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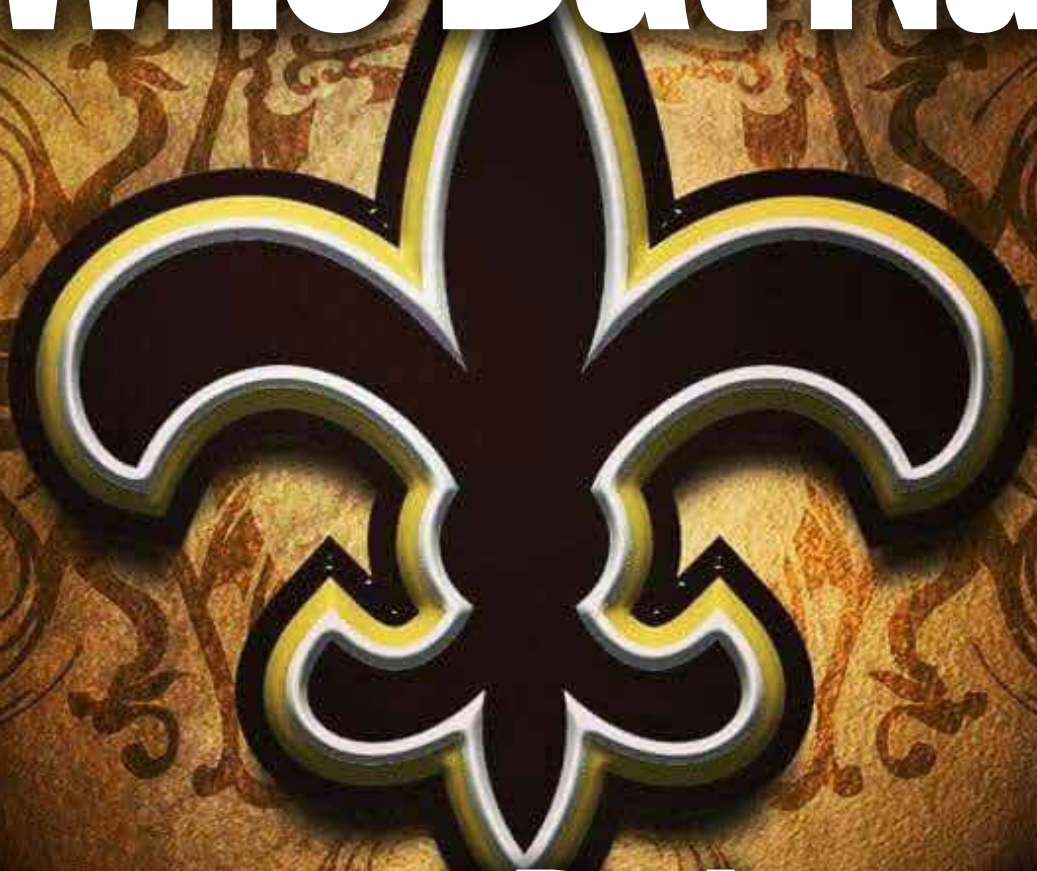
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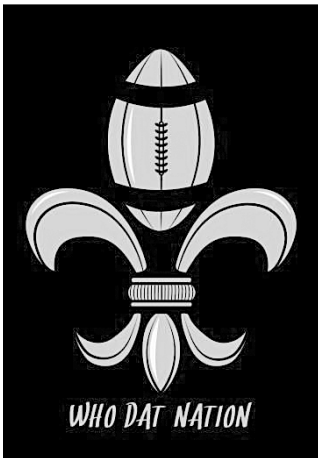


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**Jermal Greenberry**  
Data News Weekly Contributor

### Saints Football is Back

It’s like Christmas Day! The first day of summer. You can feel the excitement in the air. The anticipation of a City ready to erupt like a volcano when it reaches its boiling point. It can only mean one thing Saints Football is back!

### Black and Gold and the Road to the Super Bowl

The expectations for this New Orleans Saints football team are high. A year ago, the Black and Gold were one game away from appearing in their second Super Bowl. Unfortunately, due to a blown call by NFL officials the Saints suffered one of the most devastating defeats in its 51 years of existence.

This is something that’s left a bitter a taste in

the mouths of both the Saints and its fans. But Saints fans’ have put the “no call” game behind them with their eyes set on Miami. This year they will play host to Super Bowl LIV. The Saints are no stranger to South Florida. Nearly a decade ago, Payton, Brees and company capped off an amazing 2009 season, capturing its first championship in franchise history with a win over Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts.

