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Kaleb Crump
Data News Weekly Contributor

To date, the epicenter of the COVID-19 spread in Louisiana has been metropolitan areas like New Orleans. However, experts note that Indigenous, Latino, and rural Black communities across the state

remain overlooked. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that in 23 states, Native American communities had an infection rate three times higher than White Americans. Black and Latino-Americans were also twice as likely to contract and die from the virus. Native Americans have also been disproportion-

ately affected by the virus. At the height of the pandemic, the Navajo Nation had surpassed New York State for the highest infection rate in the U.S. Beyond the infection and death rates, communities of color are almost twice as likely to report job loss and economic hardship due to the pandemic, compared to White communities.

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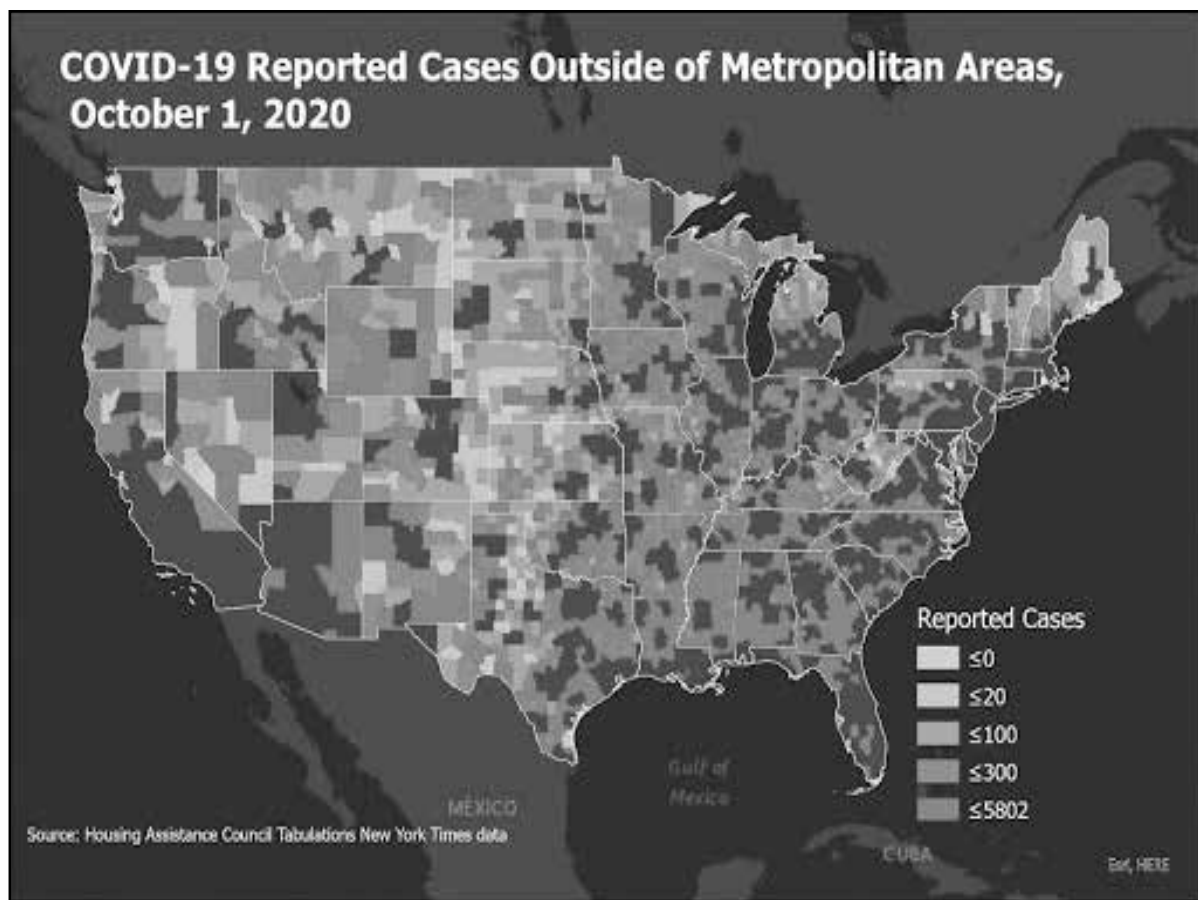
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Rural areas are experiencing a spike in cases of COVID-19.



