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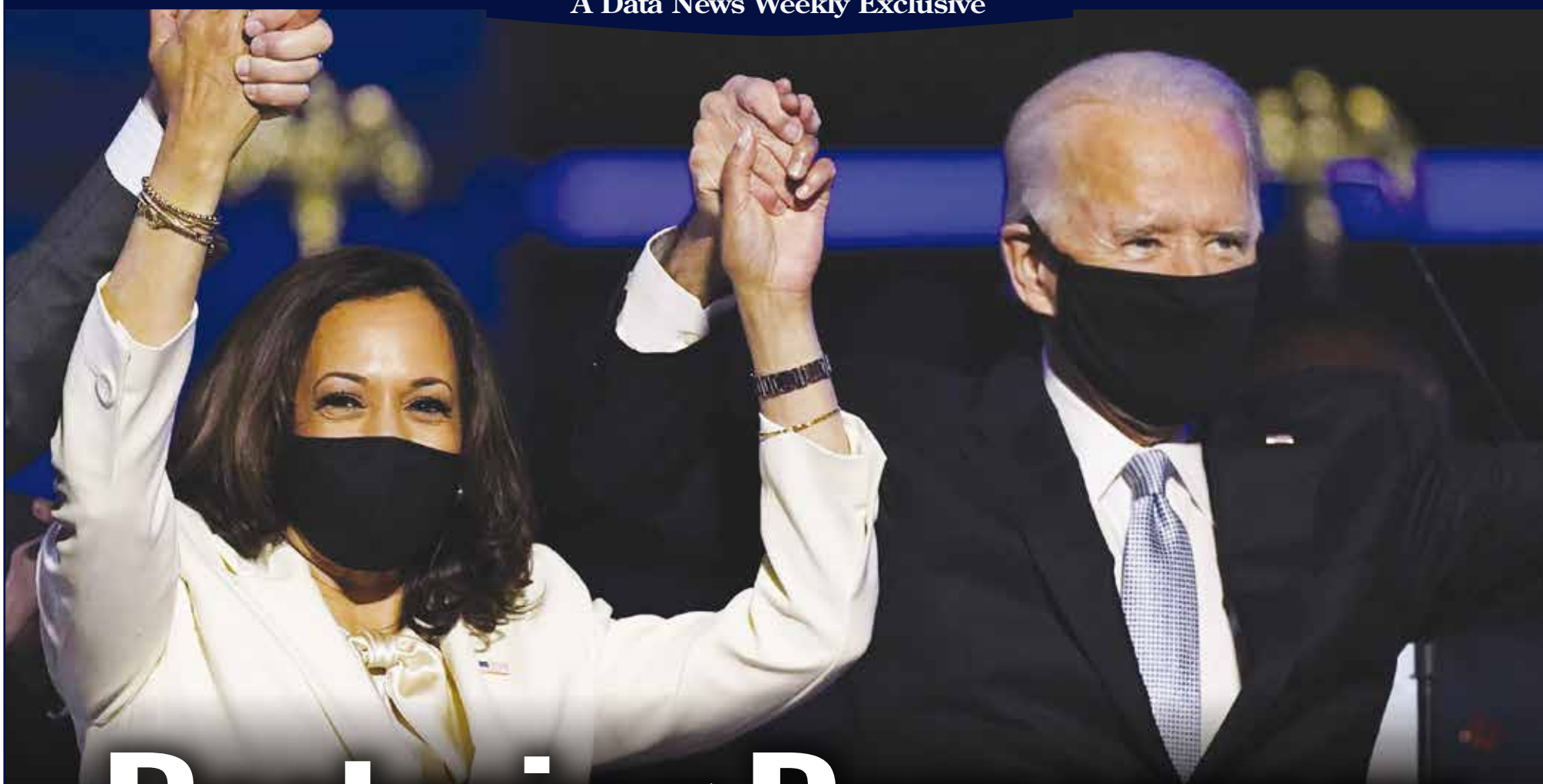
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President Elect Joe Biden and Vice-President Elect Kamala Harris.

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America Votes

In an America that's experienced the divisiveness of the last four years; this election season is one where

the soul of the nation and Democracy's been tested. In this U.S. Presidential Election, it is estimated that 150 million people voted. And after several days of counting votes in key battleground states the race was called and it was former Vice-President Joe Biden who was declared the winner.

