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## Voting For A Better City

The Future is in Your Hands and These are our Recommendations Election Day November 13, 2021



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Terry B. Jones Publisher New Orleans Data News Weekly

The day is here, time to get out and vote. In my role as Publisher of Data News Weekly, "The People's Paper" I am encouraging all to get out and vote on this Election Day. For these are truly important times for our city moving forward. Indeed, we cannot sit by and decide not to

make it to the polls. This is our time to let our voices be heard and have a say in who will lead our City.

Moreover, many have offered themselves up for service, and it is time for us to choose who would best serve the people of our great City. Last week we endorsed several candidates that we believe are the best qualified to fill several seats.

This week, we have added several others that include,

longtime Criminal Sheriff, Marlin Gusman, who we feel is doing an excellent job in his post, and we are also adding to our endorsements, Eugene Green, in the race for City Council District D and Delisha Boyd, State Representative District 102. Further, in this issue we have created the Data Ticket. It is something we want you to look at and consider when going to vote for the candidates of your choice. But before you go to the polls consider

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this, that in these crucial times for our City, we need leaders who are visionaries, as well as have a proven record of getting things done in our community.

This means we need to have a good mix of established leaders, along with some fresh new faces, who will bring new ideas and a fresh set of eyes to City government. So, we are asking all our citizens to not let this opportunity to reshape how our City leadership will look to go by without voting. For throughout our history, too many have fought, struggled, and died for us to vote for the candidates of our choice. Indeed, it is to dishonor their sacrifice if we are not civically engaged.

In the face of so many challenges our City faces, it is up to all to help shape who will be in those seats, who will lead us into the future. Today is a turning point for our City, where it is time for all zip codes to matter when prioritizing City resources. It is time to truly govern through a lens that is focused on equity. For it is the one thing that will help solve many of



the problems in New Orleans.

Further, we must realize that elected leadership is only one part of how we can make our City a better place to live for all. We must work as individuals and neighbors to keep our communities clean and safe. Parents must raise their children with morals, values, and character, and not expect the schools to do some of the things that we should do at home in respect to our kids.

As we plan for Post COVID-19 and Post Ida New Orleans, it is our chance to remake our City. This time without leaving any neighborhoods or people out of the equation. Yes, we must embrace change, but keep those things that make New Orleans a great place to live. We can move in this direction by electing leaders who can assist us in truly moving our City forward together.

So, I am asking all to please consider those we have endorsed and get out and vote. The future of our City begins right now and have a hand in shaping what it is to become.





### Newsmaker

## Plessy v. Ferguson Descendants say Case is Still Relevant in Today's Political Climate.

Nia Brown Data News Weekly Contributor

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The 1896 U.S. Supreme Court Case, Plessy vs. Ferguson, happened over 125 years ago. Today this landmark case tested the meaning of the Fourteenth Amendment, which upholds the constitutionality of the equal protection clause. The case which contested whether "separate but equal" was constitutional, ushered in the era of Jim Crow laws.

The descendants of Homer Arlond Plessy and Judge John Howard Ferguson continue to educate citizens on the importance of the ruling through The Plessy and Ferguson Foundation. The co-founders of The Plessy and Ferguson Foundation, Keith Plessy and Phoebe Ferguson spoke at the Louisiana State



Keith Plessy, a direct descendant of Homer Plessy is co-founder of the Plessy and Ferguson Foundation.



Phoebe Ferguson is the great-granddaughter of Judge John Howard Ferguson who ruled Homer Plessy guilty in the landmark case. She is a cofounder of the Plessy and Ferguson Foundation.

University's Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs' series titled: "Racism: Dismantling the System" on Nov. 4th. The event featured faculty and scholars from Southern University Law Center and Southern University at Baton Rouge.

"We think that having a discussion about the history and outcomes of the infamous case is always important to have," said Keith Plessy. "We are in a period of time now where we seem to be revisiting and surpassing the voting rights ... and everything the 14th Amendment was written to accomplish for Black Americans," Plessy added.

