and serve their interest. What we have seen in the last four years is expanded Democracy challenged on many fronts. Today, we see attempts to disenfranchise voters, challenges to women rights, workers' rights to organize mass amounts of xenophobia and race baiting. And I ask what's happened to America in four years?

Today we hear of groups like The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), Citizens

United and billionaires like the Koch Brothers and Sheldon Adelson. Also there are super-pac's with names like Restore Our Future and American Crossroads. While these patriotic names may sound like concerned citizen groups, they have more insidious plans spending billions of dollars in their attempt to hijack democracy. These organizations are akin to The John Birch Society that was formed in 1958 during the Civil Rights Era and had a similar ideology of the obstructionist of today: Original interpretation of the U.S. Constitution, limited government, and opposition to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 claiming it violated the 10th Amendment (States' Rights). This is the same arguments posed today by some on the political right and if they gain political traction it would be a sad day for America.

During this election cycle we have seen the work of strategist Frank Luntz who is the author of a book entitled, "Words that Work: It's Not What You Say, it's What People Hear." And the GOP has used this philosophy throughout the election cycle using deceptive and misleading statements trying to fool the electorate. It has been a campaign where Romney's pollster Neil Newhouse said "We're not going to let our campaign be dictated by fact checkers." And that's just what they have done, with their many etch-a-sketch moments

that have shown the many faces of Mitt Romney. In this campaign he has been politically schizophrenic and has been as honest with the American People as a used car salesman or better yet a door-to-door salesman saying whatever he has to say in making his sales pitch to the American People.

Recently, we have witnessed a surge in Mitt Romney's poll numbers, but I feel they are a lot less about support for him and more about some who have feelings of antipathy towards President Obama and what he represents. And it is shameful that there are those in this country still holding onto feelings of racial animus and this is being exploited by Romney and company who talk about the food stamp president and in creating the perception that he is some foreign menace that threatens the future of America.

I am saddened that we have taken this turn for the worse as I remember four years ago we thought that in the 21st Century we would have matured in the areas of tolerance and respect of difference. And that we have evolved into a nation that is bound together by the same strands of liberty, fairness, and justice for all people. And in understanding that it makes our country stronger and not weaker, and that we have amended ourselves into becoming a more just and fair nation. But with some of

the rhetoric coming from some segments of the right you would think it was the 1950's or worst the 1850's right before the nation was on the verge of the Civil War. It is a sad day in this country that some are fanning the flames of misunderstanding to dangerous degrees, but is shortsighted because after this election is over, we must get to the business of governing for what is in the best interest of the citizens of this country, because we cannot continue to have more obstruction.

But I realize even in the face of the political storm coming from the ultra-conservative right, that there is a silver lining behind the clouds of negativity and obstruction. We must keep in mind that no conspiracy no matter how well coordinated can thwart the collective voice of people getting out to the polls and voting. As evidenced during the last presidential contest overall 65% of African-Americans who were registered to vote went to the polls to cast a ballot. And surprisingly of 18-24 year old Blacks registered voters voted in higher numbers with 55.4% versus 49.4% of Whites and in the 25-44 demographic it was 64% Black to 62.1% White. So when people get out and vote they can make a difference and while there may or may not be a conspiracy by the GOP, one thing is clear voting matters. So on November 6th get to the polls by any means necessary.

## Data News Endorsements



Terry B. Jones  
Publisher

This country is at a crossroads and November 6th is a day that can change the face of history.

It is a day where we can either maintain the progress many have fought and died for or it can erase and erode our strides towards freedom, justice and equality. In this election cycle we have faced many challenges as some are working hard to turn back the hands of time and wrestle power out of the hands of Black leaders. This is not only a test for President Obama and other Black elected officials, this is a test for us to show our collective strength, and so we must go out to the polls and vote in record numbers. We must make a statement that we cannot be turned

around. And in these days we need leaders who will stand with us and fight for the rights of our people and not let others turn back the clock on many of the gains we have worked so hard to achieve. And we as "The People's Paper" stand with our community and feel that we have such leaders on the local, state and national stage that fits these criteria, so Data News Weekly is proud to endorse the following candidates.

