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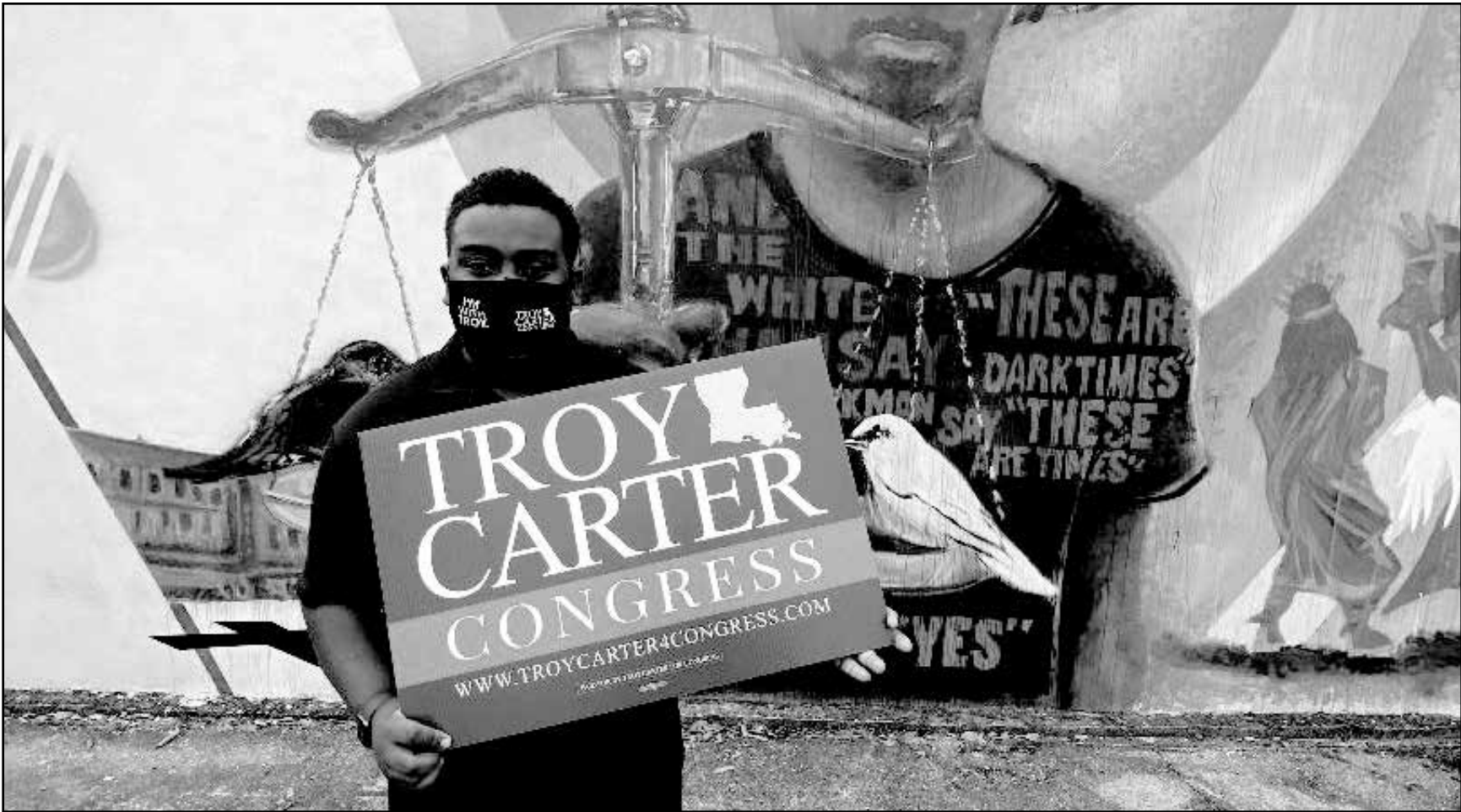


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High school student, Gavin Johnson wants to ensure that officials will advocate for the community in Congress.