In 2009, Plessy formed the foundation with Phoebe Ferguson, the great-granddaughter of Judge

Ferguson, who upheld that racial segregation was constitutional, and found Homer Plessy in violation of the Separate Car Act. As descendants of the two opposing sides of the historical argument of separate but equal, Keith Plessy and Phoebe Ferguson work together now to continue to educate the public on why this law is still relevant today.

This event titled "Separate and Unequal: The Legacy of Plessy v. Ferguson," was joined by panelists Angela Allen-Bell, J.D., an Associate Professor at Southern University Law Center; Brian J. Costello, O. de M. III, Tertiary, a Historian, Genealogist, and Author; and Albert Samuels, Ph.D., the Chair of the Department of Political Science at

Southern University. Mary Smith, a Senior Political Science student at Southern University, moderated the panel. The speakers reminded the public that Homer Plessy was not an attorney at the time but a shoemaker, who was part of the Citizens Committee in Tremé, and who volunteered to be an activist at the time, to be arrested for sitting in the White-only section of the street-car. This aspect of who Plessy was is often rarely shared in remembering his legacy, the panelists said.

"Plessy understood resistance was necessary for Black social struggle and for people of color in this country," Allen-Bell said. "Plessy imported to us that law is too low of a bar to set when it comes to people of color in this country, there is a much more noble aspiration that Plessy left to us, and that it was the pursuit of justice," Allen-Bell said.

Plessy's challenge of the existing laws that were unequal in his lifetime still serve as a model for newer generations in pursuit of a more just America, the panelists said. The future of hope for equality lies through difficult conversations regarding America's past, the descendants of Plessy and Ferguson shared.

"What brings me hope is that there's people and there's organizations like our panelists and like my fellow peers who are committed to progressing our nation forward and know we are going to complete the work that was started before us and hopefully the people after us complete the work," Smith said.

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**State & Local News** 

# New Self Defense Boxing Class for Women Teaches How to Fight back Against Attackers.



Te-Erika Patterson, the creator of the Nola Lady Self-Defense Boxing Class.

Elise Schenck Data News Weekly Contributor

Women who have been victims of crime, abuse, generally feel unsafe in our city are gathering together to learn how to fight back in a new self-defense boxing

team of professional boxing trainers. The 5 Week Program covers basic boxing footwork, punches, and physical stamina as well as how to defend yourself against attackers using these techniques.

"When you become tired of running away every time

you are faced with aggression you have to try to figure out how to stop feeling powerless," says Te-Erika Patterson, the creator of the Nola Lady Fighters Self Defense Boxing Class. Patterson, a New Orleans Community Activist, and author had no boxing skills when she created the program. She is participating in the classes alongside other women who want to become more confident themselves and less afraid when they feel



The class is designed to help women feel more confident in themselves and less afraid when they are threatened.

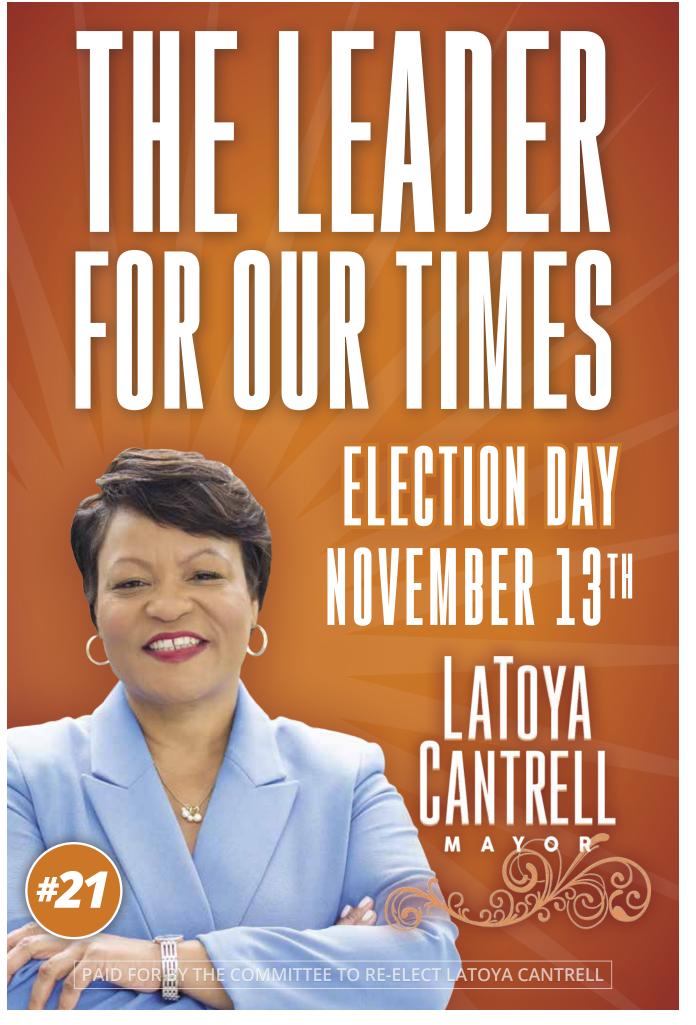
class being held at Spartan's Boxing Club, 5420 Franklin Avenue, in Gentilly.