Black farming communities already facing many issues to stay prior to COVID-19 are now seeing an increase in the number of cases. (John Boyd Jr., founder of the National Black Farmers Association and wife Kara Brewer Boyd).



The forum was moderated by Dr. David Robinson-Morris, the director of the Center for Equity, Justice and the Human Spirit at Xavier University, and Tynesia Fields, the community engagement and outreach coordinator for the Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education at Xavier University.

“When we talk about rural communities, this cuts across the various segments of the population in terms of race and ethnicity and all the social demographics,” said Dr. Daniel Sarpong, the Endowed Chair and Director for the Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education in Xavier University’s College of Pharmacy.

“We don’t want people to still get caught up in the Black and White comparisons and to realize that it’s affecting all segments of the population,” said Sarpong who shared his expertise in a panel discussion on Oct. 7, 2020 as part of an ongoing COVID-19 series titled “The Truth



Ethel Branch, Navajo & Hopi Families COVID-19 Relief Fund.



Dr. Esteban Gershanik, M.D., M.P.H., M.M.Sc., F.A.A.P., F.H.M. of Children’s Hospital N.O., Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Dana Farber Cancer Institute Harvard Medical School, LSU and Tulane School of Medicine,

Exposed.”

The panelists comprised of Dr. Irene Ane Anyangwe of the School of Science of Navajo Technical Uni-



Amy Elizondo, M.P.H. National Rural Health Association.



Dr. Daniel Sarpong, Endowed Chair, College of Pharmacy, Xavier University.

versity, Ethel Branch of the Navajo & Hopi Families COVID-19 Relief Fund, Amy Elizondo of the National Rural Health Association, Dr. Esteban Gershanik of Children’s Hospital New Orleans, and Dr. Yvens Laborde of Ochsner Health. The



Dr. Yvens Laborde, M.D. Ochsner Health University of Queensland-Ochsner Clinical School

experts sought to focus attention broadly on how Latino, Native, and rural communities shared commonalities with African American communities in terms of the impact of the pandemic on health and quality of life.

“These are issues that we’ve been seeing in both the Indigenous, Latinx, and rural communities for a very long time,” Sarpong said. “If anything, what this does is expose those underlying truths of where there is access to care,” he added.

What Latino, Native, and rural communities share with Black communities is the distance to medical care, under coverage in health plans, and lack of services.

“Pandemics, they take off that band aid to expose the truth underneath the structural issues around these most vulnerable populations that have these various dynamics that correlate with the social deter-

minants of health and other components,” said Dr. Esteban Gershanik of Children’s Hospital.

In addition to access to health care, Latino, Indigenous, and rural communities also experience food insecurities, lack of public infrastructure, and lack of quality education. Additionally, researchers aren’t studying these communities sufficiently, resulting in less data that documents the impact of the pandemic on these groups, the panelists said.

“If we can align policies amongst all of these shared communities with preexisting conditions, I think we could push this forward with momentum and ride the wave of where there’s a call to action that I think it’s probable and I hope we seize upon instead of feeling this is one that’s loud in voice but not in action,” Gershanik said.

There is no coincidence that the pandemic also triggered renewed calls for social justice in communities of color, the panelists added.