**Cameron English
Contributor**

With the Pandemic and the economy on many voters' minds, residents said they are headed back to the polls for Louisiana's Second Congressional District Race because of the need to ensure that the nation

remains on track under a new administration. With the Biden White House nearing its 100 days in office, many voters say they want to see Congress continue to fulfill its promises to voters who elected them in November. The second district runoff on April 24th includes State Senate Minority Leader Troy Carter and State Senator Karen Carter Peterson.

"Voting to me is important because it's my voice when economic decisions are made," said Kayla Davis, a student at Xavier University of Louisiana. The efforts by states like Georgia and Texas to restrict voting access that ultimately suppress African American turnout has inspired younger voters like Davis to want to participate in elections that often have lower voter turnout.

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Local community organizer, Terrol Perkins said that elected officials are kept accountable when citizens vote in all elections.

at the polls on election day. Gavin Johnson, who chairs his High School Democrats Organization said he also wants to keep leaders accountable while they are running for office and after they are elected.

"I am voting in the election to support Troy Carter," Johnson said. "I know he is going to fight for us. Troy has been in the trenches all of his political career, and I admire him," Johnson said. He said that long-term dedication to public service and to his city is what matters most in electing officials.

"I want a person that is going show up in Washington. So that's what is pushing me," Johnson said. "I want a person that is going show up for the 2nd District, and Troy is it."

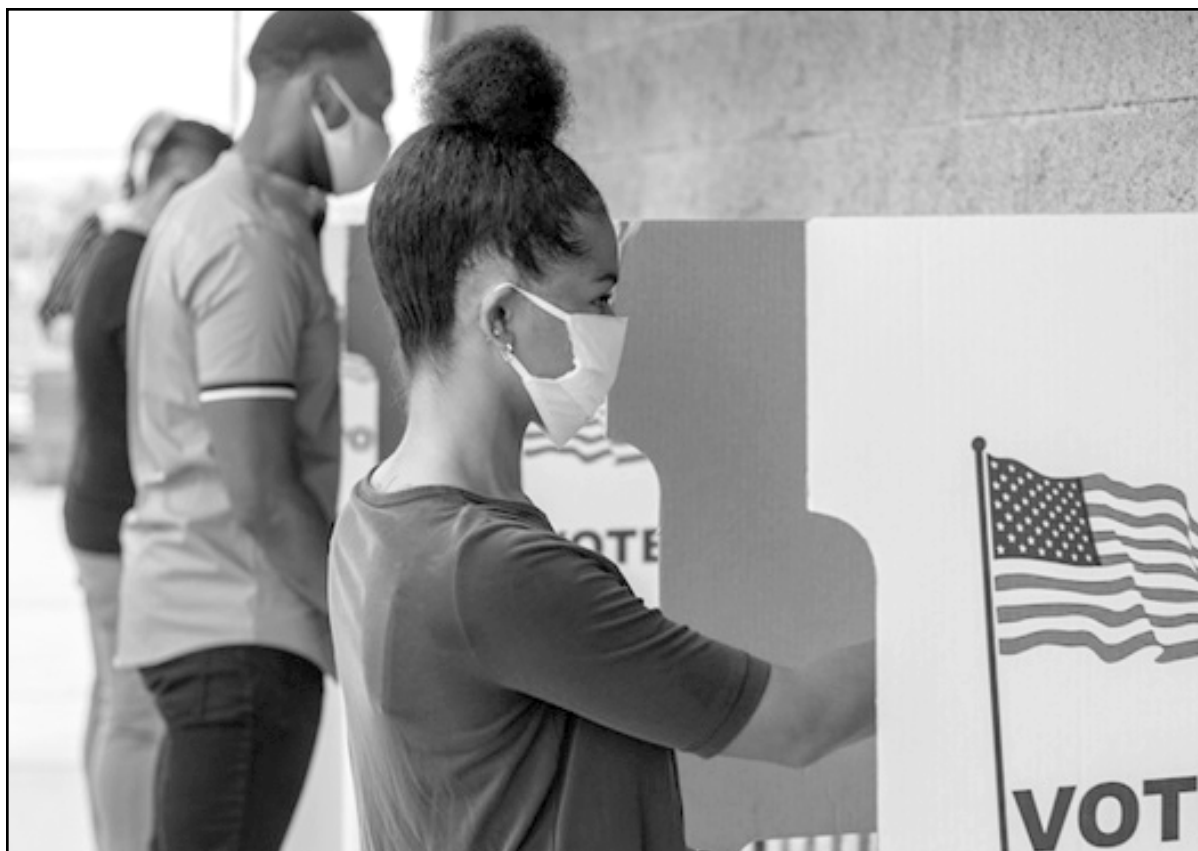
Despite preference for one official or another, young voters said they will hold whoever is elected accountable based on how they vote in office. Terrol Perkins, a local political organizer said he has seen too often that politicians forget their constitutions after they get into office. He said his voting is one of the most important ways to remind elected officials that they are there to represent their constituents.