The Nola Lady Fighters Self Defense Boxing Class meets three times per week to learn boxing and selfdefense techniques from a threatened.

The next session of the 5-week Self Defense Boxing Class for Women begins Tuesday, November 16th and runs through Saturday, December 18th. Classes meet at the Milne Center (5420 Franklin Avenue) on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm and Saturday mornings at 10 am. There is a nominal fee which includes brand new boxing gloves and training equipment for all participants.

Women can register for

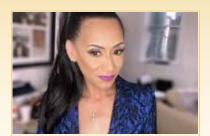
the Nola Lady Fighters Self Defense Boxing Class at NolaLadyFighters.Org.



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### **Data Zone**

# Shining the Spotlight on Southern Designers



**Tracee Dundas**Fashion Stylist

In the words of iconic fashion designer, Coco Chanel; "Fashion is not something that exists in dresses only. Fashion is in the sky, in the street, fashion has to do with ideas, the way we live, what is happening." That couldn't be a more appropriate descriptor for New Orleans Fashion Week's recent fashion fête – Taste of Fashion Week.

The 3-day event culminated with an evening of runway shows presented by New Orleans and southern-based designers that featured a variety of fashion aesthetics from street-styles to couture and fantasy. In partnership with the Mayor's Office of Cultural Economy 'Embrace the Culture' the event took place at the beautiful historic Gallier Hall where over 15 designers presented their collection to a packed house of fashion aficionados.

New Orleans takes great pride in its diverse culture and heritage, which can be seen throughout the local fashion community and is recognized nationally. The goal for both NOFW and the Mayor's Office of Cultural Economy was to give the local fashion designers a platform and shine the spotlight on their creative talent. Mission accomplished.



Designer Adriana Moore - Takes a bow (Photo Credit: Steven Hammond)



Maison de Cheveux



Designer Brianna Thomas, Brand Oath



Designer Veleria Stevens – Brand Sports Diva



Designer Veleria Stevens – Brand Sports Diva



Tracee Dundas and Mayor's Office of Cultural Economy Wendy Baquet, Sunni LeBeouf, City Attorney, Lisa Alexis, Director of Cultural Economy, Tracee Dundas, NOFW Founder/Producer, and Alana Harris, Assistant Director



Adriane Butler - Brand Lasalle & Jack-



**Designer Peyton North** 



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# **Black Press, Democrats Face Losing Its**



### Stacy M. Brown NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

The catastrophic election night losses by Democrats – particularly in Virginia – can be traced to the party's leaders' failure at the federal level to pass meaningful legislation.

After failed promises on major legislation to protect African American citizens and voters, like the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, and the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, Democrats find themselves on the receiving end of the ire of the Black community.

The party's mostly convoluted messaging on immigration, and critical race theory have also turned voters off, according to numerous individuals interviewed.

Underscoring it all is the indisputable fact that Democrats have taken the Black vote for granted.

Voters also have highlighted the party's poor advertising record with the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), a trade association of the more than 230 African American-owned newspapers and media companies in the United States.

"It is abundantly clear that Black voters did not matter to the Democratic party or its candidates," said Jean Patterson Boone, the publisher of the NNPA-member Richmond Free Press in Virginia.