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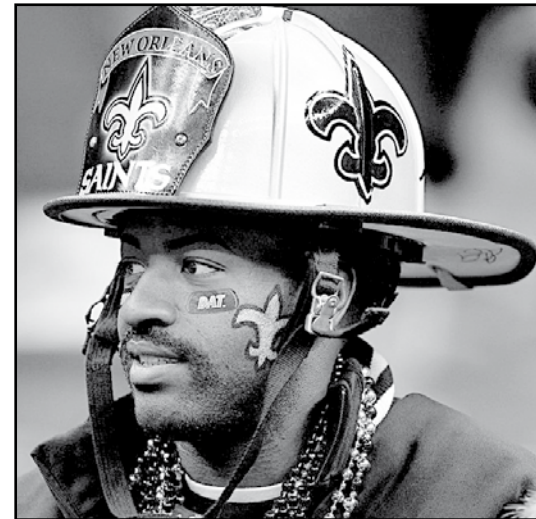
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The winning tradition of the Saints and the Benson Boogie lives on in the hearts of the ever loyal Who Dat Fans.



Saints Football is back and better than ever as fans get ready for a great season from the Black and Gold.



Members of the Who Dat Nation support are rooting for the Saints, who last year was one "bad call" away from making last year's SuperBowl.

### Fans Excited About Upcoming Season

But let's not get too carried away, this team has a tough schedule ahead of them. With the season opener against the Houston Texans. The Saints haven't won a season opener since 2013. Saints' fans believe that their Saints will open up with a victory over the Texans representing the NFC in their second Super Bowl appearance.

Fans such as, Daphne and Pat Casmier are lifelong Saints' fans and season ticket holders. They both believe that the Saints will win the Super Bowl in Miami.

"The Saints are going to the Super Bowl," says Pat Casmier. "And we are going to be in Miami as well. The Saints won it all there before, maybe it's destiny to win it there again."

Talking with fans like Pat and Daphne Casmier, reminded me of what makes this City and its' team so special. The connection between this organization and its fans is by far the best in the NFL. I have been fortunate to visit other NFL cities but the fan base here in New Orleans is beyond like none other.

"We feel as though we are a family here," says Daphne Casmier. "Through the up and downs. When they were losing, we always stuck by them. Now that they are winning, we are just happy for our boys. This is why we pack the dome each Sunday because the Saints is our team."

### From Worst to First

The Black and Gold were once a team with a losing record year

after year but continued to have loyal fans even if they wore brown paper bags over their faces during the 1980 season. But the Saints have become a team to be reckoned with in the National Football League, beginning with the purchase of the team by the late Tom Benson in 1985.

Since then, the team has been competitive and during the era of Sean Payton and Drew Brees, the Saints continue to be contenders to make it to the big game and this year is no exception as expectations are high.

### The Who Dat Nation: More than Just Football but A Way of Life

Opey Coulter, a native of Jackson Mississippi, is a season ticket holder that commutes three

hours to the Mercedes Benz Superdome to cheer for his Beloved Black and Gold. He loves Saints Quarterback Drew Brees so much, that he named his son Brees Coulter.

Coulter's connection with the Saints began at an early age. He would attend church afterwards Coulter and his father would watch the Saints.

"That's the only time I would hear my dad use profanity on Sunday's during a Saints game," says, Coulter. "My dad and I watched every game until his passing. I was raised on Saints football. Now my son who's three-years old is learning about the Saints. I hope he continues the tradition."

Like Coulter, the Saints are not just a football team, it's a way of life. There's one thing that

brings this entire community together and that's Saints football.

The Saints fan equity ranks among the best in the league. This statistic focuses on the outreach of the organization and the social platform the team allows on different social networks. The Saints do play in one of NFL's smallest media markets.

Still the Saints fan base should only continue to grow with more success on the field. The franchise has won two division titles in the past two years and are favorite to compete for this year's Super Bowl.

With the enthusiastic support of the Who Dat Nation, and Drew Brees playing at an elite level the Saints has all the tangibles to go marching into Miami.



# Earning His Wings

## *Celebrating the Life of Pilot Franklin Augustus*

Data News Weekly Staff  
Edited Report

NEW ORLEANS — A memorial service was held to honor the life of trailblazing pilot Franklin Augustus drew hundreds of people that included family, friends, colleagues and City leaders to the Lakefront Airport on August 31, 2019.

Augustus, 69, died two weeks ago in a plane he was flying with his sole passenger, longtime FOX 8 news Anchor Nancy Parker, who was also killed. Parker was doing a story on Augustus highlighting his illustrious career as a pilot and his long record of giving back to the people of New Orleans.

Besides being a stunt pilot and avid flyer, Augustus was a longtime community activist, a U.S. Army Veteran (Military Police), the President of the Lake Charles Tuskegee



Friends and Family celebrate the life of Franklin Augustus.

hero of his creation, "The Drug Fighter," and gave inspirational talks to children in the City while exposing them to flying and helping develop their math and computer skills.