His historic win is also an important step forward,

as the nation also elected Kamala Harris, who is the first woman of any race to hold the post of Vice-President, but this holds special significance to African Americans. In his acceptance speech President-Elect Joe Biden spoke of bringing down the temperature and begin healing the nation and extinguishing the flames of a divided America.

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The winning team of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris celebrating with family after being declared victorious in the 2020 Presidential Election.

A New Chapter for America

Today this is more important than ever as a nation begins the process of possibly turning the page on a dark chapter in its history. But the question becomes for this nation is how do we get there? What is necessary for the United States to becoming a nation where "We the People" means all people are not just created, but treated equally?

When looking at this last presidency, we have to ask ourselves how did we get here as a nation where incivility became an acceptable part of our discourse. How did we as a nation get to Charlottesville, the Killing of George Floyd and so many others by the hands of police where the aftermath brought us to a moment where people from all walks of life decided that Black Lives Matter?

Now that the election is over a nation must ask itself how do we heal and whose responsibility is it to reach that end?

On Becoming a More Perfect Union in Changing Times

While people across the nation are celebrating the end of a reign of a leader in former President Trump, the rhetoric he spewed resonated with so many in White Americans. This means that we still have work to do to truly become one America. We must get past the racism, xenophobia, sexism, and other isms that keep this nation from being a more perfect union.

The time has come for real conversations about who we are and where we are headed as a country that's changing demographics by 2050 where it is estimated that the country will no longer be majority White. To some this is a daunting



Vice-President Elect Kamala Harris is making history as the first woman to hold the office of the Vice-President. This is of special significance because she is a woman of color.

thought, but it is important to note that this could present an opportunity for a diverse nation to utilize this as a competitive advantage in a world that is more global than ever.

Kamala Harris and Breaking the Glass Ceiling

Kamala Harris is making history as the first woman of color to hold the seat of Vice President, but this has been a long time coming in a nation that's excluded women from reaching their full potential. To be marginalized meant that many who had the ability to achieve at a high level was not realized because of the sexism that was and still is pervasive in this nation. Yes, we have come a long way in this regard, but the road to full gender equity is still unrealized in the U.S. and around the globe.

In this the 21st Century let's ask ourselves where could we be as a

country if it was more inclusive in extending opportunities to all in the society? The time has come for this to be the norm, and as Vice-President Elect Kamala Harris stated in her acceptance speech, "I may be the first, but I will not be the last." This is where we need to be when it comes to progress by expanding access to the lanes of opportunities for all. For it is what makes Democracy not only a goal, but possible.

The Making and Maintaining of a Democracy Begins and Ends with its Citizens

America is still in a state of uncertainty to what it will be in these divided times, but the job of the President is to set the tone for the country. Donald Trump brought out the worst in many and was the lighter fluid that made the flames of intolerance and incivility worse.



People from all walks of life celebrated in the streets upon hearing the announcement that Joe Biden had won the Presidency.

President-Elect Biden, hopefully can set the tone for healing, but not just in rhetoric, but in the reality of policies that matter and impact people who need the most help in these uncertain times with a pandemic as well the historic problems that's been with us in leveling the playing field of access to opportunities.

In truth, that is all he can do. The heavy lifting of making our neighborhoods, cities, states, and nation better places to live is our responsibility. To be decent and civil is our responsibility. To realize we are on the same team as Americans is our

responsibility and to finally realize we are all equal in the family of humanity is now.

In these times as people around the nation are celebrating the United States making history, but it is important to remember the changing of history is in our hands as citizens. And this election where more people voted than in any in U.S. history is proof that that the power of voting matters in shaping the direction of our Democracy.

Get A Leg Up!

From athleisure to girl's night out . . . it's the fashion staple in every girl's wardrobe. Leggings are the go-to style that every "IT GIRL" is rockin' this fall season.

STYLING TIPS:

1. For a more polished look stay away from busy prints or neon colors.
2. Pair with an oversize cable sweater, cardigan, or slouchy blazer for an effortless vibe.
3. For a chic euro style, layer under a tunic dress, duster coat or skirt.
4. Consider texture and thickness of leggings for a modern twist. Plus, it can be more flattering to the figure.
5. Complete your style with the right shoes. Sneakers and ankle boots are great options.
6. Remember opaque hose should not be substituted for leggings. They aren't the same thing.