Boone added that election ads amounted to two full pages in just two editions this year.

"That happened only after the Free Press spoke directly to the candidate for governor," Boone asserted.

Her fellow NNPA member publications in Virginia didn't fare much better.

"None of the Democratic candidates in Virginia reached out to place any ads," stated Marlene Jones, the publisher of The Legacy Newspaper that serves Richmond and Hampton Roads.

"The Democrats seem to take the Black

### **Broken Promises and Failure to Recognize Long-Standing Black Voter Base**

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF SHERIFF GUSMAN**

Crime Victims Assistance programs provided over \$1.1 million dollars to crime victims and survivors

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vote and the Black Press for granted. Most of the Black populace is most likely to vote Democratic, but you have to get them excited about your candidacy so they can turn out for you."

The Norfolk-based New Journal & Guide has a history of groundbreaking reporting, but of the tens of millions in ad dollars spent on the Virginia elections, publisher Brenda Andrews was mostly overlooked.

"The issue is that Democrats don't see the value that Black newspapers bring as harbingers of their messages and positive press in the Black community," Andrews declared.

"So, they budget their campaigns to advertise on radio or social media outlets and get a free ride on the stories, pictures, and visibility given to them by our papers which serve the population they depend on for votes," Andrews stated.

In Virginia, candidates from both parties got their messages out early and often by digging deep into their pocketbooks.

By March, Republican Glenn Youngkin, who defeated the heavily favored Democrat Terry McAuliffe for governor, had already spent over \$2 million in television and radio advertising.

Youngkin used more than \$50 million on television, radio, and digital ads during the election cycle.

McAuliffe's campaign spent over \$31 million on television and radio ads and more than \$6 million on digital ads.

In Minneapolis, where a White police officer murdered George Floyd, a Black man key races included the mayor, city council, and an initiative to revamp the police department.

Candidates and special interest groups related to legislation in Minneapolis spent over \$6 million in the city alone but bypassed the Black Press.

"I've sent emails to all of the candidates, and I even spoke with several of them, but none of them advertised. Not even the Black

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**Data News Weekly** 

## City Invest \$8 Million to Expand Low Barrier Shelter and to Relocate Ozanam Inn

### Data News Staff Edited Report

Mayor LaToya Cantrell recently announced today that the City has invested approximately \$8 million to expand programs that support the eradication of homelessness in New Orleans. The City has allocated more than \$3 million for the acquisition for the new home of Ozanam Inn and \$5 million to expand the Low Barrier Shelter, which opened in 2018 and will include an additional 246 new beds.

"The City of New Orleans will continue to operate strategically, utilizing funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to invest in programs that support our residents most in need," said Mayor LaToya Cantrell. "We are creating long-term solutions to invest in the eradication of homelessness by relocating Ozanam Inn to a much larger facility and extending bed capacity and services to reach women in need of a temporary housing solutions. We are also increasing bed capacity to the already-full Low Barrier Shelter to continue to meet our people where they are."

The Ozanam Inn's new property is located at 2239 Poydras St. in the Central Business District, previously located on Camp Street. The new location is a much larger facility and presents an opportunity to expand the services provided. It will also extend sheltering opportunities and expanded services to women in need of assistance. The Inn can accommodate up to fifty-five women on the second floor of the facility and in-



and the life skills needed for longterm housing stability," said Marjorianna Willman, Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing Policy and Community Development.