Kayla Davis, a Xavier student said the economy is her main reason for voting.



Student, Rico Johnson said he wants to make sure that as a Democracy voting is still a protected right.



Every Election is important, so Data News Weekly is encouraging all to get out and vote.

"We live in a land of democracy and the free. I want to believe that my voice matters and is heard just like anyone else when it comes to my country," Davis added.

The Pandemic has prompted a lot of younger voters to realize that they can make a difference when they show up for elections. Many younger voters indicated that they are concerned about

the state of politics and that they understand that if they do not participate in elections outside of the presidential ones, little can get done in Congress.

"Voting is important to me because voices need to be heard from everyone," said Rico Johnson, who also attends Xavier.

Some young voters say they want to do more than just show up

"I am voting because bad public officials are elected by good citizens who don't vote," Perkins said. On April 24th, Perkins will join voters across Louisiana's second district to determine former U.S. Rep. Cedric Richmond's replacement that was the lone Democratic-held seat in the state. Polls will open for election day voting on Saturday, April 24th at 6 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m.

Juicy Enough to Eat



Tracee Dundas
Fashion Stylist

Women's accessories have been described by many as the exclamation point of her outfit. Afterall, an outfit isn't complete unless paired with the perfect shoes, handbag, and accessories. It pulls the whole look together and to skimp on these details is a major fashion faux pas.

This spring elevate your wardrobe with shoes and handbags inspired by the vibrant colors of the fruits of Mother Nature, that are so juicy you may be tempted to take a bite out of them!



When Life Hands You Lemons

Citrus yellow nubuck, strapped crisscross ankle strap dress sandals by Steve Madden paired with yellow, gray, and beige color-blocked tote by Kate Landry, available at Dillard's.



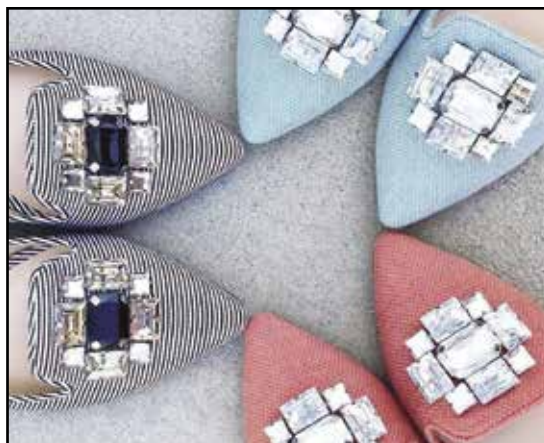
The Sweeter the Tomato

Cherry tomato red, multi-jeweled Aztec print wedge heel by Gianni Bini, available at Dillard's.



Sweeten the Pickings

Botanical print block heel dress sandals by Steve Madden, available at Dillard's.



To the Point

Pointed-toe flat canvas with jeweled brooch detail, available at DSW



Step Up

Blue Suede, open toe and ankle strap, skinny block platform heel by Nasty Gal, available at nasty.gal.com.



Blushing Bouquet

Suede, dusty blue, buckled banded block heel sandals by Sam Edelman paired with a glossy, floral print, cross-bag with navy trim and gold hardware by Ted Baker, available at Dillard's.



