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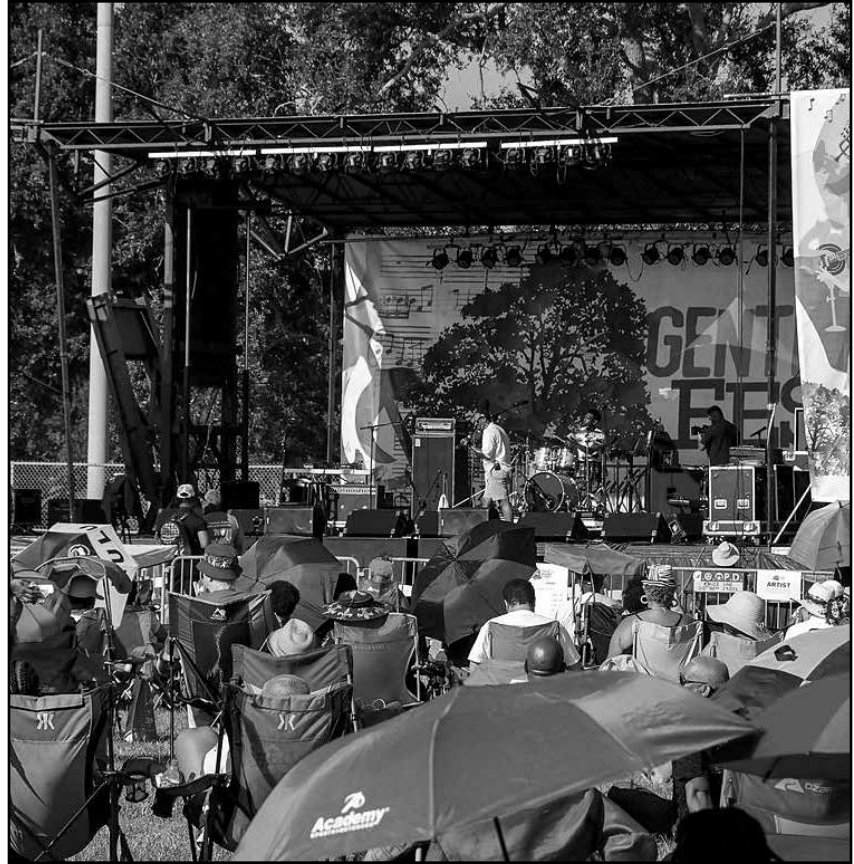
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Edwin Buggage
Editor-in-Chief Data News Weekly

The best community festival is back and better than ever. Gentilly Fest, presented by NOTCF New Orleans Tourism Cultural Fund on October 11th, 12th and 13th. It will again be taking place in the historic Pontchartrain Park playground, on the corner of Press

and Prentiss Drive. It promises to be an amazing weekend of music, food and family fun. Featuring three stages of live music, the festival has a little something for everybody.

"Our dedicated sponsors are committed to participating in this annual event that helps make our city special: great neighborhoods, world-class music, artists, and delicious food," says Festival Chair Gretchen Bradford.

The festival has a stellar lineup of artists that will be gracing the stages:

On Friday night Oct. 11th, at 6:00 pm the festival will kick off the "Jazz under the Stars" concert series sponsored in partnership with Love Notes Music & Arts Foundation. The musical lineup begins with DJ Juane Jordan, Girls Play Trumpets Too, Troy Sawyer & The Elementz, and All Strings Attached featuring Michael

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Ward & Sons Shaun & Cortes. All main stage artists are sponsored by the New Orleans Cultural Tourism Fund and hosted by special guest TV Personality Malik Mingo.

Main Stage, Saturday, Oct. 12th

The festival will kick off at 12 noon, and feature acts including: Kari Jay Terrence & The Fortress, JP Latin Band, Shaggadelic & The Raw Revolution, NOLA Resistance, Royal Essence, DJ Spin Griffey, Jeff Floyd I Found Love on a Lonely Hwy), and closing with Hot Boy Ronald.