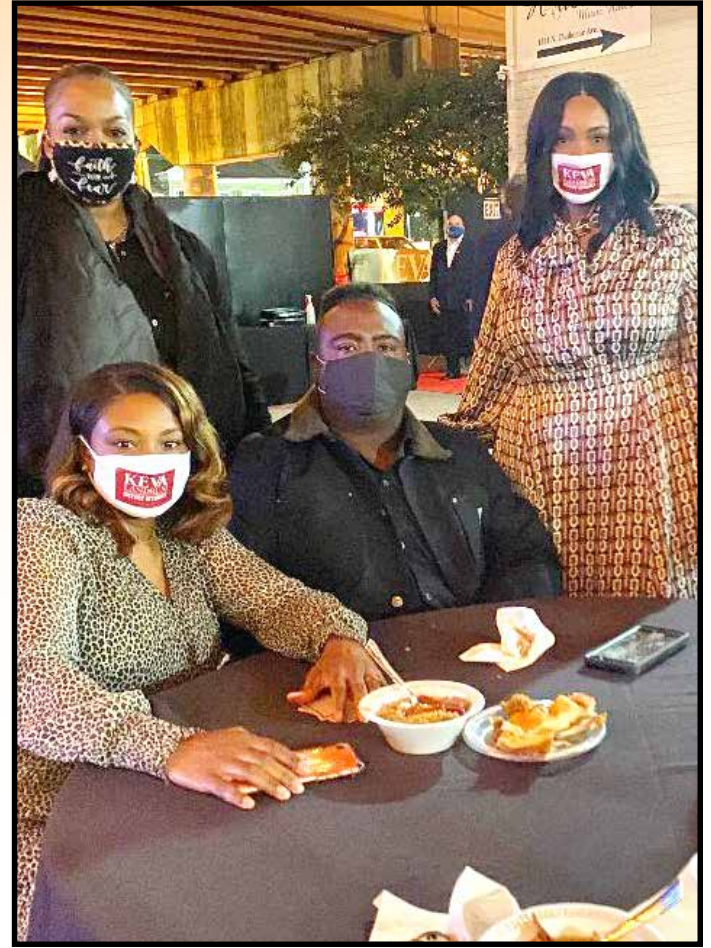
“There’s a forgotten aim that’s in essence at the center of all the difficulties we’re struggling with. That forgotten aim is equity,” said Dr. Yvens Laborde with Ochsner Health. Laborde echoed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s words on how all forms in inequality work together to result in forms of injustice. Laborde noted that the pandemic has helped society to see how health and health care fits into overall forms of injustice.

“There has to be equity in all aspects of the society and unless we address that we’ll never actually achieve a more ultimate goal,” Laborde said.

Local Candidates Advance to Run-Off Election on Dec. 5th

Edwin Buggage
Editor-in-Chief

Election Season continues to be in full swing as citizens went to the polls to cast their ballots to determine who will occupy seats on the local, state and national offices. Some are headed to the run-off election that will take place on December 5, 2020. We at Data News Weekly in our role as "The People's Paper" encourage you to continue to be civically engaged and getting out to vote.



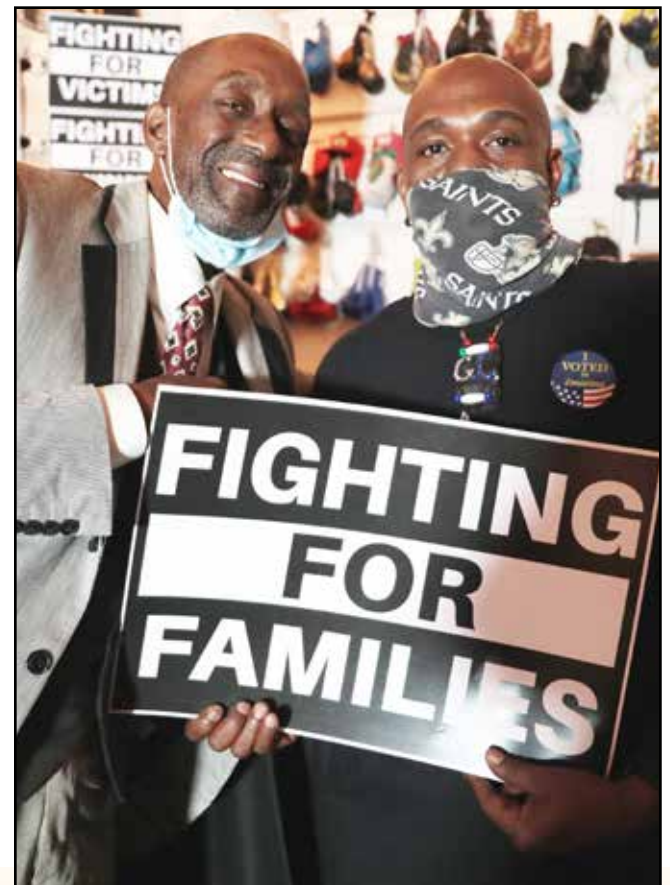
District Attorney Candidate Keva Landrum celebrates making the run-off with supporters at the Treme Hideaway



Juvenile Court Candidate Clint Smith greeting the public on Election Day.



Present City Councilman-at-Large and District Attorney Candidate Jason Williams will be in the run-off election that will take place on Dec. 5th.



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Civil District Court Division I candidate Lori Jupiter on Election Day in front of the iconic Dooky Chase.



Louisiana Supreme Court Candidate Terri Love voting on Election Day.

