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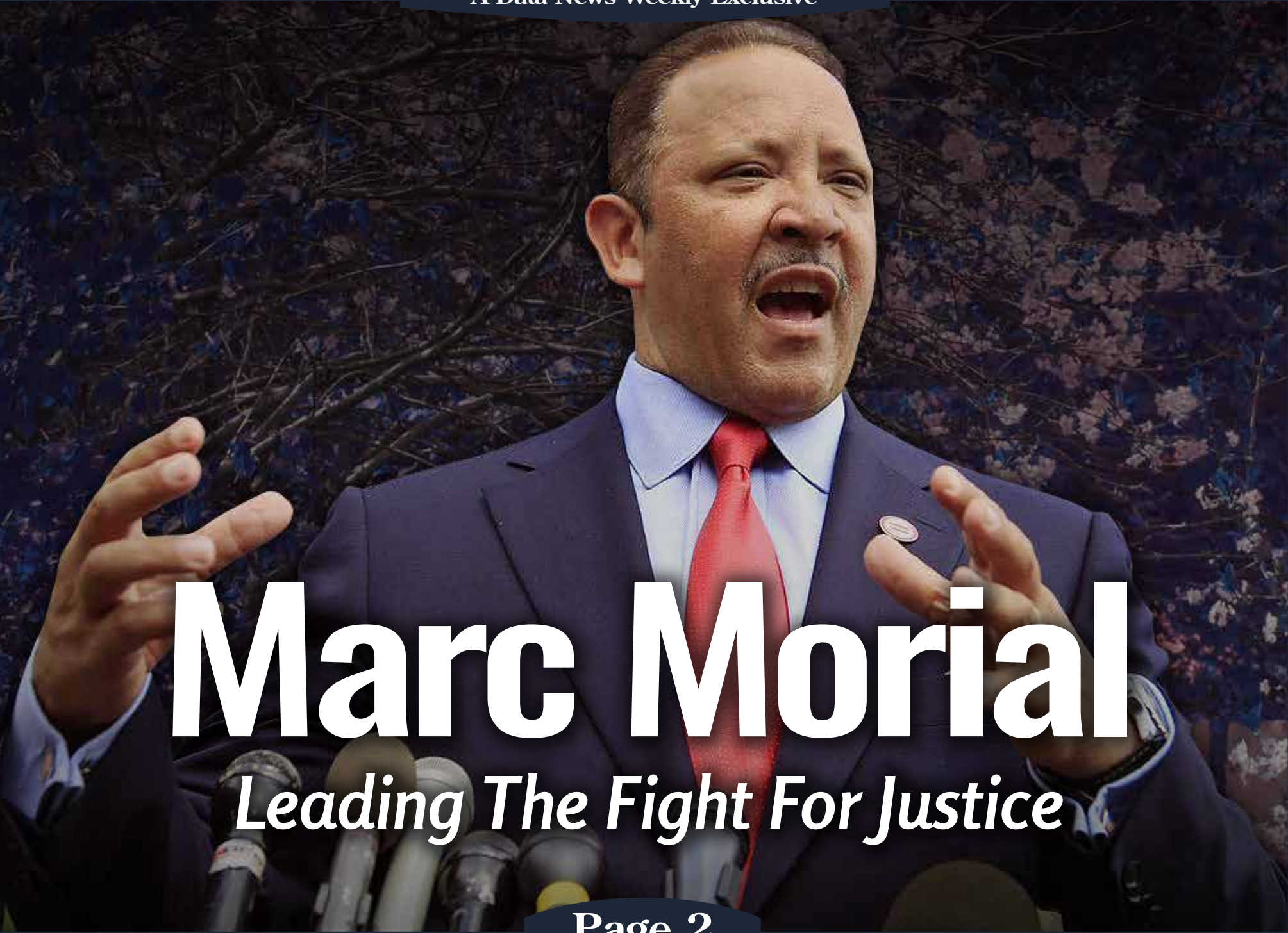
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National Urban League President and CEO Marc Morial is among several Civil Rights organizations that's on the frontline of the struggle for equal rights for African Americans.

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The Fight For Equality

It is these times that the American society is revisiting what it would be in the 21st Century. It is in the

spirit that it is necessary for the Civil Rights. One of the leaders who are at the forefront of this continued struggle for equality is Marc Morial, CEO and President of the National Urban League. Recently, Data News Weekly had a conversation with him about the important issues facing Black America.

On this day Morial is living in the spirit of those who

came before him. Fighting for the rights of the disenfranchised and making as the Civil Rights icon John Lewis did making good trouble.

“The right to vote is under attack. For example, here in Louisiana the Republican controlled congress that is fighting to not permit another majority Black district in the state.”

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Former New Orleans Mayor and President and CEO is determined to make life better for more Black Americans. He believes protecting the right to vote is key to empowerment.