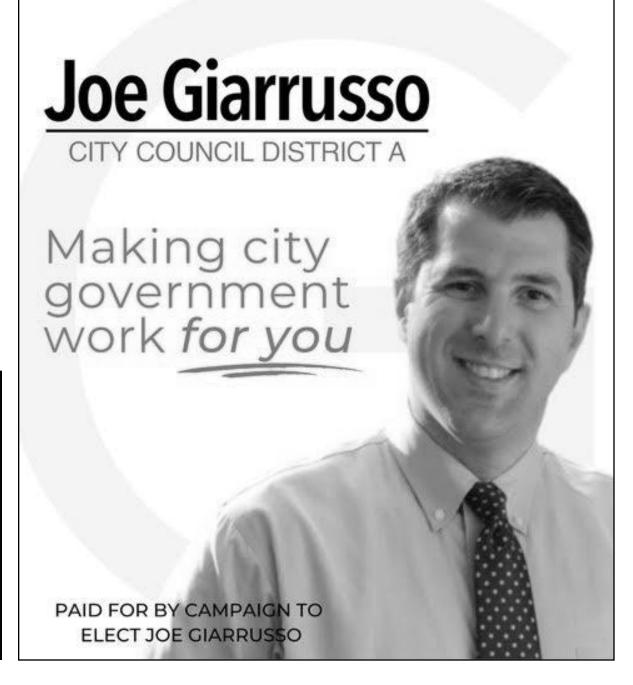
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The Low Barrier Shelter is located in a portion of the 2nd and 3rd floors of the old Veteran Administration Hospital building. The facility provides meals, supportive services and sleeping accommodations for both women and men. As a part of its programming, the City coordinates with outreach workers to identify unsheltered homeless individuals that are the most vulnerable and have been unhoused the longest. Federal funding has been allocated through the Mayor's Office of Housing Policy and Community Development to assist in locating permanent housing for homeless individuals.

cludes dedicated dental and medical rooms for the residents and other homeless individuals living in the surrounding area. Ozanam Inn has provided meals to the homeless population and sleeping accommodations to homeless men since 1955.

Mayor Cantrell prioritized Phase II of the expansion project to increase the bed count at the Low Barrier Shelter due to the overwhelming need and ability to reach capacity within the first few weeks of its opening. The shelter initially housed one hundred beds and will include a total of 346 beds within the next couple of weeks.

"The goal is to transition folks from homelessness to permanent housing, and to match each person with the supportive services





### **State & Local News**

### New Orleans & Company Executive Receives Prestigious Honor from His Majesty the King Felipe VI of Spain

Mark Romig granted Order of Civil Merit for his service on Behalf of Spain

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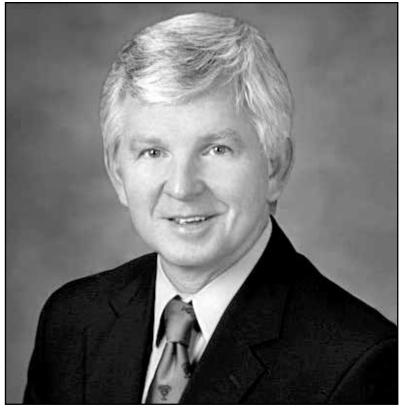
Mark Romig, Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer for New Orleans & Company has recently been granted the Order of Civil Merit, in its degree of "Encomienda" (Commander) by His Majesty the King Felipe VI of Spain. This honor rewards "the civic virtues of officials at the Service of the State, as well as the extraordinary services of Spanish and foreign citizens in the good of the Nation."

Romig had the honor of assisting the City of New Orleans in the coordination of the visit of His Majesty the King Felipe VI and Her Majesty the Queen during the City's Tricentennial in 2018.

"The Consul General of Spain, Mrs. Julia Olmo, has expressed her satisfaction with the award granted by the Spanish Crown to Mr. Mark Romig in recognition for the services rendered in favor of Spain."

"I am deeply humbled by this honor from the Spanish Crown," said Romig. "I also wish to recognize the efforts of the team of professionals I was fortunate to work alongside, especially fellow Order of Civil Merit recipient Ms. Alana Harris, the City's Deputy Director of Arts and Culture."

This prestigious honor commemorates Romig's ongoing commitment to furthering international



Mark Romig, Senior Vice-President and Chief Marketing Officer of New Orleans & Company.

relations for New Orleans which began with his work more than 35 years ago as the Director of Protocol and Guest Relations during the 1984 World's Fair (Louisiana World Exposition) and most recently with his efforts around the Tricentennial of New Orleans including the participation of Spain. Mark served as President and CEO of the 2018

NOLA Foundation, the support organization for the City's Tricentennial events.

