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Terry Jones, Publisher Data News Weekly, Troy Carter, U.S. House of Representatives Louisiana 2nd Congressional District, Donna Glapion, Clerk of 1st City Court and Edwin Buggage, Editor-in-Chief Data News Weekly, the victory celebration of both candidates.

Terry B. Jones
Publisher, Data News Weekly
Photos by John Merrit

The people of New Orleans went out to the polls and voted on November 8th. These are profoundly important times for our city, state, and nation. Data News

Weekly, in its roles as “The People’s Paper” not only asked our citizens to get out and vote, but we also endorsed several candidates.

We are proud to say that several of them were victorious.

Troy Carter will return to serve his first full-term as Louisiana 2nd Congressional District. He has shown

throughout his political career that he’s been able to get things done. He is an effective legislator, who has already proven he can deliver results. We look forward to seeing him continue to provide valuable leadership and vision for our district.

Royce Duplessis is a voice of committed passionate leadership. He is truly one that exemplifies

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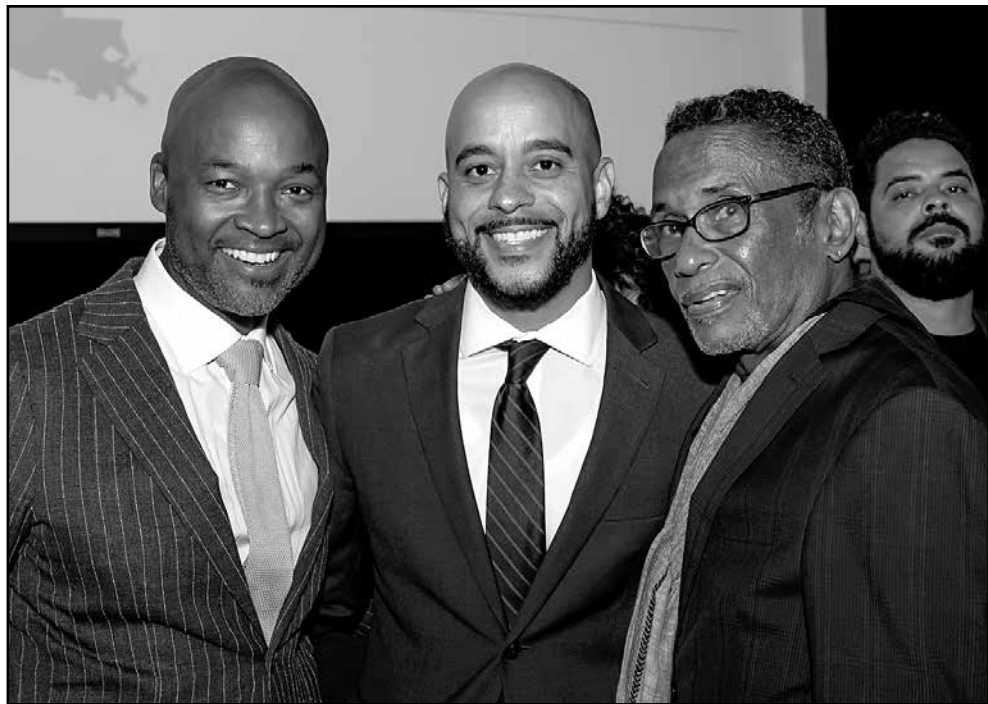
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New Orleans District Attorney Jason Williams, Louisiana 5th District-Elect Royce Duplessis, and Data News Weekly Publisher Terry Jones.



Royce Duplessis, thanks supporters during his acceptance speech after winning a seat on the Louisiana State Senate.



Supporters celebrate the victories of Troy Carter and Donna Glapion.



how to build coalitions and win elections. His win in the race for Louisiana's Senate Race in the 5th District indicates that he can bring people together under one umbrella and lead with the intent of serving all the people of the district. He is one who will serve with integrity, which is important, as well as with being able to work across the aisle when it is in the best interest of the people of the Louisiana Senate District 5.

Donna Glapion won in her first

run for political office. Unseating Incumbent, Austin Badon, to become the Clerk of First City Court. She will bring efficiency, and a new and bold vision to the office.

Lambert Boissiere, in his race for Louisiana Public Service Commission District 3, will be headed into a runoff that will take place on December 10, 2022. We are encouraging our readers to continue to support his visionary leadership.

While it is true that some of our

candidates or positions, we supported did not pass, it is important that the people's voices were heard. This is what Democracy is about. Citizens participating in who will represent them and their interest.

At Data News Weekly, we would like to thank our citizens for voting, and again, congratulate the candidates we endorsed, knowing they will serve with honor, dignity, and integrity. These are qualities we need in those who lead and serve the people of our great city.

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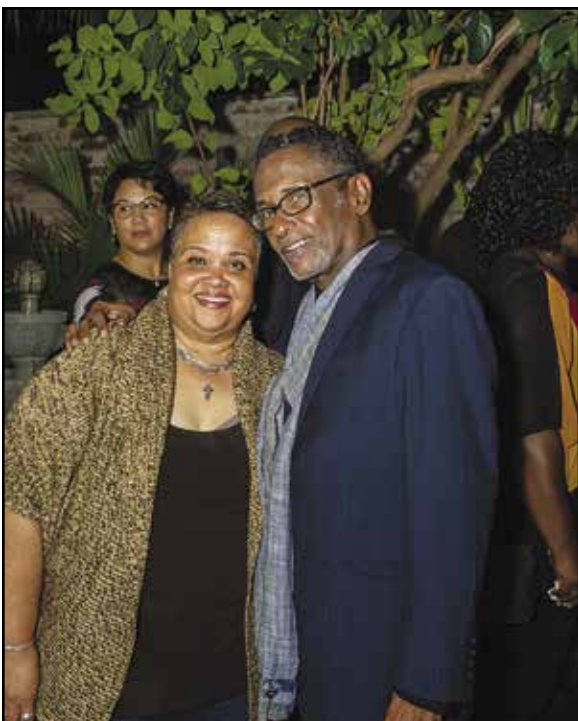
Election Night 2022

It was a day where people went out to the polls to let their voices be heard. And the results are in, we would like to congratulate, all the candidates. Data News was there with some of the winning candidates and their supporters.