Gospel Tent Saturday, Oct. 12th

St. Thomas Community Health Center and Metropolitan Human Services District will sponsor this very popular attraction. It will feature soulful performances by choirs from throughout the city. The lineup includes: Anointed 2 Worship, St. Raymond- St. Leo Choir, Park Community Choir, Grace United Methodist Church, Watson Memorial, Greater St. Stephen FGBC Choir, Tyronne Foster, Arc Singers, DC Cross, and Tonia Scott & The Anointed Voices.

Main Stage Sunday, Oct. 13th

Will feature, DJ B Sharp, Blair Dottin Hayley, Iris P, Juice, T-Ray the Violinist & The Trendsetters, BRW Singing Group, Rachele Cook & FREE Generations and closing with CUPID.

Gospel Tent Sunday, Oct. 13th

The amazing lineup includes Bethel Colony South Men's Ministry, The Anointed Joylettes, Shades of Praise, Creative to Worship, Craig Adam & the Voices of New

Orleans, Felicia Travis, Jada Tanner and Bishop Tyrone Jefferson and "DA" TAB.

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Our goal is that it continues to be a vibrant festival that exhibits everything we love about New Orleans," says Bradford.

The festival offers delicious food from 24 various local vendors and caterers. Over 60 Arts & Crafts vendors will showcase and sell their beautiful creations. These artists and small business vendors will have something to offer everyone.

Additionally, the City of New Orleans Cultural Fund is sponsoring The Kids Village which will provide a Kids Entertainment Stage showcasing our talented youth, face painting, storytelling and activities for everyone. This year Gentilly Fest will introduce the "Kids Village Youth Entrepreneur Program" which encourages youth to sell products they create.

Health and wellness are important in the African American community. Creating awareness regarding this issue is something Bradford is very passionate about stressing to festivalgoers, "While you're at the festival don't forget to get the latest wellness information at the Nest Health Whole Family Healthcare re Medical Tent or

check out Dillard University Community Center's Wellness tent."

In the spirit of giving back to the community, Gentilly Fest will have a \$500 scholarship drawing to local university students who volunteer at least sixteen hours of service at the festival. For more details: <https://www.gentillyfestyouth.org/>

Experience our VIP Tent by ordering your VIP Pass today! \$75/Day or \$140 for a 3-day pass, includes light refreshments, 2 beverages, special seating, and free parking! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gentilly-fest-vip-tent-experience-2024-tickets-1010817561537> The entire weekend has something to offer everyone!

For more information visit: www.GentillyFestival.com

Festival Hours:

Friday, October 11th:
Festival starts 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 12th:
Festival Starts 12:00 noon - 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 13th:
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Fall Into Fashion



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As cooler temperatures roll in, get ready for a fusion of fall fashions to rollout! This fall season fashion forecast calls for a combination of comfort, culture and edgy style that



HIDE BAGS: Natural



Andrea Valentina: Purple tulle tier train dress



Dartanya Croff: Green and pink patterned maxi dress with side cutouts



Dartanya Croff: Pink & red crochet 2-piece set, crop top and skirt



Italy Direct: Royal blue, windowpane slim suit with red button front shirt



Negriz Lebrum: Plaid mustard color lady's slim pants suit



Negriz Lebrum: Finale' walk

hits all passion points. Many looks recently showcased at New Orleans Fashion Week by designers brought a modern flair with a bold flair while keeping up with the latest global styles.

Vibrant Colors and Patterns: While fall traditionally ushers in earthy tones, New Orleanians be ready for a burst of bold, vibrant hues—think bright oranges, deep purples, and rich blues. In a city known for its festivals and lively street life, expect to see garments adorned with intricate patterns, including floral

designs and geometric prints that celebrate the culture of the Crescent City.

Tailored Suits with a Twist: Southern style has always balanced elegance and ease, and this fall, expect to see impeccably tailored suits, with modern updates. Relaxed blazers, oversized trousers, and unique fabrics like corduroy and velvet will dominate. Paired with loafers or statement boots, these looks offer comfort and sophistication.

Layered Bohemian Style: Light layers are key for transitioning from warm afternoons

to cooler evenings. From handcrafted crochet pieces to flowy dresses, midi skirts, and tiered tunics will be layered with leather jackets or cozy knit cardigans. Be prepared for bohemian-inspired outfits featuring fringe, embroidery, and wide-brimmed hats perfect for outdoor concerts and art markets and festivals.