Above Left: HIGH STEPPER: Button front soft denim duster, ivory tope, cognac suede over the knee boots, all from Maiya; Chocolate liquid-like, shiny leggings, from NOLA Shoes & Accessories; Crystal pendant earrings by Designer Vanessa Winchester

Above Right: FANCY PANTS: Black velvet off the shoulder top with charcoal grey lace front leggings, grey suede over the knee stiletto boots and fedora all from Maiya; Crystal blue pendant earrings by Designer Vanessa Winchester

Left: BOSS LADIES!

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CHAIN REACTION: Black bodysuit legging with white one shoulder, sleeveless funnel sweater, pendant necklace, red clutch, and nude open-toe bootie; all from Maiya



Both Above: Models lip colors available exclusively at Magnolia Makeup: Mood Indigo, NOLA (red) and Shawn. Fall makeup trends will include electric eyeshadows, bold lips, and metallic pigments.

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New Orleans Enters Phase 3.3 Re-Opening

Data News Weekly Staff Edited Report

New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell during a recent press conference stated the City will be moving into Phase 3.3 re-opening beginning November 11, 2020.

What does this mean for the City moving forward?

According to the ready.nola.gov:

- Bars and breweries will now be allowed 25% indoor capacity with a 50 people maximum, and 100% outdoor capacity with a 50 people maximum.



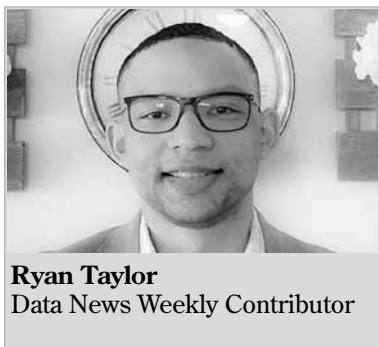
New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell, announcing that the City would be entering Phase 3.3 reopening.

- Indoor gathering sizes, including weddings and funerals, are increased to 100 people.
- Outdoor gathering sizes have been increased to 150.
- Masks and at least six feet of social distancing are still required.
- Indoor live entertainment is still not allowed in bars.

During the press conference announcing Phase 3.3 re-opening, Dr. Jennifer Avegno stated while cases are surging nationally, in New Orleans this is not the case. Her reasons she believes, because of warmer weather and mask wearing becoming a norm.

Dollars & Sense

Closing the Wealth Gap should be Top Priority of the Next Administration



Ryan Taylor
Data News Weekly Contributor

Like a pendulum he swung from the lamp post desperately seeking to breathe until he wistfully passed from this life to the next. Lynching was the most brutal tactic used to suppress the Black vote and upward mobility post reconstruction. Years later, on a Mississippi courthouse lawn, Lamar Smith was savagely murdered by gun shots fired at close range.

Apparently, the dozens of on-lookers who witnessed the crime did not see the White perpetrator.

You see, if you're Black, your right to vote has been paved with human sacrifice (martyrdom) and



etched in blood. So, hopefully you exercised your right to vote in such a pivotal election. It's your sacred and civic duty.

However, voting alone will not

save our Black souls. As an aggregate we need to re-imagine our political economy, hold those we vote in office accountable to our economic goals, and be forward think-

ing about how we save and invest. Our future is at stake.

The primary culprit embodying the cumulative disadvantages and past atrocities visited upon Black people is the racial wealth gap. It is the antecedent driving all other inequities across race within our society including education, healthcare, and criminal justice. The numbers do not lie ... Black families are 4.6 times more likely than White families to live in areas of concentrated poverty, and the median White family carries more than 10 times the wealth of the median Black family (as of 2016). What's more? A Georgetown study found socioeconomic status, not smarts or talent to be the primary indicator of academic and early career success. Meaning it's better to be rich and below average than it is to be poor and above average. On aggregate basis, a Black child is more likely to be the latter.

This means our children are placed at an extreme disadvantage absent a formative communal eco-

nomic agenda that counteracts these startling statistics.

Now that we have elected Joe Biden as the next President, how will this impact Black America and what is his plans for combatting COVID-19, global warming, systemic racism, but most importantly, economic inequality.

President-Elect Joe Biden supports at least studying reparations to descendants of enslaved people, while Donald Trump called the debate on reparations "interesting" but doesn't see it happening. Joe Biden has incorporated advancing racial equity across the economy as a distinct pillar in his Build Back Better Plan. It lays out in detail how he plans to fuel investment and funding in Black and brown communities.