The Order of Civil Merit (Spanish: Orden del Mérito Civil) was established by King Alfonso XIII of Spain in 1926. The order recognizes the Civic Virtue of Officers in the Service of the Nation, as well as extraordinary service by Spanish

and foreign citizens for the benefit of Spain.

"There are few people whom I respect and admire more than Mark Romig," said Stephen Perry, President and CEO of New Orleans & Company, the official Destination Marketing and Sales Organization for New Orleans' Cultural Economy. "A lifelong New Orleanian, Mark is a person of exceptional integrity and has served our city with distinction for four decades across tourism, academia, business, sports and philanthropy. We salute him for his lifetime dedication as a Representative of New Orleans. His contributions to New Orleans' reputation and international acclaim are a piece of his immense legacy."

Among his many community volunteer activities, Romig is a member of Board of Directors of the Audubon Nature Institute, Le Petit Theater and the Emeril Lagasse Foundation, WYES-TV, Fore!Kids Foundation, and the Academy of the Sacred Heart. He serves on the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's Travel and Tourism Advisory Council and is a past Chairman of the Louisiana Travel Association. Mark also serves as President of the Parking Facilities Corporation (PFC), operators of the Long-term and Economy parking garages at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport.

In 2013 Romig became the Sta-

dium Announcer for the NFL's New Orleans Saints in the now Caesars Superdome, succeeding his father, Jerry (who served in the same role for 446 consecutive Saints home games over 44 years).

Romig is a graduate of Brother Martin High School ('74) and the University of New Orleans (UNO) (78) and was named the 2016 Alumnus of the Year for UNO. He was the recipient of the 2018 Silver Medal from the New Orleans Advertising Club, its highest honor, for outstanding achievements in his career and for his service to the community. In 2017, Romig was awarded the Ordre National du Mérite (National Order of Merit) by the French Government. In 2019, he was presented with the Ella Brennan Lifetime Achievement in Hospitality Award by the New Orleans Wine and Food Experience and received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the New Orleans Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

Romig is a former member of the Xavier University Board of Trustees, former Chairman of Project Lazarus, former member of the Board of Commissioners of New Orleans City Park, past International President of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and former President and Chairman of the Board of the Allstate Sugar Bowl Committee.

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candidates," said Tracey Williams-Dillard, the publisher of the Minneapolis Spokesman-Recorder.

In Ohio, where key state and city races occurred, candidates spent more than \$20 million but did little with the Black Press.

"We did not receive any ads and not even a phone call inquiring," Sandra Stewart, the publisher, and Myron Stewart, the editor of The Toledo Journal, wrote in an email.

Publishers of the Cleveland Call & Post and Columbus Call & Post also reported that candidates ignored advertising opportunities with their publications.

In Georgia, candidates in Atlanta's hotly contested mayoral race spent more than \$6 million.

While nationally, both parties have failed to place ads with Black-

owned newspapers and media companies, local candidates did conduct business with the Black Press.

"We did get some advertising from the local mayor's race ... we are getting some attention from the Black Republicans who are putting a headquarters [in Atlanta]," remarked James Washington of the Atlanta Voice.

In New Jersey, Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy and his Republican challenger Jack Ciattarelli spent a combined \$25 million.

Murphy, who won re-election by a razor-thin margin, reportedly purchased advertising in the Black Press.

"Don't take the Black vote for granted. Don't torpedo our democracy," NAACP President Derrick Johnson warned Democrats.

"Those who made campaign

promises to the Black community must use any means possible to ensure that this Congress gets it done. The urgency of this issue cannot be overstated. We are watching," Johnson demanded.

Many argued that the Black Press has proven itself for 194 years as the Trusted Voice of Black America, and candidates trying to reach African American voters should first seek out the NNPA when placing campaign ads.

Political watchers observed that those candidates who don't seek out the NNPA, display an unmistakable sign that they've taken Black voters for granted.

"The Democrats absolutely are taking Black votes and all votes from marginalized communities for granted, and it's appalling," music director, photographer and model Michael Freeby opined. "The par-

ty's focus on white voters is becoming increasingly noticeable."

Indeed, Democrats have taken the Black vote and the Black Press for granted, noted Amani Wells-Onyioha, the operations director of the new campaigning company, Sole Strategies.