Fall fashions this season in New Orleans promises to merge the vibrant culture with global style and deliver striking, personality-driven fashions that reflect New Orleans dynamic spirit.

International Arts Festival 2024

Photos By Demian Roberts
Data News Weekly Contributor

The International Arts Foundation continues to promote the benefits of cultural diversity and its impact on New Orleans' unique culture. The International Arts Foundation is a non-profit organization founded by Ernest D. Kelly in 1987. The Foundation supports local community projects and economic development; and is committed to helping rebuild the City of New Orleans and revitalize the vibrant culture that New Orleans is known for.

The IAF uses traditional customs; music, dance, song, and folklore to further culturally enrich the community. It reflects a perfect synergy of New Orleans, Caribbean, African, South American, and European cultures. It keeps art, education, and international exchange an important component of its work.

The International Arts Festival is designed to promote unity via the irresistible appeal of music and arts. This year was no exception as artists from across the globe blessed the stage at Congo Square. Data News Weekly was there!!!



Spyro Gyra



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Steel Pulse



Irvin Mayfield



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Physicians Urge Black Men to take Preventative Action for their Health

Ja'lyn Jones
Data News Weekly
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Photos by Ja'lyn Jones and
Matthew Broussard

Black men account for a majority of diagnoses and deaths from health-related diseases, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and are 30-percent more likely to die from heart disease than non-Hispanic White men.

But it's not just heart related illnesses. Black men also have the highest cancer mortality rate of any racial or ethnic group in the United States. The American Cancer Society said Black men are about 50-percent more likely to develop prostate cancer and more than twice as likely to die from it compared to White men.

Ochsner Health partnered with Johnson & Johnson to host the Second Annual Black Men's Health Event to bring awareness to several of the health disparities that affect them. The event took place at the Marrero Community



(Pictured left to right): Tonia Moore (Director), Dr. Yvens Laborde, 3rd-left (Panelist), Congressman Troy Carter, Dr. Brian Pettiford (Panelist), Dr. Omotola Ashorobi (Panelist).

Center in Jefferson Parish on Saturday, Sept. 28th. Panelists from Ochsner Health discussed how Black men could take ownership of their health and the ways that Ochsner could be part of that solution.

"People don't fully understand that a lot of these diseases, or poor health outcomes are multi-factorial," said Dr. Yvens Laborde, one of the panelists and the Chief Commu-

nity Medical Officer for Ochsner. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound a cure, and so, in a way, this is what [this event] is about – making sure that we engage, inform, and empower, especially our Black men, in terms of what they need to do to ensure that we optimize and prioritize their health and well-being," he added.

An integral part of prevention is early detection. Panelists at the

event emphasized the need for Black men to get routine checkups and monitor their health.

"Without health, there are a lot of delayed diagnoses, potentially preventable procedures and surgeries that are encountered," said Dr. Omotola Ashorobi, a urologist who practices at Ochsner Health in New Orleans.

"We see that very clearly with patients who have diabetes who haven't been diagnosed in a timely fashion either due to lack of access of care or due to lack of knowledge, and sometimes that can lead to amputation of fingers, toes, feet, and things of that nature," she added.

Although the event focused on providing education surrounding healthcare, Laborde said, he realizes check-ups is only a small part of overall health.

"Health is not necessarily just about your physical health; it's your total health," he said. "It's your physical, mental, social health, and spiritual well-being...80 percent of your health outcomes are not related to healthcare."

Laborde said, overall health is

determined by many factors such as education, socioeconomic status, and the environment. They make up that 80-percent of a patient's health that has nothing to do with care.

Attendees had opportunities to learn more about their personal health through various screenings for cholesterol, glucose, and blood pressure. There were stations for them to learn their status for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.

Black men from a variety of backgrounds came to the event to learn more about their health. Congressman Troy Carter, the Representative for Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District, said he came to the event because it was important for men in the Black community to begin to prioritize their health.