### President Barack Obama:

President Barack Obama made history four years ago becoming the first African-American Presi-



Data News Weekly Publisher  
Terry Jones and President  
Barack Obama.

dent. He has ushered in policies that have given the American people universal health coverage, he saved the automobile industry, we have had over 2 ½ years of job growth in the private sector, we are now bringing home troops from Iraq and Osama Bin Laden and Al Qaeda has been brought to justice. President Obama has been able to accomplish all these things in spite of unprecedented congressional obstruction. He has done these things in spite of a concerted effort by those who

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# Central City Ministry Celebrates Purchase of Old St. Monica Facility with Ribbon Cutting

**(Urban Impact Ministries (UIM) transforms idle property into thriving church and community center)**

Urban Impact Ministries (UIM) and Castle Rock Community Church is inviting the entire New Orleans community to join them for a weekend of family activities as they celebrate the grand opening of their new facility at the former St. Monica's Catholic Church, 2323 S. Galvez Street. The celebration will take place over the weekend of October 26-28, 2012. Kickoff activities include a ribbon cutting on Friday October 26th at 3 p.m. District B Councilwoman, Diana Bajoie, Council Vice President, Jackie Clarkson, and State Representative for District 92, Neil Abramson will be in attendance to offer remarks. Barbara Lacen Keller will represent Council President Stacy Head, who will be on travel; and Tyrone Walker from the Mayor's office will also attend.

The ribbon cutting will be followed by a community picnic on the church grounds. On Saturday, the community is invited to an open dialogue and talk on "Racial Reconciliation and Inclusion" with Dr. Alvin Sanders, of the Evangelical Free Church of America. The time is 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday's activities conclude with a celebration banquet in the sanctuary from 6 to 8 p.m. The



Urban Impact Ministries led by Pastor John Gerhardt (pictured) will celebrate their Grand Opening of their new facility located in the former St. Monica's Catholic Church, 2323 S. Galvez Street, October 26 - 28.

weekend celebration ends with a church service on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Dr. Alvin Sanders will deliver the sermon.

Urban Impact Ministries, led by Pastor John Gerhardt, purchased the central city property from the Archdiocese in May of last year, and in short order have renovated it and are in full programmatic swing. Urban Impact Ministries was established in 1989 as part of the Evangelical Free Church of America's outreach program in urban communities. Pastor Gerhardt, who moved to the city in 1992 to work with the ministry, became director in 2004. Before purchasing the former St. Monica's facility, Urban Impact Ministries and Castle Rock Community Church operated out of a single building located at 1529

Oretha Castle Haley, in the heart of central city. The building was formerly a bank, a union hall and before that, a dance hall. The ministry had long outgrown the facil-

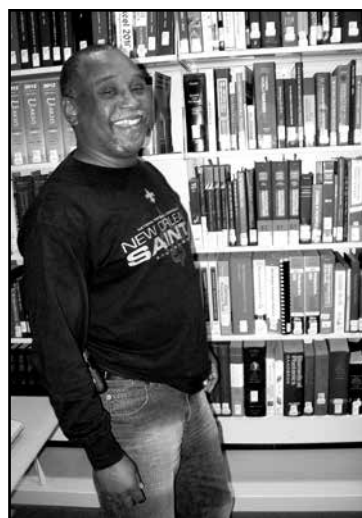
ity and was looking for a more suitable property. "I know that God works in his own time, but I'm glad he decided it was time for us to find St. Monica's," Said Pastor Gerhardt. The new facility includes the church, and the former school building, including an attached cafeteria which now serves as the sanctuary and a multi-purpose facility. The actual St. Monica's church building will soon be transformed into a youth church that will feature services designed by youth members.

St. Monica's Parish was established in 1924 as a mission church. It was closed, however, in 2008 and combined with two other parishes, partly because of a dwindling parishioner base and partly because of the devastation suffered by Hurricane Katrina a few years earlier. Now, the facility has new life and is generally

buzzing with activity as children and young adults move about, engaged in everything from sports and recreation activities, to educational activities, tutoring and after school care. Gerhardt, who has devoted his life's work to the central city community, encourages the community to come out and see the work they are doing. "I want everyone to have fun at our grand opening, but I also want people to see that we can, and are making a difference, one life, one family at a time."