This not only a problem in Louisiana, but across the nation. "All over America, this is an issue, as states are attempting to restrict voting, and as we are nearing the mid-term elections, it is important that people recognize that voting matters and that they need get out to the polls and vote. We in the Civil Rights community want to stress that because we cannot let the hands of time be turned back on our progress."

A Seat at the Table Key to Progress

In the last 30 years the nation has experienced polarization and a lack of cooperation amongst the two major political parties in America. Hence, creating a stalemate in working together around many issues. Especially, those that are surrounding justice and equality. While this is problematic and stifles passing legislation that advances the Civil Rights Agenda, Morial believes voting is one of the ways to level the playing field for the disenfranchised.

"We cannot change the things that need to be done to fix some of the major issues in disenfranchised communities if we do not have a seat at the table. We have to push because voting is fundamental to democracy and everything else."

Civil Rights in the 21st Century

Morial along with other Civil Rights leaders, using different methods to spread their message of building better communities and opportunities for Black Americans. Indeed, these efforts are necessary, given the times are eerily similar to the post-reconstruction era, where Whites through many nefarious tactics stripped Black people leading to Jim Crow being the law of

the land for over half a century in the southern states in the country. And while, not on the books in other states during this dark time in American history, Black people across the nation found routes to upward mobility limited.

For this reason, the Civil Rights Movement has been revitalized and has a direction aimed at continuing to right the wrongs of a nation founded on the right of all people to be treated equal. Meetings are taking place with the Biden Administration, where Morial feels they are doing great job in pushing a Civil Rights Agenda where they can.

"Without much support from Republicans, President Biden and the Democrats in the House and Senate are working hard to move our agenda forward. The President is working with us, and we are optimistic thus in what he's done this far. While understanding we have a long way to go to make things equal for all Americans. It is a fight we will continue, and we will win."

