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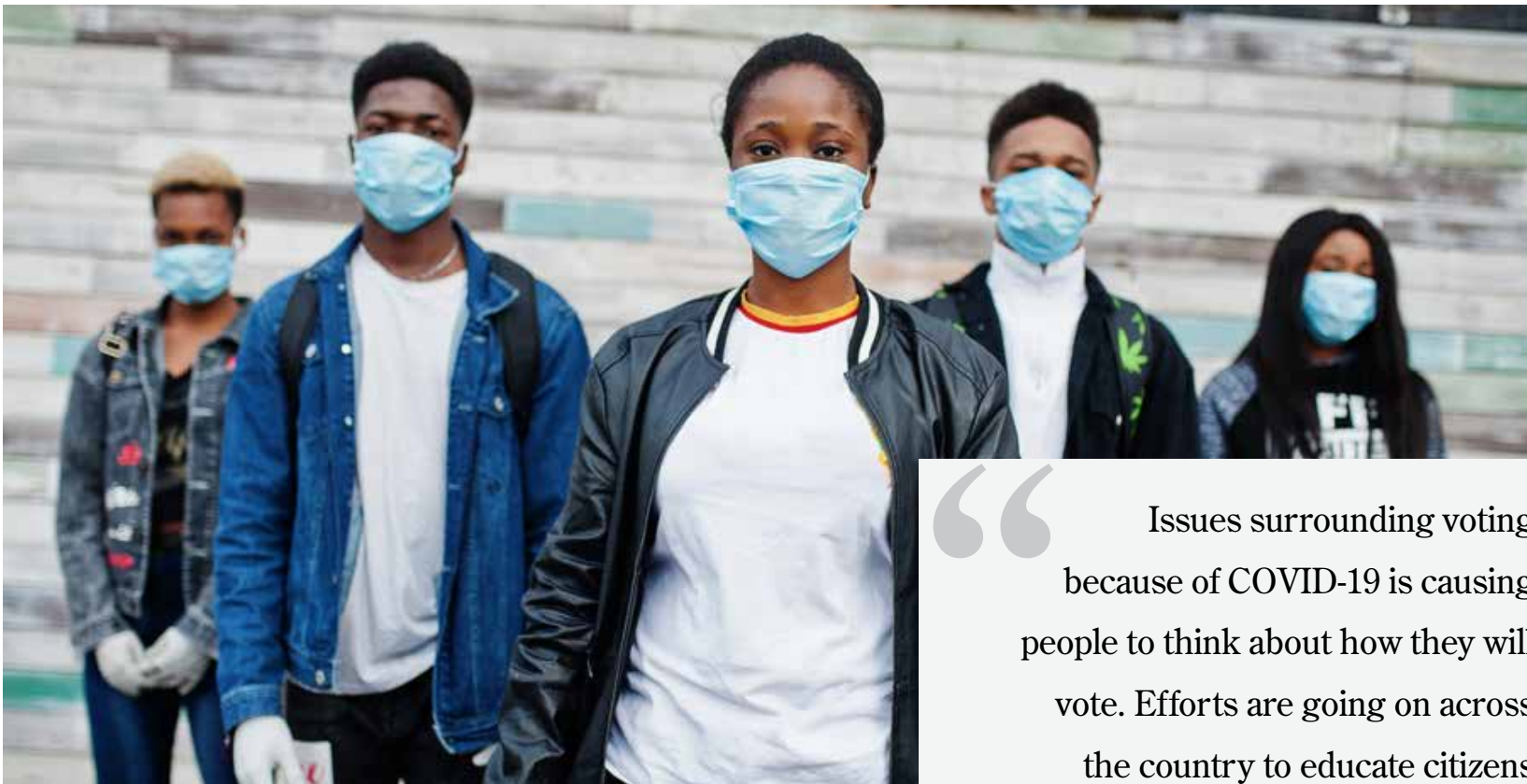
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What Matters This Election

A NOLA PERSPECTIVE



This election according to many people of New Orleans is the most important of their lifetime and plan to vote.

“ Issues surrounding voting because of COVID-19 is causing people to think about how they will vote. Efforts are going on across the country to educate citizens on voting during the pandemic.”

Aviwe DuBois
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About 200,000 residents in the state have requested mail-in ballots, which is almost triple the amount in the 2016 presidential election. Early voting in Louisiana starts on Friday, Oct. 16th and runs through Oct. 27th. Many Louisianians are weighing both the pandemic and the country’s economic conditions in determining how they should vote.