"We can't help each other if we aren't healthy ourselves," Carter said. "We can't be healthy parents, brothers, sisters, spouses, significant others, if we can't help ourselves. We can do better. We must do better, and it starts with taking care of ourselves mentally and physically," Carter said.

State & Local News

Greater St. Stephen Ministries to Kicked off Early Voting Initiatives With Victory At the Polls Rally

Data News Staff Edited
Report

As election season approaches, Greater St. Stephen Ministries launched its Victory at the Polls early voting initiatives. Starting with the Victory at the Polls Rally, these efforts aim to mobilize the community, raise awareness about the importance of voting, and ensure that every eligible voter has the opportunity to make their voices heard.

The Victory at the Polls Rally took place on Friday, October 4, 2024. Attendees enjoyed an evening filled with exciting prizes, refreshments, and powerful music, featuring a special performance, while learning about the importance of civic engagement and participation in the voting process.



Pastor Debra B. Morton addresses attendees at the Victory at the Polls Rally, emphasizing the importance of voting and civic engagement.

"Greater St. Stephen Ministries is dedicated to uplifting our community and ensuring that everyone is represented in the upcoming elec-

tions," said Bishop T. Delbert Robinson, Senior Pastor of Greater St. Stephen. "Our vote is our voice and the voice of all who have struggled



L to R: Bishop T. Delbert Robinson, Co-Pastor Jasmine Morton Robinson & Bishop Paul S. Morton.

for their rights. We aim to engage and empower residents, fostering a strong sense of civic responsibility and making a meaningful impact as we head toward the polls."

Through the Victory at the Polls

Rally, Greater St. Stephen Ministries has remained committed to encouraging voter turnout, reminding the community that their participation is essential in shaping the future of New Orleans and beyond.

Princeton Poll Highlights Surge in Support for Reparations, Despite Implementation Doubts

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A new study from Princeton University, in partnership with Liberation Ventures, offers a comprehensive look at public opinion on reparations in the United States. The 2024 Reparations Beliefs and Sentiments Poll shows that 36% of Americans support comprehensive reparations, which include cash payments, an apology, and investments in Black communities. An additional 19% of respondents are neutral on the issue, while 46% express opposition. According to a Gallup poll, the findings reflect a significant shift since 2002, when only 14% of respondents supported cash reparations.

The study comes as reparations gain momentum across the country, with 23 cities and states establishing commissions in the past five years to study or implement reparations policies. Support for reparations is particularly strong among younger Americans, with nearly half of those aged 18-35 expressing approval. Political leanings also play a role: 49% of Democrats and 23% of Independents said a candidate's support for reparations would increase their likelihood of backing that candidate. In comparison, 62% of Republicans indicated it would negatively impact their view of a candidate.

Vice President Kamala Harris recently addressed reparations during a 45-minute interview with the National Association of Black Journalists and WHY? public radio, marking her most extensive comments on the issue since becoming vice president. Harris, who co-



sponsored H.R. 40 as a senator—a bill to establish a commission to study reparations—emphasized the importance of acknowledging the long-term effects of slavery, redlining, and Jim Crow laws. “We just need to speak truth about history,” Harris told TheGrio. “We need to speak truth about the generational impact of slavery, the generational impact of redlining, of Jim Crow laws.” While Harris advocated for reparations through legislative action, she did not rule out the possibility of executive action.

Harris linked the reparations issue to her broader economic plan, aimed at addressing systemic barriers such as student loan debt, medical debt, and racial bias in home appraisals, as well as Black maternal mortality. She emphasized the need for solutions addressing racial inequality's historical and ongoing impacts.

Despite growing support for reparations, the poll highlights a significant gap between support and belief in the feasibility of federal reparations. While 36% of respondents support reparations, only 11%

believe they will ever be implemented at the federal level. This “hope gap” suggests skepticism about whether political and public support will translate into actual policy change.

Princeton officials said the 2024 Reparations Beliefs and Sentiments Poll is the first comprehensive national survey on the topic

and will be conducted regularly to track changes in public opinion over time. Researchers said, by establishing a baseline of public attitudes, “the poll will help measure how support for reparations evolves in the coming years and provide essential data for those working to address historical racial injustices.”

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