For more information about Urban Impact Ministries grand opening celebration at the former St. Monica's church, call Helen Harris at 523-5556 or go on line to [www.urbanimpact.org](http://www.urbanimpact.org).

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**Almore Cato**

I believe the next group of elected public servants should address the crime problem in the greater metropolitan area of New Orleans. This should be the number one issue. Secondly, I think more wealthy local African-Americans should reinvest in citywide economic developments. We have enough wealth in our community to make a difference without de-

pending so heavily on government initiatives such as "DBE's". The presidential race will most probably be the most important race of the decade. Simply put, it's a race between the "haves" and "have-nots" Governor Romney represents the "1%" (plutocrats) that control most of this country's wealth whereas President Obama represent the "99%" (the rest of us). I believe this country has

been sabotaged by the Republican Party for the sake of their greed for wealth and power. Their social policies advocated will set women back fifty years. I can't understand what sensible person would vote the republican ticket unless they're rich or intolerant of this country's cultural and religious diversity.

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## Credit Adjustment For Boil Water Event

The Sewerage and Water Board is informing customers that they will receive a one-day credit adjustment on their October bill to reflect the recent "Boil Water" event.

Executive Director, Marcia St. Martin said, "It is our intention to provide potable drinking water every day. In consideration of the Boil Water Advisory, we determined that it was prudent not to

charge customers for water usage during that event."

The October water and sewer bill will include a credit adjustment for the average of one-day of usage during that billing period. Ms. St. Martin noted that this adjustment is limited to customers in the east bank service area and is for water service only, as sewer service was not interrupted.

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tried to conspire against him. And we cannot allow voices of hate and negativity to take us off our stride towards a new and better America. So we must stand with President Obama and keep moving this country forward.

#### Cedric Richmond:

Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District has seen Cedric Richmond grow from being a State Representative, to become a United States Congressman we can be proud of. During the Mid-Term elections of 2010 President Barack Obama came out and supported Cedric Richmond's run to represent Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District. Since 2010 on Capitol Hill, there has been much partisanship, but Cedric Richmond has become a standout among his peers. Senior House member and third ranking Democratic Congressman, South Carolina's James Clyburn predicts that Richmond will emerge as one of the top leaders in the U.S. Congress. In his first term he

is making his mark and building the relationships to bring much needed resources to Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District. And now as he is in new political terrain with a redrawn district it is even more important that we support Cedric Richmond because we do not want to lose someone who has become a rising star and brings to the table our voice in the U.S. Congress. He has proven in the past that he will fight for all his constituents and that is why we at Data News Weekly strongly endorse Cedric Richmond.

#### James Gray:

New Orleans City Council District E. In the race for City Council District E, a section of the City that covers New Orleans East and the Lower Ninth Ward, it is a district that has come so far since Hurricane Katrina, but still has a long way to go. It is in need of a leader who understands the community at the grass roots level, but also has the ability to sit at the table with business leaders to

bring much needed resources to the district. And of this field one candidate stands out that displays both qualities and that is James Gray. He and his family that includes his daughter Cheryl Gray-Evans, a former State Representative and Senator and his wife Juvenile Court Judge Ernestine Gray are rooted in serving their community. He is someone who's spent his entire adult life helping those in need. In addition he's built a successful law practice. I feel he is a man of integrity and will be a great advocate for the constituents of District E. And as this race continues Gray is racking up endorsements from a cross section of citizens groups, a testament to a man whose credentials are impeccable and unmatched in this race. And we feel he is best suited to fill this seat, so Data News Weekly endorses James Gray in the race for City Council District E.

**GET OUT AND VOTE AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD. ONLY TOGETHER CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**



Pictured left to right are New Orleans City Council District E Candidate James Gray, Data News Weekly Publisher Terry Jones and Congressman Cedric Richmond..