“You hear every four years this is the most important election in U.S. history. I don’t think Trump has

elevated any conversation we did not know existed in this country, notwithstanding that this country elected Barack Obama twice,” said Telley Madina, a political consultant who is President of The Madina Group, and a Senior Policy Officer for Oxfam America.

The racial and class tensions in the country have divided voters of all groups, and many are concerned about the divisions in the country have emboldened White nationalist groups during the last four years.

“I think he has illuminated the things that we know to be true and probably allowed those to give some White individuals, drunk with hysteria and impure mo-

tives, liquid courage to think that you’re supposed to devalue Black bodies, Black lives, and specifically in this census even Black women,” said Madina, a seventh ward native.

The 2016 election proved how much power the Electoral College has during the election. Even though Hillary Clinton won the overall popular vote, Trump won the electoral vote and was declared president. Civic groups say part of their role in this early voting period, with weeks leading up to the election, is to educate citizens about how important the electoral college is, and that every vote counts.

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Former City Council Member Cynthia Willard-Lewis believes that it is important for people to vote this election because of a host of issues that include COVID-19, Voter Suppression, Systemic Racism, Economic Opportunities for more people in the City.



"I think it's one of the most important elections in my lifetime given the circumstances that 2020 has manifested for us," says Norris Henderson, the Executive Director of Voice of the Experience and Voters Organized to Educate.



Both Hal Clark, (above) former host of WYLD Sunday Journal and WBOK's and Former City Council Member Oliver Thomas have their ear to the street and say that people are tired of the status quo and are paying more attention to the issues this election cycle and believe more people will be voting this election.



Political analyst Telley Madina said that this election is important for determining how the country deals with racial tensions and divides, and works to bring about justice.



Joyce Wilson, aka Ms. Chill, the owner of Mr. Chill's First Class Cuts, said she believes that even after the election, small businesses will still need support if they are to recover.

"I think it's one of the most important elections in my lifetime, given the circumstances that 2020 has manifested for us," said Norris Henderson, the Executive Director of Voice of the Experience and Voters Organized to Educate. "I think the general election is making sure that people are safe and making sure that people's right to vote is not being suppressed."

An important part of the civic exercise is to help voters know what is at stake. Former associate justice of the Supreme Court, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, passed away on Sept. 18, 2020. The Senate began confirmation hearings for President Trump's nominee to replace Ginsburg, Metairie native Amy Coney Barrett, on Oct. 12th. Voters are concerned about what the shift in balance of the court could mean for Civil Rights Legislation and even for the Affordable Care Act, most commonly referred to as Obamacare. President Trump urged the Senate to confirm his Supreme Court nominee, in order for him to consider working with Democrats for a second-round of stimulus.

"I think the president of the United States needs to exhibit and be a person my children should be able to emulate," Madina said. "You were looking to the presidential forum in order to give your kids something to live up to and clearly that forum and debate fell short," he said. The

commission on presidential debates cancelled the second debate between former Vice President Joe Biden and Trump that was scheduled for Oct. 15th after the president decided not to participate in a virtual debate.

The uncertainty of the country's leadership means that the recovery from the effects of the pandemic are delayed until residents know for sure what is the national strategy to combat the spread of COVID-19. Although the City moved into Phase

"This is a crucial time for the City and what I am hearing from my the listeners is that they are seeking answers to the pressing questions that plague the City and the Nation. And because of the times we are in with COVID-19, issues of racial and economic justice are things they want leaders who will not only address these issues with rhetoric, but come up with solutions that affect people in a real way," says WBOK radio host and former New Orleans City Council Member Oliver Thomas.



"The country is sharply divided in issues related to access to healthcare, COVID-19, systemic racism and what to do about it. This election is an important one to determine the direction of the nation."

3 of reopening in early October, residents said they are still hesitant in returning to business and spending as usual, particularly with many workers unemployed still, and businesses only slowly returning to larger capacity levels.

"For small businesses it is important that whoever gets elected,

allocate resources to our small businesses, so that's our main focus," said Joyce Wilson, aka Miss Chill, the owner of Mr. Chill's First-Class Cuts Barbershop. "We don't want to be pushed to the back, we need to know what's going on, especially after this virus, a lot of the funds are running out or have ran out,"

Wilson said.

There are a host of voices in the community that include former elected officials, radio talk show hosts and activist, who are voicing their views surrounding the issues that concern them and the importance of the election.