His friends said it was only fitting that the place to say goodbye to Augustus was where he loved to be most: The airport.

"He loved his airplane he wouldn't let you touch it," said close friend Lawrence Stovall. "Don't touch the plane he said. You couldn't touch the plane."

Even Augustus' family couldn't imagine just how many people the trailblazing pilot, drug fighter, and veteran impacted.

"There's people from all over the country," said Augustus' brother, Henry Augustus. "After he passed, I got calls from as far away as San Diego. This has been amazing; I

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"He was a phenomenal individual that impacted my life and made me believe anything was possible. What he taught me went well beyond the dojo. He gave me the blueprint for living a life where you can strive for excellence and serve others" Eric O'Neal, Sr., founder and creator of Blue Lion Karate and Lionman Foundation told Data News Weekly.

Airmen Chapter and a New Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputy.

Though he was not a Tuskegee Airman himself, Augustus used his platform with the organization to encourage other young Black children to become pilots by creating a Youth Aviation Program in conjunction with the City of New Orleans, the Youth Eagles Program and the Civil Air Patrol.

30 years ago, Augustus described himself as the "world's only Black Civilian Air-Show Acrobatic Pilot" in a 1988 Times-Picayune article that touched on the color barrier in New Orleans.

"I want to let the young people know that if I can make it, anybody can," he said in the article.

Augustus also headed The Drug Fighter Organization, which works to turn children away from crime and gang violence in New Orleans. As part of his work, Augustus dressed up as the super-

have to admit."

They'll also always remember how much he loved helping others.

"He never said no," said friend and Chairman of the Lakefront Airport Committee, Wilma Heaton. "He was the real deal, always volunteering. It was never about what he got out of it; it was about what he could do."

Even after his death, Augustus' work continues. A scholarship fund launched to honor Augustus that will help a young underprivileged kid follow in his footsteps and get an education in aviation. It's already taking off.

"I just had someone walk up and say, 'I want to donate \$5,000 for the first year,'" said Heaton. "That's New Orleans. Franklin is an inspiration."

Donations can be addressed to the Franklin J. P. Augustus Aviation Scholarship Fund c/o Tuskegee Airmen, Lake Charles Chapter, P.O. Box 57041, NOLA 70157.



# The Rashaad Evans Foundation Hosted its Second Media Camp



Rashaad Evans



Educator and Author Keione Vance

## Friends of Rashaad Evans Foundation

On August 17, 2019, The Rashaad Evans Foundation hosted its Second Media Camp. The event featured seven panelists from different industries discussing their journeys to their perspective careers. The panel-

ist explained how they prepared both in school and at home to develop their crafts, and how they continue to sharpen their skills.

Well planned, hosted, and moderated by the organization's founder, Rashaad Evans, the event was a success. The panel was made up of ESPN 1420 Radio Personality

Norman Locke; Author & Educator Keione Vance; Videographer Darren Defillo, Entrepreneur Marlon Watson; and Endoscopy Nurse Manager Erika Martin.

Rashaad guided the panel and students through discussions and questions and answers on professional development. The experi-

ence introduced youths to careers and the how to's in finding a career path. Panelist gave career tips, accounts of overcoming personal obstacles, and developing good work ethics. The participants learned the importance of education as a building block for their future.

For many, this was a first intro-

duction to preparing for their own lives. The Media Camp was attended by more than 40 youths. When surveyed, the participants said that they were quite impressed and would attend again. Rashaad says that this is a great opportunity for his foundation to meet a largely unmet need in most schools in the city.



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## Each One Save One 25th Anniversary Reunion Celebrating our Community

*Mentoring Changes Lives! Making A Difference One Child at a Time*

NEW ORLEANS, LA

- As part of their 25th Anniversary Celebration, Each One Save One (EOSO) is hosting a reunion at the Holiday Inn New Orleans-Downtown Superdome on September 14th from 9am-12pm. This event, sponsored by Metairie Bank, will celebrate and give thanks to all who have contributed to the organization's success over its 25-year history and include brunch, activities, prizes and more. The reunion is free and open to all who have been involved - registration is required.

"We can't wait for this reunion, and we're especially excited about the opportunity to reconnect and re-engage," said Sally Ann Roberts, former long-time WWLTV Morning



News Anchor and Co-Founder of EOSO "We're calling all cars! We want anyone who has been involved with Each One, Save One: mentors, mentees, parents, board members, volunteers, past, present and future to come celebrate our community and move EOSO forward together!"