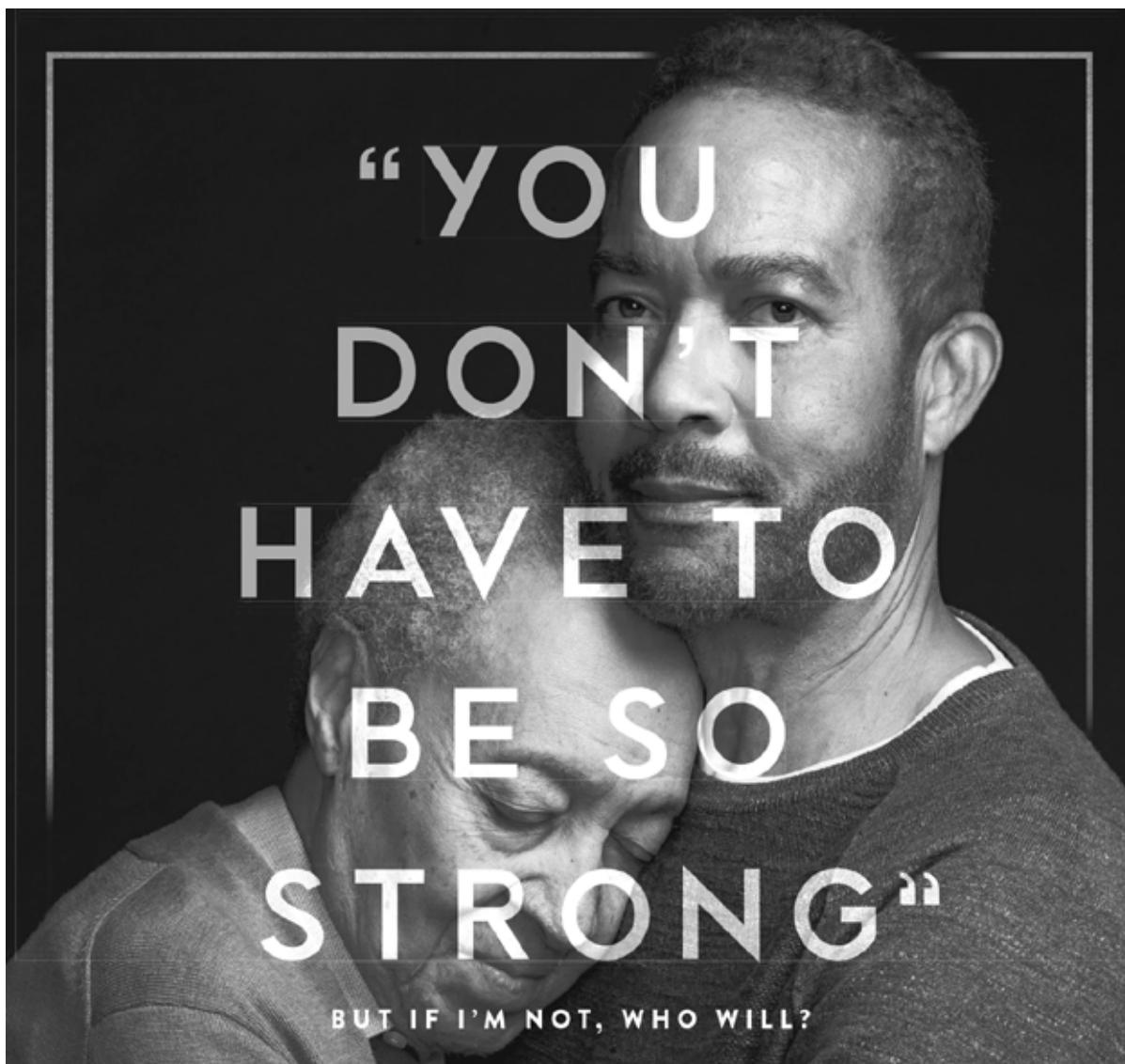


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Marc Morial is optimistic about working with President Joe Biden on an agenda that will positively impact Black America.



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Supporting the Pursuit of Black Excellence

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On March 26, 2022, the UNCF (United Negro College Fund) held its Ninth Annual UNCF Mayor's Masked Ball at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. Corporate partners, educators, religious leaders, and community influencers was in attendance. This amazing event was hosted by New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell.

Entertainment for the event was provided by Grammy Award-Winner Stephanie Mills. The event also featured student testimonials, a silent auction, and a parade of masks.

Since its inception, the New Orleans UNCF Mayor's Masked Ball Event has generated more than \$11 million over nine years in support of local HBCUs and scholarship support to help deserving students get to and through college successfully. With the help of the greater New Orleans community, more than \$1.2 million was awarded last year in scholarships and programs for UNCF-member HBCUs and other colleges and universities.



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The Final Four Returns to New Orleans

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The Final Four is coming to New Orleans again. After 64 it is now down to four. Kansas, Villanova, Duke and North Carolina. It will take place at Caesars Superdome April 2nd and April 4th.

While basketball will be on top of the menu, many events will be going on all over the Crescent City during this weekend.

It's been a decade since the Final Four was in New Orleans having an economic impact of \$170 million dollars. After COVID-19 restrictions being lifted and the beginning of festival season, a larger economic impact is expected.



One added addition will be Woldenberg Park transforming into the 2022 NCAA March Madness Music Festival. It will span the entire width of Woldenberg Park and is a 3-day free music festival as part of the Final Four weekend.

Some of the music that will be on performed includes national Music acts such as Khalid, Arcade Fire, and Imagine Dragons will be headlining the March Madness Music Fest.

Also, other local favorites will take the stage as well. Trombone Shorty, Preservation Hall Jazz Band and so many others will be part of this great weekend. New Orleans is moving back to some sense of normal and festival season is upon us so Laissez les bon temp rouler.

State & Local News

Friends of King School District Hosted A Community Career Fair



Multiple Positions were Open to Applicants including Teachers, Paraprofessionals, Custodians, and Security Guards

Data News Staff Edited Report none

On Saturday, March 26th the Friends of King School District hosted a Community Career Fair to fill multiple vacancies within their staff.

Job seekers were able to apply for in-demand positions such as teachers

and paraprofessionals (elementary school, middle school, high school, and special education), custodians, and security guards. Interviews were also conducted on site.

"We look forward to finding candidates who will not only make an impact here in The Greater New Orleans area, but someone who will leave a lasting impression on our kids' lives. As our school district is on the rise, we believe this will benefit the com-

munity in many ways," said Gloria Miles, Director of Admissions.

Friends of King School District offers a wide variety of competitive teacher benefits such as on-site professional development, comprehensive health program, employment assistance program, and teacher-driven curricula development. They also provide an education foundation, which raises funds for teacher incentive grants and recognition activities, and much more.

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Will Smith Issues Public Apology

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With news that the Academy officially launched a formal review of Will Smith's assault on Chris Rock during Sunday's ceremony, the Best Actor Oscar winner issued an apology to the comedian.

As those in charge of the awards show asserted they would "explore further action and consequences in accordance with our bylaws, standards of conduct and California law," Smith issued a repentant tone for his role.

"Violence in all of its forms is poisonous and destructive. My behavior at last night's Academy Awards was unacceptable and inexcusable," Smith wrote on his official Instagram page.



"Jokes at my expense are a part of the job, but a joke about Jada's medical condition was too much for me to bear and I reacted emotionally."

He continued:

"I would like to publicly apologize to you, Chris. I was out of line, and I was wrong. I am embarrassed and my actions were not indicative of the man I want to be. There is no place for violence in a world of love and kindness."

"I would also like to apologize to the Academy, the producers of the show, all the attendees and everyone watching around the world. I would like to apologize to the Williams Family and my 'King Richard' Family. I deeply regret that my behavior has stained what has been an otherwise gorgeous journey for all of us."

"I am a work in progress."

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