Oliver Thomas, WBOK-AM Radio Host says that his listeners have voiced many concerns regarding the elections, "Many who are calling in and speaking to me say they are tired of the status quo. They are looking more closely at the candidates and their platforms to see if they align with policies that will benefit their families and communities."

Cynthia Willard-Lewis is a former member of the New Orleans City Council, who is still involved in work that improve the lives in the City. "I must say that first I am a proud Democrat and support their platform both locally and nation-

ally. I am dismayed at seeing that 214,000 people have lost their lives because of the policies set forth by this President. This election Criminal Justice Reform and issues of systematic racism are also important. We must return to building bridges of understanding and decency in our public discourse. And also, we must look at expanding economic and educational opportunities for the people of our City and nation. One way we can work to achieve this is by voting."

Hal Clark is the former host of WYLD FM 98 Sunday Journal, a Public Affairs Show. He is also a playwright and continues to have his finger on the pulse of the people of the City. "I believe the main issue we are facing is the challenges to all people having access to the polls. There seems to be a concerted effort by some to keep people away from the polls. It is for reason that people get all the information around voting and get out and cast their ballots."

Al Mims is a former member of the Louisiana Parole Board and is an activist that works to reduce crime and gun violence in New Orleans. "This president has legitimized racism and division. He is a liar who is trying to divide us. The difference in these candidates and the direction they want to take the country could not be clearer. We need to vote as if our life depends on it. I would go further and say, this is the most important election of my lifetime; so, I am asking all please to get out and vote."

Lenny Kravitz Releases New Book “Let Love Rule”

Eric Connerly
Data News Weekly Contributor

The eclectic soul that is Lenny Kravitz has a new book out call “Let Love Rule” and it is a great read not simply for those who love music, but it is a journey of self-discovery to find one’s authentic voice.

“Let Love Rule” is an introspective memoir of Kravitz, written with David Ritz, who has written books on Marvin, Gaye, Ray Charles, and many others. This as many of his other biographies is well-written and is an engaging look inside the first 25 years of Kravitz life.

The book enters the world of a young man whose musical taste runs the gamut from the Jackson 5, Stevie Wonder, Gladys Knight, to Led Zeppelin and Jimi Hendrix.

Kravitz, 56, opens up about his early experiences with racism, making peace with his dad and his blended family with Bonet.

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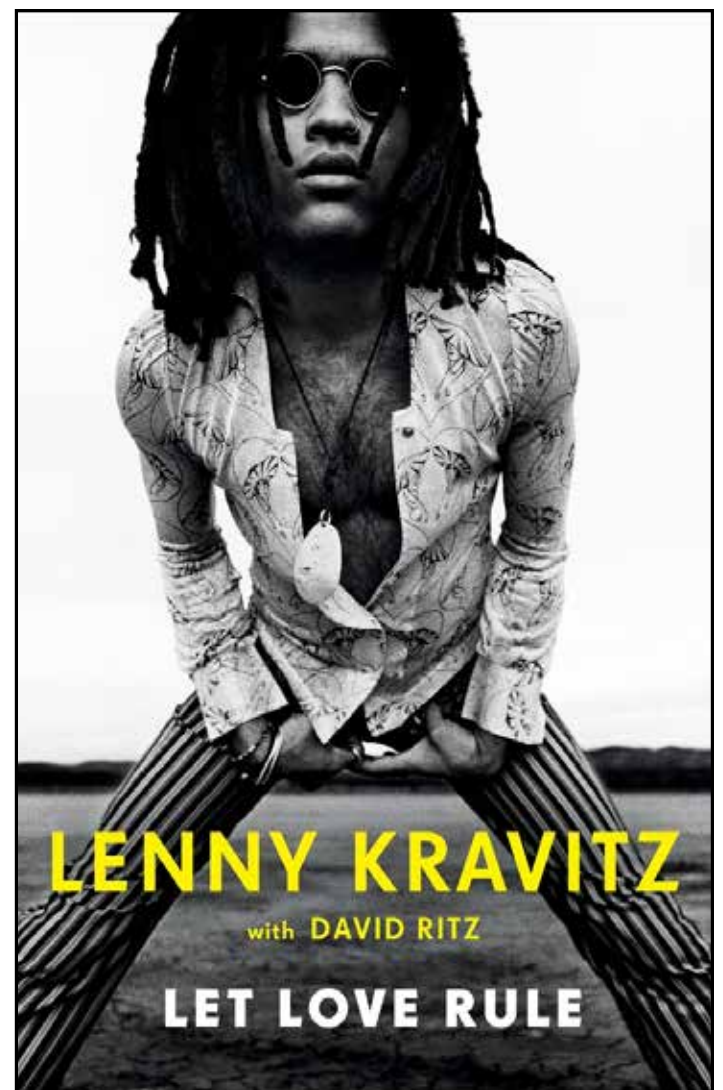
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The book is written with David Ritz, who help pen the biographies of Marvin Gaye, Ray Charles and countless others. In the book it explores how Kravitz grew up as an interracial child, his experiences with racism, making peace with his dad and finding his authentic musical voice.