EOSO has been committed to enriching the lives of New Orleans' children through mentoring since



Sally Ann Roberts

1994. Trained mentors invest an hour of one-on-one time each week with their mentee, helping them build confidence, courage, and hope. Mentoring not only

has a positive, direct effect that guides the children toward future success, it also produces long-lasting relationships and benefits, as children are empowered to achieve and "pay it forward" by continuing the work and service. Thousands of mentors and mentees have benefited from the program since its beginning and many have established connections and friendships that last years, even decades. Children today are faced with even greater obstacles and many are battling poverty, neglect, and violence. Now more than ever, it is critical that advocacy organizations like EOSO not only maintain their already dedicated legacy but continue to evolve and grow, to meet ever-changing and challenging needs.



# JFK Alumni Celebrate KDAY 2019

## Photos by JFK Alumni

The original grounds of John F. Kennedy Senior High School at its iconic address, 5700 Wisner Blvd, served as the backdrop for the John F. Kennedy Annual Alumni Celebration better known as KDAY.

Individual classes gathered under tents to reminisce, and emerged to party collectively at the event which drew hundreds of Kennedy Alumni and their families. A class t-shirt contest and a class umbrella contest were highlights, as well as a live performance from local rappers Partners In Crime (PNC).

All classes gathered for a second-line to culminate the hugely successful event which was created to cultivate a spirit of unity amongst the alumni after the original school was demolished after Hurricane Katrina.





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# On Labor Day, Commit to Raising Full-Time Workers Out of Poverty



**Marc Morial**  
President and CEO  
National Urban League

The origins of Labor Day in the United States are murky. Various labor leaders are credited with suggesting the celebration to the Central Labor Union. The first Labor Day parade took place in 1882 in New York. Nearly two dozen states declared Labor Day holidays between 1887 to 1894.

Undisputed is that the federal recognition of Labor Day, in 1894 by President Grover Cleveland, was precipitated by the bloody Pullman Strike that year that left 30 railroad workers dead.

And it is that strike – its origins, and public perception of the workers – that holds valuable lessons for the present day.

The most obvious parallel is declining wages and the rising cost of housing. In 1893, Pullman workers lived in the company town of Pullman, Illinois, and lived in company-owned housing. During a recession, the company cut the workers' wages, but the rents and other costs of living controlled by the company remained the same.

Today, the purchasing power of the federal minimum wage has plummeted by more than 30 percent since 1968. Over the same period, adjusted for inflation, the median home value has nearly doubled and rents have skyrocketed by nearly 70%.

There is no place in America where a full-time worker making the federal minimum wage can afford even a two-bedroom apartment. A minimum-wage earner would have to work 103 hours – two thirds of a full-time schedule – to pay the rent on a one-bedroom apartment, according to the National Low Income Housing Coalition.

One in nine U.S. workers are paid wages that can leave them in poverty, even when working full

“The strongest middle class the world has ever known was not built overnight. It was achieved by men and women who believed that living up to the promise of this Nation meant more than hoping for the best it meant toiling in the day, working through the night, and proving that theirs was a future worth fighting for. On Labor Day, we celebrate the grit and resilience of America's workers and their families, and we recommit to reaching for a world in which they are afforded the rights and opportunities they deserve.” – President Barack Obama

time. About one in seven Black workers and one in five Latino workers were paid poverty wages in 2017, compared with about one in 12 white workers.

Meanwhile, legislation that would boost the federal minimum wage for the first time in a decade languishes in the U.S. Senate. The Raise the Wage Act of 2019, passed by the House in July, would set

the federal minimum wage at \$15 by 2025. As many as 33 million Americans – nearly two-fifths of African Americans and one-third of Latinos – could see a raise, according to the Economic Policy Institute.

The bill also ties the minimum wage to the wage growth of middle-wage workers, preventing further erosion of the

value of the minimum wage.

Adjusting the minimum wage also boosts the economy. Research shows that after even minimum wage adjustment of just \$1, spending in households with minimum wage workers increased, on average, at least \$700 per quarter. In the year since San Francisco set a minimum wage of \$15, the unemployment rate dropped from 2.5 percent to 1.9 percent.

This is the longest the United States has ever gone without adjusting the federal minimum wage since it first was established in 1938. In a Fireside Chat the night before signing the Fair Labor Standards Act, which established the federal minimum wage, President Franklin Roosevelt said, “Do not let any calamity-howling executive with an income of \$1,000 a day, [\$18,000 in today's dollars] who has been turning his employees over to the Government relief rolls in order to preserve his company's undistributed reserves, tell you –

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## How Racism Affects Youth Health and Well-Being

*A new Policy Statement Explains the Negative Impact of Racism on Youth.*



**Jeff Thomas**  
Think 504

We've written previously about how racism affects the health and well-being of millions of Americans. The evidence demonstrates that people who experience racial discrimination are more likely to have a range of health problems, including poorer mental health and a lower quality of life.