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#### Alexis Sakari

As a citizen living below the poverty line, because I am underemployed, the most important aspect of this election is how and when these candidates can put Americans back to work. In 2010, the amount of Americans living in poverty was at a record high since the Great Depression. This is a social problem plaguing America. I admit that I am biased

in this election toward Obama, because my father always told me, stick with what you know and be weary of what you don't. So, President Obama has been in office for the past four years, and has done a decent job considering the bad economic crisis that he inherited. He will need another 4 years to really make a positive impact in regards to creating more jobs.

#### Wilbert Wilson

After watching the debates as well as the last four years, I see the country has a long way to go in racial relations. The disrespect that President Obama has had to endure shows that although we have come far in our journey towards justice and equality, we still have a long way to go. These elections both on the national and local side have far reaching implications so it is important that we get



out and vote. But I also would like to say that voting by itself will not change our community; we have to be involved in activities that will uplift our community socially, economically, educationally and politically. It is time for us to not look at only government for solutions and realize that shaping our future is up to us.

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# Citrus Harvesting

By MG Calla Victoria

If you are lucky enough to have citrus trees in your yard, it is now harvest time! I have a Lemon tree, two Tangelo trees, a Satsuma tree, an Orange tree, and they all are full of fruit right now.

When cutting citrus from the tree you should always leave a little of the branch on with the fruit. You can see a demonstration video of this technique on my website [www.thegardeningdiva.com](http://www.thegardeningdiva.com) on the Gardening Articles page.

If you have the time and you are going to be diligent, you can leave the fruit on the tree until they are completely ripe, what we call "tree ripened" fruit. But if you don't stay on top of that some of the fruit will stay too long and rot. Or you can pick them off the tree when they are nearly ripe, place them on a counter and let them finish ripening there.

Unless you have a very large and thirsty family, your citrus harvest is going to be tons more than you need. So now you get to share your bounty with your friends and



neighbors, and whoever else you can pawn some off to. Then what do you do with the rest of the harvest, after you have exhausted all other means of disbursing your bounty? Simply squeeze the juice of the fruit and freeze it. So rather than buying frozen orange juice from the market, it's right there in your freezer. A neat way to freeze citrus juice is to freeze the juice in ice trays, so when you want to make lemonade you just pop out a few cubes, add sugar and water

and there you have lemonade, already chilled. But let's get back to the squeezing, I hope you are not still using one of those so-called juicers that you have to cut the lemons in half and grind them on that plastic apparatus. The very best and easiest way to juice lemons is to put them in pot of water, and bring the water to a boil for about five minutes. Take the lemons out and CAREFULLY pierce them with a knife, and I emphasize carefully because if you are

not careful the juice and pulp will explode all over you. Happy harvesting!

My advice on purchasing citrus trees:

Never buy a citrus tree that does not have fruit already on it. When I brought my lemon tree back in 2007, even though it was in a little 6 inch pot and was only 6 inches tall, it had lemons on it and it has never stopped bearing. The other fruit trees that I purchased did not have fruit on them, and they took several years before they started bearing. For my Satsuma, this is the first time I have fruit on that tree since 2007.

Check out my "Gardening Tip of the Week" at [www.thegardeningdiva.com/Gardening\\_Tip\\_of\\_the\\_Week.html](http://www.thegardeningdiva.com/Gardening_Tip_of_the_Week.html)

If you would like to enter your garden in our "Garden of the Week" Contest, email photos of you and your garden to [sowing@thegardeningdiva.com](mailto:sowing@thegardeningdiva.com)

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Filmmaker Kiel Adrian Scott



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an award-winning short film written and directed by Scott himself. The short explores relationships, abuse, betrayal, and deceit. This riveting drama grips the psyche and stops you dead in your tracks from beginning to end. Following the screening guests participated in an in depth Q&A session with Kiel Adrian Scott. After the Q&A ses-

sion guests basked in the quaint ambiance of Roux Public House. To learn more about the Kiel Adrian Scott and this film as well as upcoming projects visit [omniamericanpictures.com](http://omniamericanpictures.com). Roux Public House is located in the Lower Garden District at 1910 Magazine Street. Do you know an artist that should be showcased? Visit [thearts-onfire.org](http://thearts-onfire.org).

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