A Beautiful Mess



Dionne "Diva" Character
Data News Weekly Columnist

Women – Some of us Ain't got no Daddy, some of us ain't got no mothers, some of us ain't got enough confidence in ourselves and almost all of us prance around like peacocks in full bloom walking tall like palm trees on boulevards, slinging our hair with grace, stretching our long legs like everlasting rivers of intuition splashing upon uneven rocks, wearing badges of disappointment and grief; yet we still ponder flying low like crows in deserts looking for love



Dionne "Diva" Character is an author, vocal performer and life skills coach, who believes in empowering people with the skills to live a better and more productive life.

in all the wrong spaces, in places that will always be too small for our minds because we have never been healed from broken promises yet—we expect a man to be God when we are A Beautiful Mess of colors going outside the lines of a picturesque tale.

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ugly thoughts as we bring shame upon men not realizing they ain't God, while we throw stones at glass windows we've created.

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Trump, Blacks and America...Four Years Later



Edwin Buggage
Editor-in-Chief
Data News Weekly

Black America in the Age of Trumpism

The Trump Presidency has been one that's been full of controversy. From his attacks on the media, to embracing White Supremacists and throughout his term being a threat to our democracy. And in many ways being the lighter fluid that is fueling our polarized nation.

In his nearly four years in office

Trump has shown the worst of what America can become when it elects an inept, incompetent leader to the highest office in the land. He has not shown the maturity and respect for the office and has proven he is unfit for office and does not believe in healing the wounds of racial division in America.

This flirtation with many things racial has been a constant theme of Trump's administration, one that seems that when he calls for Making America Great Again it means turning back the hands of racial progress and completely erasing the legacy of Barack Obama. It is an America that's shown based on high cabinet post, Supreme Court Nominees, voting rights, the economy; that making America Great Again means going in a different and dangerous direction that does not benefit Black America.

A Gathering of White Men and the Dismantling of Barack Obama's Legacy

In his four years in office Trump has had in his cabinet more White men than any president since Ronald Reagan was elected in 1980. Of the 23 top positions that requires Senate Confirmation there is only one; renown neurosurgeon and former Presidential Candidate Ben Carson as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Additionally, it seems that this President is obsessed with erasing the legacy and legislative achievements of the country's first African American President, Barack Obama. In his term in office he has signed legislation and proposed changes or ending DACA, pulling the country out of Transpacific Partnership (TPP), The Paris Climate Accord among many others, but most importantly he and fellow Republicans are still working feverishly to end his signature legislative achievement the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).

Reshaping the Courts

As we are now headed into a Supreme Court Hearing that may reshape the courts to a conserva-

tive majority and this can have devastating consequences because these lifetime appointments have far reaching implications on issues around civil rights, the environment, preexisting conditions, a woman's right to choose, criminal justice, housing, employment and other gains for those who are disenfranchised.

Voter Suppression

Voting has been a right African Americans have fought to earn and now more than any time in history must fight to preserve this right and get to the polls. Across the country as people are attempting to vote in a variety of ways because of the COVID-19 Pandemic; many Republicans and this President are attempting to place roadblocks that target African American voters and other minority voters from getting to the polls to cast their ballots.

But even in the face of new laws, it is important that more people get out and vote; in this past election it was 77,000 votes in three states Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania that put Donald Trump into the White House. In two of these states Wisconsin and Michigan the number of Black turnout dropped by twelve percent; so it is possible

with higher turnout among African Americans in this election the Trump Presidency can come to an end and the journey towards decency and civility can return to our politics.

The Future of Black America

As we have weathered nearly four years of the Trump Administration and its assault on Blacks, women, immigrants, and the free press it is important that as citizens especially African Americans that we remain vigilant in what makes and keeps this country great. Our spirit of dissent and engagement that makes us too America. That we have fought to amend this country into a more perfect union.