The Forbidden Fruit

White, grey, black, two-piece lizard print, patent leather ankle and vamp strap dress sandals by Gianni Bini paired cream and grey metallic snake-embossed small clutch with shiny gold-toned octagon hardware and starlight gold larger clutch both by Louise et Cie, available at Dillard's.



Bright and Sunny

Yellow or White, Mary Janis, wedge wooden heel by Shoe Cult, available at nasty.gal.com. clutch with shiny gold-toned octagon hardware and starlight gold larger clutch both by Louise et Cie, available at Dillard's.



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Troy Carter

The Best Choice For Congress

A Record of GETTING THINGS DONE



Terry B. Jones
Publisher,
Data News Weekly

While we are in the middle of a heated race where voters will decide who will represent Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District; we demand that it's time not just send a fighter, but to send someone who actually understands governing and how to GET THINGS DONE.

Troy Carter is this person; he's been a bridge builder that can bring different people together to govern

and bring desperately needed resources to the District. He has the ear of leadership and if elected will have the relationships necessary to "GET THINGS DONE".

We do not have time to take a chance with a candidate who is not aligned with those who can make an immediate difference in shaping policies that can have an immediate impact on the people of the District. We cannot gamble away our future, because in these times we really need someone in D.C. who knows how to GET THINGS DONE!!

This is why Troy Carter's been able to get the endorsements of a wide variety of voters across the District. And in these contentious times we need someone who can bring people together helping them recognize that we are more alike



Troy Carter

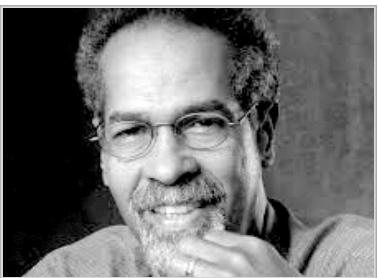
than different in what we want for the District moving forward. I believe that Troy is this person and has proven this throughout his career in politics and business. He's someone who continues to GET THINGS DONE.

He's also given back and been part of philanthropic efforts and serving the community in a way that's selfless, helping those in need. And it is today we need this kind of leader; one that could inspire this spirit in all of us and together we can GET THINGS DONE.

We at Data News Weekly as "the People Paper" proudly put our support behind Troy Carter, because he's by far the best choice and please support him with your vote on Election Day and elect a candidate who knows how to GET THINGS DONE.

Commentary

The New NOLA Normal, Personal Vaccination Responsibility



Lloyd Dennis
Multi-Media Producer
and Author. Co-Founder
of and Former Director of
The Silverback Society

APRIL 19, 2021 - We are so relieved! Got our shots! Free at last!

I'm sure I'm going to get some flack for what I'm about to state and predict.

First:

Boo and I have our shots, and while we will continue to cooperate with the public place mask mandates... we ain't scared of you... masked or not... and that is a life changer.

We have empathy, so if we have to interact with people who would feel more comfortable, we will "mask up". We remember the stress

of being completely vulnerable to this deadly Pandemic. We don't have that stress anymore, even around the yahoos who've been risking themselves, and everyone around them by refusing to mask up for political reasons or due to the frivolity of youth.

I've since adjusted my social greetings because it's just not a good idea to be hugging and kissing on people who might have a cold, flu, stomach virus... All you'll get from me a knuckle bump or a blown kiss from across the room.

Second:

I predict that once NOLA gets to 60 - 70% vaccinated, we will open up and that's when it gets complicated. We would be right at herd immunity, meaning that if we only interacted with New Orleans people, the virus would have difficulty spreading because two out of three people can't catch it or pass it on.

However, this is NOLA, America's favorite place to visit, so our extremely low infection rate and high vaccination rate will make us one of the safest places



Lloyd Dennis and wife Anne, pictured with friends enjoying a music set after they had all been vaccinated.

to visit and fall festivals and our unique culture will feed a huge pent-up national desire to travel. And while there may not be a full-fledged Essence Festival this year, I guarantee that the Fourth of July weekend will still look a lot like it does during the festival.