Now the American Academy of Pediatrics has issued a policy statement describing how racism affects the well-being of young

people. The statement summarizes all of the evidence available on the role that discrimination plays in the health outcomes of children and adolescents.

The problem comes down to stress, the policy document explains. When the mind senses a potentially harmful situation, it tells the body to prepare by increasing its heart rate, breathing, blood pressure and releasing stress hormones. This response helped earlier humans outrun or fight predators and enemies. Today, people have the same response when they encounter stressful situations, such as discrimination.

When people of color experience this response frequently, it causes inflammatory reactions in their bodies that can ultimately lead to immediate health problem and, in the long run, chronic diseases.

Researchers now believe that racial disparities have far-reaching effects as children develop, including infant mortality rates, mental health problems (e.g., depression and anxiety), and behavioral issues (e.g., attention deficit hyperactivity disorder).

And the health effects extend beyond the children who experience discrimination. When children observe racism, it can erode their self-confidence and mental health enough to affect developmental milestones and achievement in school. This is especially true when the discrimination is affecting the children's parents. For example, in one study, parents and caregivers who reported they had been treated unfairly were more likely to have children with behavioral issues.

Beyond describing the problem,

the policy statement gives specific directions about how pediatricians can address this issue. It starts by building a medical practice where everyone feels welcome. That means having racially-diverse toys and pictures on the walls in waiting rooms, and training the reception staff to welcome all patients.

And it extends to advocating in the community for quality education for all, access to mental health services, a diverse school staff, fair housing, alternatives to youth incarceration and more.

Cornell psychologist Anthony Ong's work focuses on the complex interplay of social, emotional, cognitive and cultural resources that people draw upon to adapt to stressful life circumstances as they age, and the ways these factors have an effect on health and well-being. Addressing the systemic problems in our society

is likely the most effective ways to improve the health and well-being of minority youth.

“As a psychologist, I study the ways in which interpersonal racism can have harmful consequences for people's life chances, including their psychological and physical health,” he said. “However, it's important to keep in mind that perhaps the most profound effects of racism occur via macro-level systems or public policies that shape access to social and economic resources. These are the systems that produce and reproduce everyday racism and its ill effects through time.”

The take-home message: Racism has detrimental consequences across the lifespan. Because racism has been embedded in our culture for centuries, it will take a conscientious effort from people across society to remedy the problem.



# Efforts of Grace, Inc. Announces Appointment of Asali DeVan Ecclesiastes as New Executive Director for Ashé Cultural Arts Center

## Data News Staff Edited Report

NEW ORLEANS, LA. – Ashé Cultural Arts Center's Board of Directors, Efforts of Grace, Inc., is pleased to announce the appointment of Asali DeVan Ecclesiastes as the new Executive Director of Ashé. She will take her post January 1, 2020, succeeding Founding Executive Director Carol Bebel, who will retire from the organization at the end of December.

After a rigorous search, the Board of Directors concluded that Ecclesiastes' leadership and considerable experience in both artistic, community and economic development, along with her strong track record of fundraising success, made her the outstanding candidate for the executive director role. Board President Dr. Beverly Guillory Andry, says, "I am delighted to welcome Asali Ecclesiastes as the new Executive Director of Ashé Cultural Arts Center. Ms. Ecclesiastes comes to the organization with vast experience and knowledge in the field of culture and arts, as well as an understanding of its transformational power in the community. Her expertise, experience and reputation will be hugely valuable, and will build on



Asali DeVan Ecclesiastes

the sterling achievements of our outgoing executive director. It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the Board of Directors, to welcome Ecclesiastes to her new role at Ashé Cultural Arts Center."

The board has spent the last several months evaluating the internal workings of Ashé and

clarifying the leadership needs for the next phase of the organization's development. After interviewing

and assessing all the leading candidates for the position, it was apparent that not only is Ecclesiastes deeply passionate about Ashé's work and assets, she also has a clear vision about how to take the organization forward.

Educator, event producer, author, and performer, Ecclesiastes currently serves as Director of Strategic Neighborhood Development for the New Orleans Business Alliance (NOLABA). Prior to joining NOLABA, Ecclesiastes served as Claiborne Corridor Program Manager for the City of New Orleans' Network for Economic Opportunity, where she advanced place-based projects and secured funding within six priority areas: economic opportunity, cultural preservation, affordable housing, transportation choice and access, environmental sustainability, and safe & healthy neighborhoods.