And that a people who have endured, survived, and thrived in spite of slavery, segregation and discrimination are now armed with the power of the ballot to remove Donald Trump and his racist, xenophobic, and sexist agenda. It is time for African Americans to re-engage and get to the polls during this election in record numbers. If we do, then our hands can help shape our continued journey towards a true Democracy for all people of this nation.

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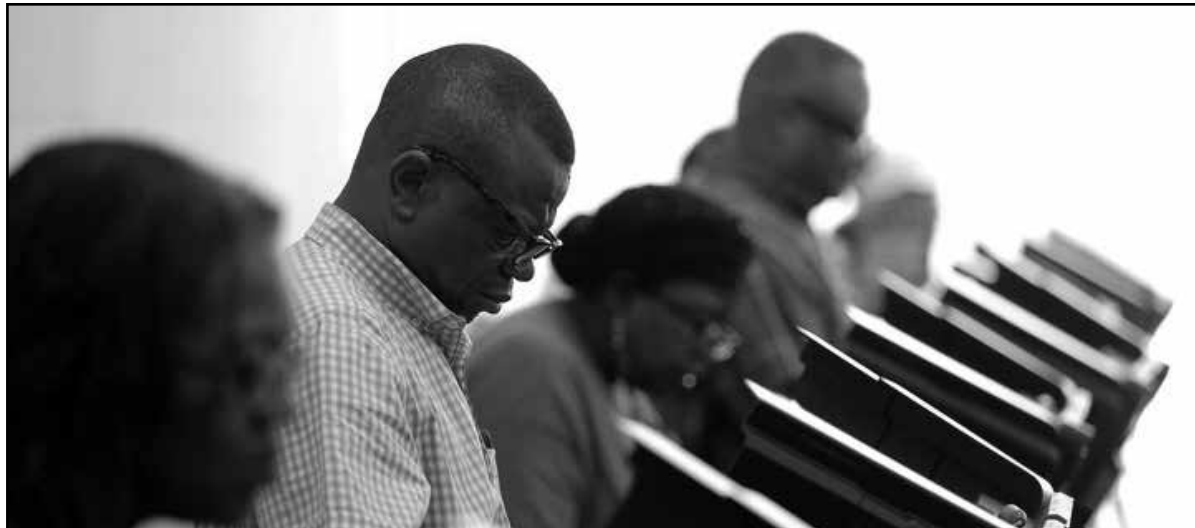
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Early Voting Begins in Louisiana

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Early Voting is beginning in Louisiana and is from October 16 thru October 27, 2020.

People across the nation are now holding Early Voting for the November 3, 2020 election. Due to COVID-19, more people will be voting by mail or early voting.

Data News Weekly in our role as "The People's Paper" is providing the most current information on how to vote in this election.

Early Voting:

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cation on Election Day, an attractive option for those concerned about mail delays and the safety of voting in-person.

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For the Nov 3 election: In Louisiana, you must have a reason to be eligible to vote by mail, unless you are a military or overseas voter. You can submit an application requesting a mail-in ballot through the online system or you may print and mail an application directly to your registrar of voters.

For more information on voting go to:

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He writes a great deal about his sometimes-tumultuous childhood and growing up bi-racial. He speaks glowingly of his close bond with his mother, "The Jefferson's" star Roxie Roker, and conversely, he explores his often-rocky relationship with his stern father, TV News Producer Sy Kravitz.

In the area of creativity and finding true love, Kravitz, touches on his relationship with his now-ex-wife, Actress Lisa Bonet ("The Cosby Show") who he called his creative must that helped him find his true voice as artist and was the inspiration for his first album "Let Love Rule" and with whom he shares a daughter, rising star Zoë Kravitz ("The Batman," "Big Little Lies").

Kravitz, who once lived in New Orleans and produced songs for with Trombone Shorty

and maintains a close friendship with Real Estate Developer Sidney Torres IV.

In interviews for the book Kravitz explained why he focused on only the first twenty-five years of his life. "I figured there was enough books on rock stardom and fame. I realized this was a book about finding my voice. I needed to take the time to go through my experiences as a child: all the love I got, and all the artists I saw growing up in New York City in the '70s and then moving to Los Angeles. All those people and experiences were notes of the music that I would eventually make."

"Let Love Rule" is a must read and I believe one will come away inspired to find their own authentic voice and live a life where they can be true to themselves without limitations.



Lenny Kravitz once called New Orleans home and produced songs for Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews, who was once a member of his band and maintains a close friendship with real estate developer and businessman Sidney Torres IV, who once worked as Kravitz assistant.

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