With people from all over the country coming here, those in the city who are not vaccinated will be exposed to people who come from places with much higher infection rates and lower vaccination rates. Those who choose not to be vaccinated who

come into the proximity of tourists will not benefit from the herd immunity and low infection rate that Mayor Cantrell and other leaders have accomplished in New Orleans.

The city will open for business, I believe by July. Whenever the city opens the un-vaccinated, be they locals or tourists will be on their own. No lock-down to protect them.

Thanks to our year of lock-down and now the vaccines, I'm not dead or scared. We're going to enjoy the party... but if you don't vaccinate, you might want to stay away from travelers, because they will come... some with and some without. (Yahoos come here, too.)

Laissez les bon temps rouler... if you've had your shots.

For more information
on Lloyd Dennis go to
lloydennis.com

Derek Chauvin Found Guilty in the Murder of George Floyd

Data News Staff Edited Report

The jury found former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin guilty of all three charges in the murder of George Floyd.

Crowds outside the Minneapolis courtroom and at the location where Floyd was killed chanted "justice" and "Black Lives Matter" after hearing the verdict.

George Floyd's brother Philonise Floyd was sitting with his head bowed and his hands folded in front of his face in prayer before the verdict was read. As each verdict was read, his hands increasingly shook, and his head nodded up and down.

"I was just praying they would find him guilty. As an African American, we usually never get justice," Floyd said.

Afterward, Floyd cried and hugged prosecutors, who shook hands with the Minnesota Attorney General. One prosecutor wiped away tears.

"I think it will mean change; it will mean change. It's a first step in a long road to recovery," Floyd's girlfriend, Courteney Batya Ross, said in an interview on CNN on



The Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation (BLMGNF) released a statement in reaction to the guilty verdict in the Derek Chauvin trial. "We hope this guilty verdict begins to show that White supremacy will not win. White supremacy has no place in democracy, especially one that is supposed to guarantee us our freedom to live," the statement said. (Photo of George Floyd, who was murdered by Derek Chauvin)

Chauvin's Attorney, Eric Nelson, earlier indicated that his client would appeal a guilty verdict on the basis that jurors may have been impermissibly swayed by outside forces. Nelson cited comments by Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., who urged protesters to become confrontational if the jury acquitted Chauvin.

Biden, who has pledged to overhaul the nation's Criminal Justice System, refrained from providing his views on the case while it was ongoing. On Tuesday, while jurors were sequestered, he said that he prayed that the jury would come to the "right verdict."

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"But let us also be clear that this still does not bring our loved ones back. We do not get George Floyd back. His daughter and family have to grow up without him. His



Derek Chauvin is remanded into custody after being found guilty on three counts related to the death of George Floyd.



Crowds outside the Minneapolis courtroom and at the location where Floyd was killed chanted "justice" and "Black Lives Matter" after hearing the verdict.

Tuesday, addressing a potential guilty verdict. "I believe Floyd came here for a reason," she said.

After Judge Peter Cahill read and confirmed the verdict with the jury, he announced technical next steps, including scheduling sentencing in eight weeks' time.

Cahill said the court would look at written arguments from Chauvin "within one week" and issue factual findings on it. Then they will order a pre-sentencing investigation report, "returnable in four weeks." That will be

followed by a briefing on the pre-sentencing investigation report six weeks from now and "eight weeks from now we will have sentencing."

Chauvin faces 12 1/2 years or 150 months in prison under sentencing guidelines for a first-time offender. But the prosecution argues there are aggravating factors that require a longer prison term. That means Chauvin may face longer than that sentence.

A trial for three of the other officers involved in Floyd's arrest,

Thomas Lane, J. Alexander Kueng, and Tou Thao, is set to begin in August.

family continues his legacy through the George Floyd Memorial Foundation," the statement added.

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— Troy Carter

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- ✓ Continue the fight for our citizens who are living with disabilities.
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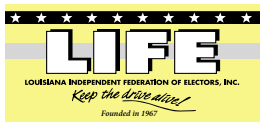
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