Before her short tenure in government, Ecclesiastes worked as Congo Square Coordinator for N.O. Jazz & Heritage Festival, Artist Relations Director of Authors for Essence Music Festival Empowerment Seminars

and has produced several local neighborhood arts and cultural festivals. Additionally, she has taught in New Orleans Public Schools, area universities, and prisons. She continues to utilize her spoken-and-written-word as a platform for societal change and social justice. She has served as a national and international consultant and speaker concerning policy and practice for equitable community development and arts and culture.

Under the leadership of its co-founding director and visionary, Carol Bebel, the organization has made significant strides in pioneering the turnaround of the historic commercial corridor, Oretha Castle Haley Boulevard. The organization has played an important role in the recovery of the city following the 2005 Katrina-related disaster, especially for the cultural community. Ashé CAC is now at a critical stage of transition. Following two decades of impactful work, the organization is poised to welcome a new Executive Director to continue its visionary work, building on the founding directors' successes.

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# 17 Million Voters Purged Nationwide Between 2016 and 2018

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A Brennan Center analysis has found that at least 17 million voters were purged nationwide between 2016 and 2018, similar to the numbers discovered between 2014 and 2016.

Using data released by the Federal Election Assistance Commission, the Brennan Center found that counties with a history of voter discrimination have continued purging people from the rolls at high rates.

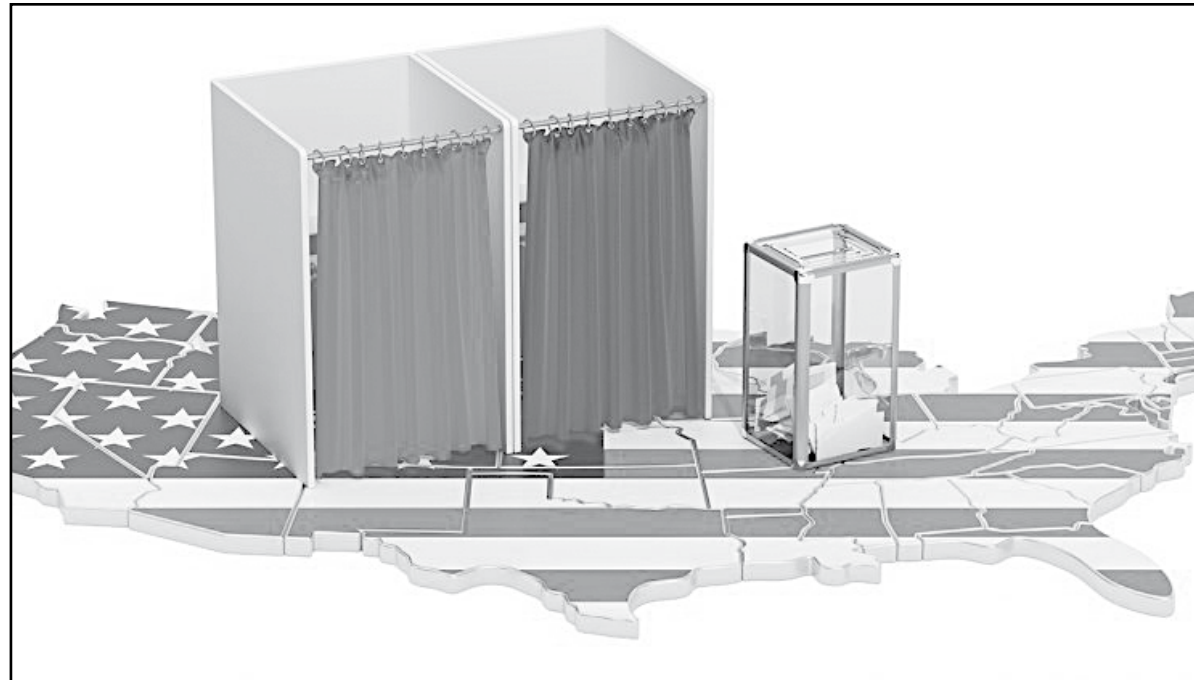
"This phenomenon began after the Supreme Court's 2013 ruling in *Shelby County v. Holder*, a decision that severely weakened the protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965," the report states.

"Before the *Shelby County* decision, Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act required jurisdictions with a history of discrimination to submit proposed changes in voting procedures to the Department of Justice or a federal court for approval, a process known as 'preclearance,'" the report's authors wrote.

The Brennan Center first identified this troubling voter purge trend in a major report released in July 2018.

As the nation heads toward the all-important 2020 election cycle, many said they're concerned with voter purging and the ever-present threat of voter disenfranchisement.

"Automatic voter registration is a great way to be sure that every eligible American is registered to vote," said Dr. Margaret Groarke,



The Brennan Center's report authors said as the 2020 election cycle heats up, election administrators must be transparent about how they're deciding what names to remove from the rolls.

an associate professor of political science at Manhattan College in New York.