It is the hope that the new administration makes closing the racial wealth gap his top priority. This can be a step in the right direction not just for the Black community, but for the nation.

America Declares to Trump: 'You're Fired'

Black Votes Push Biden Over the Top in Contentious Election

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After days of post-Election Day counting, Democrat Joe Biden has defeated President Donald Trump to become the nation's 46th commander-in-chief.

With all eyes on Pennsylvania, Georgia, Nevada, and Arizona, it was the Keystone State's 20 Electoral College votes that put Biden over the top, and helped America send the message Trump had become known for years earlier during his "Apprentice" reality television show: "You're Fired!"

"Trump finds out Biden won while he's playing golf," Washington Informer Journalist Anthony Tilghman tweeted, as Trump played golf at his National Club in Sterling, Va.

Reportedly, it's the 410th day the President spent at one of his namesake properties since taking office.

"This election is about so much more than @JoeBiden or me. It's about the soul of America and our willingness to fight for it," Sen. Kamala Harris, the Vice President-Elect tweeted alongside a video. "We have a lot of work ahead of us.



Voters across the U.S. went out in record number to vote in the 2020 Presidential Election. President-Elect Joe Biden during his acceptance speech that called for unity; he also gave special thanks to the outpouring of support from the African-American community.

Let's get started," she added.

When Biden and Harris are sworn-in on January 20, 2021, the California Senator will become the first Black Vice President in U.S. history.

After what's expected to be the most contentious and violent post-election in American history, inauguration ceremonies will occur. Demonstrators had already gathered outside of vote counting centers around the nation, mainly

as the country waited anxiously for results from Pennsylvania, Arizona, Georgia, and Nevada.

Chants of "Stop the Count! Stop the Count," turned to "Stop the Steal! Stop the Steal! At state buildings by pro-Trump supporters at state buildings. The President egged on the commotion, tweeting false claims about voter fraud and that the "Democrats are trying to steal the election."

With little question, Black voters

pushed Biden over the top.

Biden trailed the President in Pennsylvania, but as the count included predominately Black Philadelphia and surrounding counties, Trump's lead disappeared, and the Democrat prevailed.

That scenario repeated itself in Georgia, where Atlanta and Fulton County also came through for the former vice president.

"At this historical moment, the voters have made it clear that they want a country that works for all people. They want a country that is not broken by racism and bigotry," NAACP President Derrick Johnson wrote in a statement.

"They want leadership that can create opportunities for all Americans to succeed in all aspects of society, without fear of over-policing, discrimination, and destructive policies at our expense.

"This election transcends party and gives voice to the voters who want affordable health care, economic stability, quality education for their children, and wholesale relief from the pandemic and structural inequality. How we move forward from here and begin to repair our nation is critical."



Saints Leads the NFC South in Mid-Season

Fleur De Lis
Data News Weekly Columnist

What's up NOLA, this is Fleur De Lis giving you the news in Black and Gold. It is the middle of the season and who would have thought that "Dem Boys" would be on top of their division.

The Saints are showing that they again are poised to be a force to be reckoned with and is one of the best team in the NFL.

The Saints are now 6-2 and leading the NFC South after a beating division rival Tampa Bay Buccaneers, led by future Hall of Famer Tom Brady.

Drew Brees showed that he is arguably the best quarterback of his generation. Also, this season the team is doing it on both sides of the ball. In this last game they shut down Brady and the high-



Drew Brees, is leading a Saints team who is leading the NFC South Division during mid season and is in contention again to win its division.

powered Bucs offense and when the game was over the score-

board read 38-3.

Of course, this is a different

type of season with COVID-19, where the Who Dat Nation cannot be inside the dome cheering on the Saints, but wherever we are catching the game we are cheering them on in what is becoming a great season.

Win or lose we celebrate in New Orleans but winning always feels better. You know we love to dance, last year it was Choppa Style and after this victory the team danced in the locker room including Coach Sean Payton. We see ya Coach!

Today in the mid-point of the season we are hoping to see the Black and Gold get all the way to the Super Bowl.

Even during COVID-19 we will continue to be the best fans in the world whether we are in the dome or not.

So, until next time, this Fleur De Lis signing off. Go Who Dat!

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