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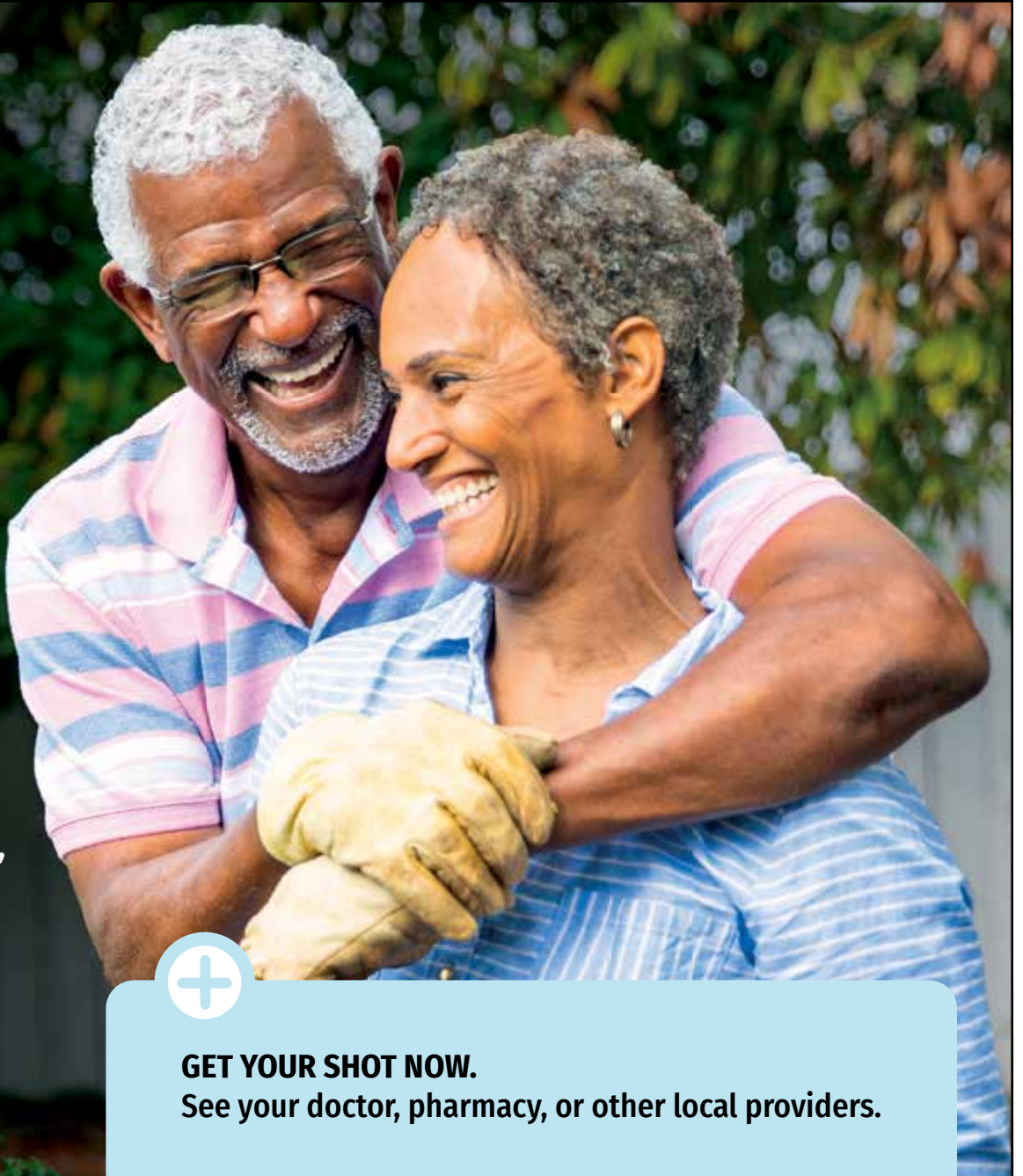


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Hurricane Zeta's Wrath Leaves Many Without Power

Eric Connerly
Data News Weekly
Contributor

Hurricane Zeta, a Category 2 hurricane blew through New Orleans October 28th causing damage and leaving several hundred thousand without power.



Charles Dickerson, a resident from Gentilly was without power for several days. "My electricity is back on, but but it's been a tough few days but it could have been a lot worse."

Residents throughout the City lost power, with some being restored shortly after the hurricane, but others as of press time do not have electricity.