"Whether this prevents voter suppression is complicated by the fact that there are many ways that people suppress the vote," Groarke said.

"Key strategies today are over-inclusive voter purges, strict voter ID laws, and making threats that people with unpaid fines or warrants shouldn't come near the polls," she said.

"Automatic voter registration might counteract the effect of purges, but will do nothing to stop other strategies," Groarke said.

The Brennan Center report follows a Center for American Progress analysis that examined how conservative lawmakers are

suppressing the votes of people of color, young people, and those with disabilities.

From discriminatory voter ID laws in places such as North Dakota, South Carolina, and Michigan to failures to provide early polling places in a majority-black neighborhood in Texas and the freezing of more than 50,000 voter registrations in Georgia, voter suppression is rampant in 2018, according to the CAP report.

"Voter suppression is widespread again this year, and these efforts from conservative lawmakers largely target people of color, young people, and people with disabilities," Connor Maxwell, a research associate for Race and Ethnicity Policy at the CAP, said in a news release.

"Despite these efforts, there are many steps people can take to ensure their vote counts on election day," Maxwell said.

Voting is a fundamental right for all U.S. citizens, "so we encourage everyone to double-check their voter registration; determine ahead of time whether you need to bring certain materials to the polls; and take advantage of the many voter assistance hotlines if you run into problems," said Danielle Root, a voting rights manager at the CAP.

In its report, The Brennan Center noted why voter purges could prove problematic.

"If a voter moves from Georgia to New York, they are no longer eligible to cast a ballot in the Peach State. As such,

they should be removed from Georgia's voter rolls," Brennan authors said, as an example.

The report continued:

"Similarly, voters who have passed away should be removed from the rolls. Reasonable vote list maintenance ensures voter rolls remain up to date. Problems arise when states remove voters who are still eligible to vote.

"States rely on faulty data that purport to show that a voter has moved to another state. Frequently, these data get people mixed up. In big states like California and Texas, multiple individuals can have the same name and date of birth, making it hard to be sure that the right voter is being purged when perfect data are unavailable.

"Troublingly, minority voters are more likely to share names than white voters, potentially exposing them to a greater risk of being purged and voters often don't realize they've been purged until they try to cast a ballot on Election Day – after it's already too late."

The Brennan Center's report authors said as the 2020 election cycle heats up, election administrators must be transparent about how they're deciding what names to remove from the rolls.

They must be diligent in their efforts to avoid erroneously purging voters, the report's authors said.

"And they should push for reforms like automatic voter registration and election day registration which keep voters' registration records up to date," the authors wrote.

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# Smithsonian Chief Calls Out Trump for Wanting to Close African American Museum on MLK Day; Saying He Didn't Want to See Anything 'Difficult'

Karu F. Daniels  
Writer, theROOT.com

AmeriKKKa's favorite president had special requests for the National Museum of African American History and Culture on his first visit back in 2017.

The newly appointed Smithsonian Secretary Lonnie G. Bunch III offers some revelations about the then soon-to-be president's visit in his upcoming memoir, *A Fool's Errand: Creating the National Museum of African American History and Culture in the Age of Bush, Obama and Trump*, that may not shock at all—but is disturbing nonetheless.

For starters, Trump requested his visit to be on the nationally observed Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Sounds like a good idea right? Great for optics in some circles.

But dude wanted to have the premises shut down to the public during his personal tour.

"The notion that we could shut out visitors on the first King holiday since the opening of the museum was not something I could accept," Bunch wrote in his memoir, according to the Washington Post.

A different day for POTUS' visit was eventually chosen.



Newly appointed Smithsonian Secretary Lonnie G. Bunch, III recalls details of private tour he gave President Trump of the National Museum of African American History and Culture in new memoir.

And when Trump and his chain gang visited—including the formerly beloved surgeon turned bumbling presidential candidate and now HUD secretary Dr. Ben Carson, and former press secretary Sean Spicer—Bunch recalled that he was warned by White House aides that Trump "was in a foul mood and that he did not want to see anything 'difficult.'"

Perhaps they should've taken him to Disneyland. Or even Dollywood.

The National Museum of African

American History and Culture is what its name implies: a chronicle of black history in America from soup to nuts; from the rooter to the tooter; the good, the bad and the mafugly.

There are slave ship replications and remnants from the Civil Rights Movement juxtaposed alongside entertainment-focused exhibits and other materials that explore the pantheon of just about everything The Blacks had to endure on American soil how and we helped build this country.

"It was not my job to make the rough edges of history smooth, even for the president," Bunch, who was on the ground floor of the momentous landmark since its inception, wrote.