"Each election cycle, countless promises are made on how they will positively impact the Black community. Yet, each cycle, after the elections are completed, those promises are packed up and saved for the next term with politicians fulfilling none of them."

Wells-Onyioha continued: "This further proves how Democrats use the Black community to win, and they aren't dedicated to cultivating real relationships within the community. Putting their money where their mouth is and spending with Black media could help them to

be seen in a slightly more positive light"

Lazarus Jackson, the editor in chief of Modern Home Safety, said his family taught him to vote Democrat.

"They seemed to be the party that acknowledged that the system was unbalanced disproportionately," Jackson stated.

"I believe the Democratic Party thrives on identity politics which inherently forces people to clique up and naturally adopt us versus them mentality," Jackson continued.

"I've never liked the Republicans' stance on race, but now that I'm older, I understand that the only way to prosper is to get into the game of being a capitalist where race doesn't control your actions. So, I will vote for Donald Trump in 2024, and I believe a wave of other Black voters will join me."

### **Data News Weekly National News**

### National Urban League President and CEO Applauds **Congress for Passage of Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill**

#### **Data News Staff Edited** Report

National Urban League President and CEO Marc H. Morial issued the following statement applauding Congress for passing the BIF and thanking President Biden for his leadership:

"Today, Congress prioritized the American people by passing the long-awaited Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act with a vote of 228 to 206. We are also pleased to hear the House of Representatives voted on a rule that will allow for the passage of the Build Back Better Act. Our communities have struggled to achieve the American Dream of Economic Prosperity for generations and this bill will restore hope that this dream is still possible.

"The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will provide \$1.2 trillion in historic investments in our nation's core infrastructure and economic commitments to our children, families, and communities to ensure a more equitable



National Urban League President and CEO Marc Morial.

economic future for all. Specifi-

cally, this bill will:

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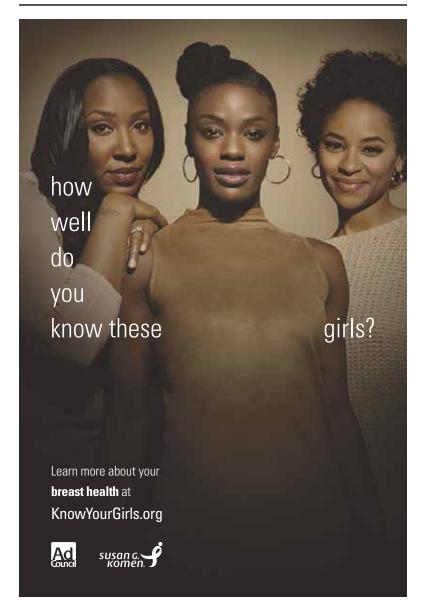
Create hundreds of thousands of

- Make high-speed internet accessible and affordable for all fami-
- Increase transportation options;
- Invest in opportunities for minority businesses.

"The National Urban League has fought tirelessly to ensure that the priorities of the organization, and that of our constituents, were met in the final version of this bill. Many of which are outlined in our Mainstreet Marshall Plan and Lewis Latimer Plan for Digital Equity and Inclusion. We will also work to ensure that implementation includes jobs and business opportunities for African American businesses.

"While we celebrate this victory for American families, we must still recognize the work that still needs to be done to pass the Build Back Better Act. Yesterday, the National Urban League submitted a vote recommendation to Congress stressing the importance of passing both the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Build Back Better Act, highlighting that both bills are key components of the Biden Administration's Economic Agenda to rebuild the middle class.

"The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is a once-in-a-generation investment in the American people and their futures. We thank the Biden-Harris Administration and Congressional leaders for their continued leadership and their efforts to help this nation recover from the Pandemic and years of neglecting our physical and human infrastructure, so that we can build back better and stronger than ever."





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# TALK TO HIS DOCTOR ABOUT COVID VACCINES. BECAUSE HE'S IRREPLACEABLE.

COVID hospitalizations of young people have tripled since the start of summer. However, vaccines are highly effective in preventing hospitalizations and deaths, even from the Delta variant.

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