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Hurricane Zeta left hundreds of thousands without power causing downed trees, power lines and damage to property.

a lot worse. Compared to Katrina as well as the recent storms in Lake Charles, I am a little inconvenienced but feel fortunate that the damage was minimal."

Jamie Jones, an uptown resident woke up to his neighbor's

shed in his backyard. "The storm hit and I heard a loud noise and when I looked in my back yard an entire shed had been blown into my backyard."

The storm was rapid and powerful. The local, state and federal gov-



ernment were on one accord and provided information and guidance to residents throughout the storm.

"I feel the City leadership did a good job as well as Entergy in restoring power to many of our resident's homes. Again, seeing

what happened to so many of our people during Katrina because of poor leadership; but in this case we are seeing things happening to get people's power back on and the City is in recovery mode," says Charles Dickerson.

Publisher's Note

A Victory at the Polls

We Are the Change We Desire



Terry B. Jones
Publisher,
Data News Weekly

As the Publisher of Data News Weekly, I would like to say that I am proud of our community and communities across this great country for going out and letting their voices

be heard. While we do not know as of press time and may not know for some time who our next President may be the long lines and people getting out to vote was an amazing exercise of civil engagement.

I know that many are anxious and nervous about the outcome of this election, but I advise you to take a deep breath and reset. For us as citizens we have done our part by voting. It is time to just let the votes be counted and accept the results and regardless of who wins begin the long journey of healing our nation in these divided times. And while whoever occupies the

White House does matter; the process of being more civil towards one another begins with us.

Now that I have gotten that out, we also had our local and state elections where we voted for several seats including District Attorney, several judges' seats, school board and constitutional amendments and who would represent us in the U.S. Congress.

Some of these races were decided and we would like to congratulate those who were victorious or headed to the run-off. There a several races for judge, school board and a hotly contested District Attor-

ney's race that still have not been decided. These races will take place on December 5, 2020 and we are encouraging all to get out and vote.

Let me conclude for now by saying that whether it is local, state or nationally, we are on the same team. We need to begin to bridges of understanding and civility. I am proud of my community for getting out and voting. And let me say that we at Data News Weekly are committed to continuing our role as "The People's Paper" and "Lighting the road to the Future" for this generation and future generations of our great community.



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NNPA Broadcast Live 2020 Election Night Coverage

On November 3rd, the Black Press of America embarked on its unprecedented plan to thoroughly cover the 2020 Presidential Election, the most consequential in U.S. History

Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Newswire Senior
National Correspondent

On what was considered the most important election in the nation's recent history the Black Press broadcasted it live over several social media channels. Viewers witnessed history by tuning in to Facebook.com/BlackPressUSA, and BlackPressUSATV on YouTube.

The Washington Informer, Baltimore Times, Texas Metro News, Westside Gazette, Houston Forward Times, Cincinnati Herald, Houston Defender, Arizona Informant, and many others shared the stream over their robust social media platforms.

Such cooperation allowed for millions of African Americans to receive timely election news from the Black Press.

Among the long list of individuals who appeared to participate are Former Vermont Governor and one-time Democratic National Committee Chair Howard Dean, NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson, Virginia Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax, Texas Democratic Congresswoman Eddie Bernice

Johnson, Illinois Democratic Congressman Danny K. Davis, Michigan Democratic Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence, and Black Women's Roundtable Convener Melanie Campbell.

National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) Political Correspondent Lauren Burke, NNPA Columnist and Houston Forward Times Associate Editor Jeffrey Boney, Washington Informer Editor D. Kevin McNeir, Mississippi Link Editor Edelia "Dr. Jay" Carthan, Texas Metro News Correspondent Ashley Moss, NNPA Columnist Charlene Cromwell, Los Angeles Sentinel Editor Brandon Brooks, AFRO DC Editor Micha Green and correspondent Alexis Taylor also joined the unprecedent-

ed broadcast.

NNPA Chair Karen Carter Richards and NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. helped kick-off coverage at 7 p.m. EST.

"I'm so excited about this," said Richards, who is also publisher and CEO of the Houston Forward Times. "This goes to show how powerful the Black Press of America is, especially when we work together."

Throughout the evening, staff members from many of the 230 publications and media companies in the Black Press family joined the broadcast and provided updates from all over the country including battleground and swing states like Ohio, Florida, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Texas, Wisconsin, Arizona, Virginia, and California.