"The president paused in front of the exhibit that discussed the role of the Dutch in the slave trade," Bunch continued. "As he pondered the label I felt that maybe he was paying attention to the work of the museum. He quickly proved me wrong. As he turned from the display he said to me, 'You know, they love me in the Netherlands.' All I could say was let's continue walking."

Bunch recalled remembering very little about the rest of the hour spent with the former reality star turned Leader of the Free World: "I was so disappointed in his response to one of the greatest crimes against humanity in history. Here was a chance to broaden the views and the understanding of the incoming president and I had been less successful than I had expected."

Knowing Trump's history regarding racial matters, I'm not sure why he was expecting something different.

Negroes keep forgetting that fat meat is greasy.

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using his stockholders' money to pay the postage for his personal opinions — tell you that a wage of \$11.00 a week is going to have a disastrous effect on all American industry."

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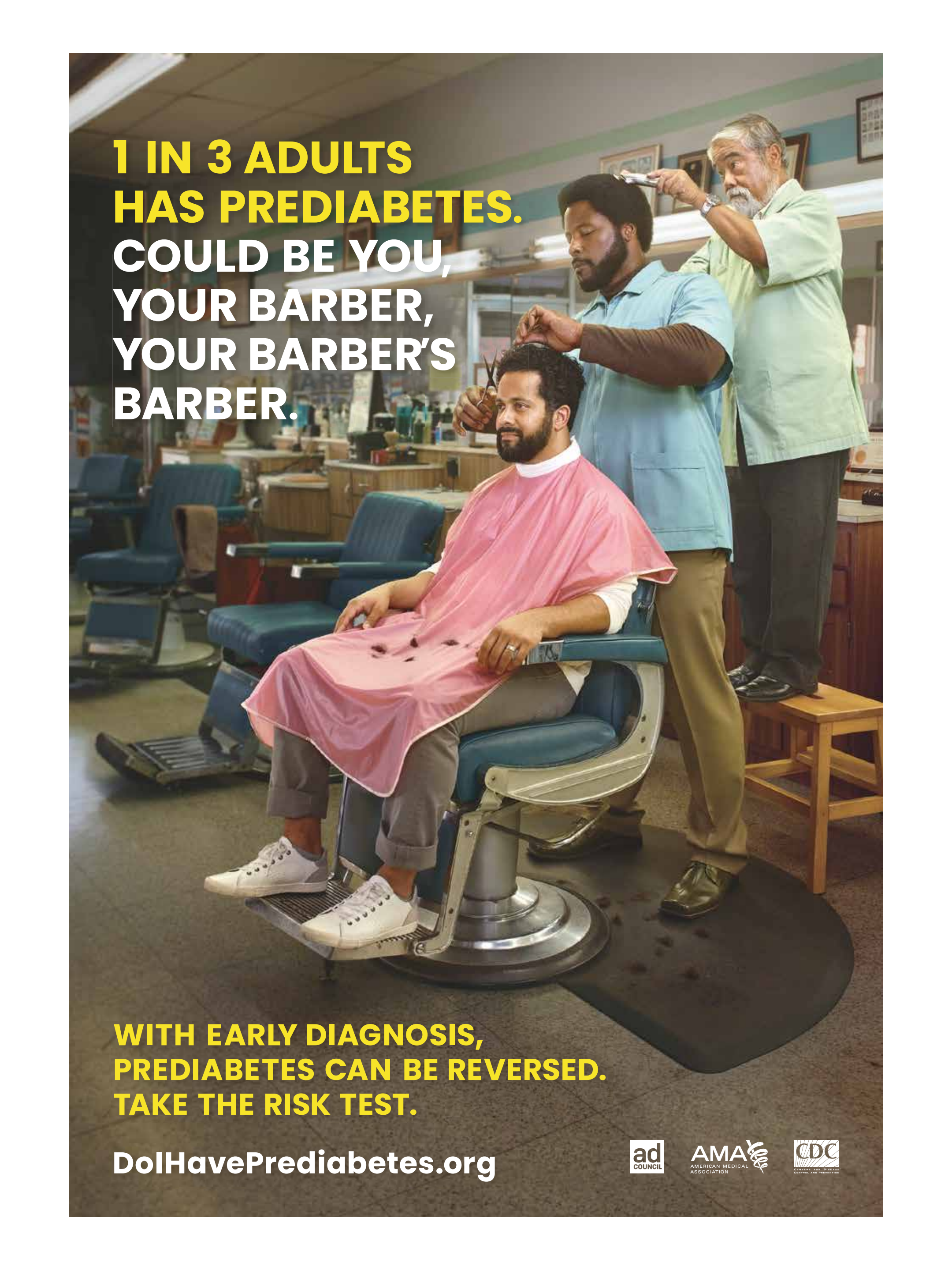
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