It is in these critical times for the nation that a voice that reflects the aspirations and tells the stories of African-Americans and the Black Press of America has maintained its standing as the trusted voice for all Black communities, and it's more than 230 member newspapers, and media companies are represented by the 80-year-old NNPA.

"This is the most important election in history, and it's important that the Black Press covers this and the progress of Black Americans and provides an interpretation of the events involved in our progress," NNPA President and CEO Chavis declared.

"No other print or digital media serves in this role quite like the Black Press."



The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) made history using their collective voices to bring coverage and analysis during the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election.

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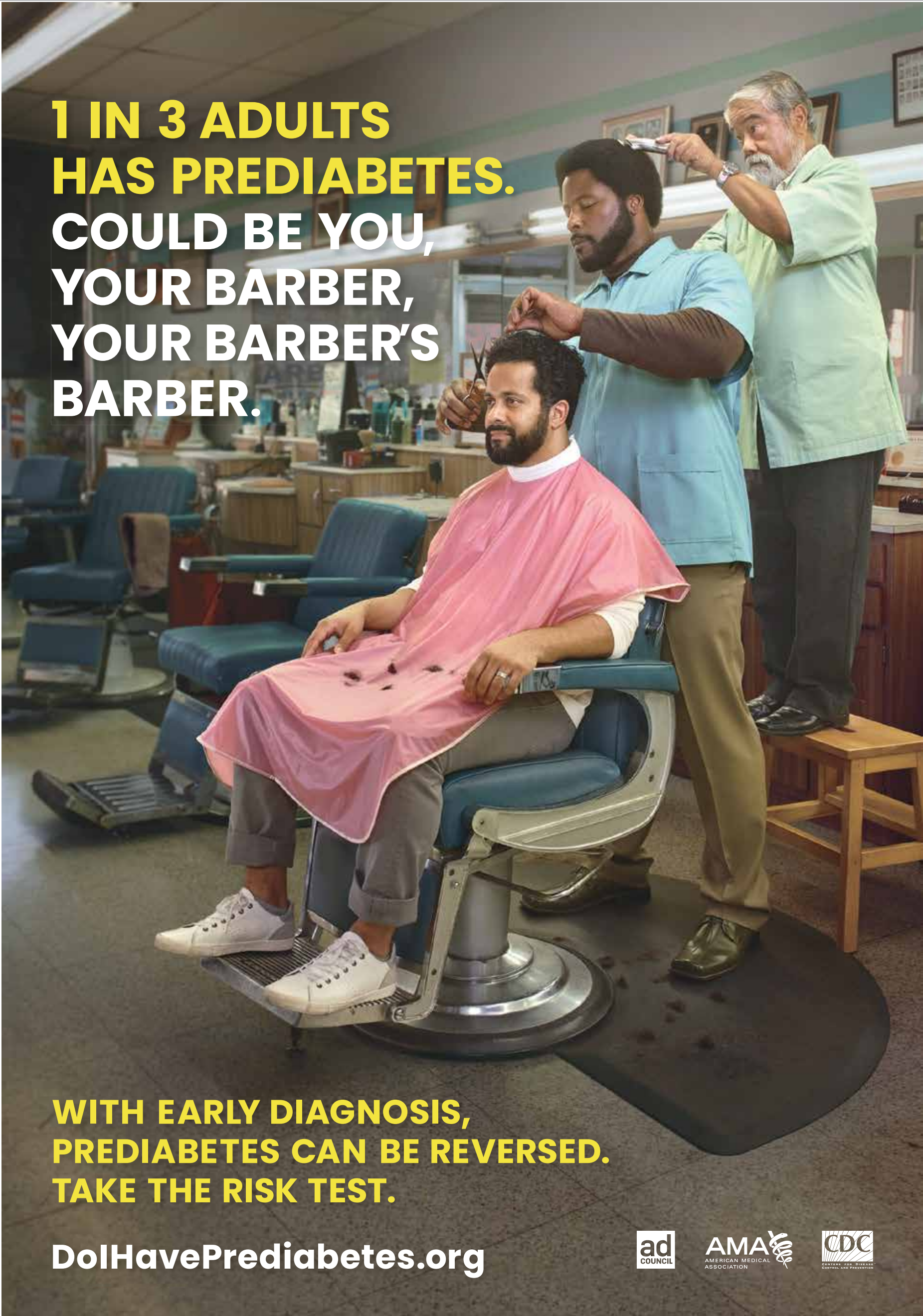
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