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Data News Weekly Publisher Terry Jones congratulates U.S. Congressman Troy Carter during victory celebration.



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Actor Will Smith Returns to New Orleans to Screen “Emancipation” Film

Adriana Williams
Data News Weekly
Contributor

Almost a year after filming wrapped in New Orleans, Apple original films debuted Actor Will Smith’s latest feature “Emancipation.” On Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, Smith hosted a movie screening held at The Prytania Theatre where he exclusively invited students from two local Historically Black Universities: Dillard University and Xavier University of Louisiana.

“Thank you, New Orleans! It was a life-changing experience filming #Emancipation in your backyard last year - and I was honored to be able to return last night to show the film to such an amazing, inspiring group of young people, the students from @dillarduniversity and @xula1925, and all the cast and crew who came thru!” Smith said in an Instagram post after he wrapped his visit to both campuses.

Emancipation is the first film starring Smith since the viral Oscar incident earlier in the year in which Smith slapped Actor-Comedian Chris Rock on the same night he earned an Oscar for Best Actor in a Leading Role for “King Richard.”

“Emancipation” is based on a true story of an enslaved Louisiana man named “Gordon” who escaped a Louisiana Plantation and found freedom after a treacherous journey to Baton Rouge. “Gordon” joins the Civil War effort in when he encounters the Union Army. The severity of his beatings and scars on his back was captured in an iconic image published in Harper’s Weekly in 1863 that galvanized public opinion on the evils of slavery.

The film is directed by Antoine Fuqua, and tells the story of Smith as “Peter,” a man that escapes slav-



Will Smith and Mia “X” Young with Actress Tyra Barabino at the screening at the Prytania Theatre on Nov. 1st.



Will Smith answers questions after a film screening alongside New Orleans native and Rapper Mia “X” Young.



Will Smith greets a Dillard University student during his visit to New Orleans on Nov. 1st to screen his new Apple original movie “Emancipation” shot in New Orleans in 2021.

ery and is on his journey to freedom in the swamps of Louisiana, and who later joins the Union Army in the 1860s. The film is set to release on Dec. 2, 2022, in theaters and on Dec. 9, 2022, on Apple TV +.

This screening allowed students to get a firsthand look at the film while also being able to talk to, connect with the actor, and to hear directly from Smith about what the film meant for him.

“I had a great time at the screen-

ing,” said Jahliyah Readus, a freshman, Biology-Premed Major at Xavier University, who is a Jackson, Miss. native. “Being able to watch the movie alongside other HBCU students had a different effect on me than just watching it in a movie theater on my own,” Readus said of the exclusive event with the actor.

Students said they were able to get a better understanding of what slavery in Louisiana looked like. The film not only gave in-

sight into an enslaved person’s point of view but the slave owners as well, they shared.

“The film was everything I expected and more,” said Aarinii Parmes-Green, a freshman, Political Science Major at Xavier, who is from Baton Rouge, La. Parmes-Green said she connected to the story because its real-life events took place in her home city.

“I expected to see a slave stand up to the slave master and possibly

help create a rebellion while saving his family and running north to literal freedom, and emancipation, but I saw much more,” Parmes-Green said. “It blew my mind to see the different perspectives of slaves, slave owners, and soldiers, and it just took the viewers on a fast-paced, blood-curdling journey that made you scream at how Peter overcame it all in the end successfully,” Parmes-Green said.

Although this film was made to highlight slavery in Louisiana and many aspects of New Orleans culture, it teaches so much more, students said.

“My biggest takeaway from this film is the power of love and always fighting for freedom and equality can go as far as you are willing,” Parmes-Green said.

“Peter endured immense struggles, from battling a gator to almost being caught, and being torn away from his family, but he never lost his will to fight because he knew he promised to return to his family, and he had unshakable faith in God. The power of the human mind is untouchable,” Parmes-Green said of the film.

“Emancipation” was shot in the summer of 2021, with no expected release date due to the unforeseen events that took place after the Oscars. Since then, an official release date was announced and Smith has begun a more selective, closed promotion of the project, primarily in the state where it was shot. The film is also expected to be an Oscar contender for 2023 despite the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences banning Smith from attending the event for 10 years.

“Catch the flick on @appleplus Dec 9th!” Smith said on his Instagram after his visit to New Orleans.

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Jay-Z and Jeff Bezos, Byron Allen Looking to Buy Washington Commanders Football Team

Roc Nation's Head and Amazon's Founder are Reportedly Considering a Potential Joint Bid for the Commanders, and Allen's is solo.

The Grio Staff

Byron Allen, the Founder and CEO of Allen Media Group, which owns theGrio, has prepared an offer for the Washington Commanders football franchise. It's the same National Football League team Jay-Z and Jeff Bezos are considering.

According to CNN, on Wednesday, Dan Snyder and his wife, Tanya, declared they were considering selling the team and had hired Bank of America Securities to examine prospective sales. They declined to comment on "who has or has not expressed interest."

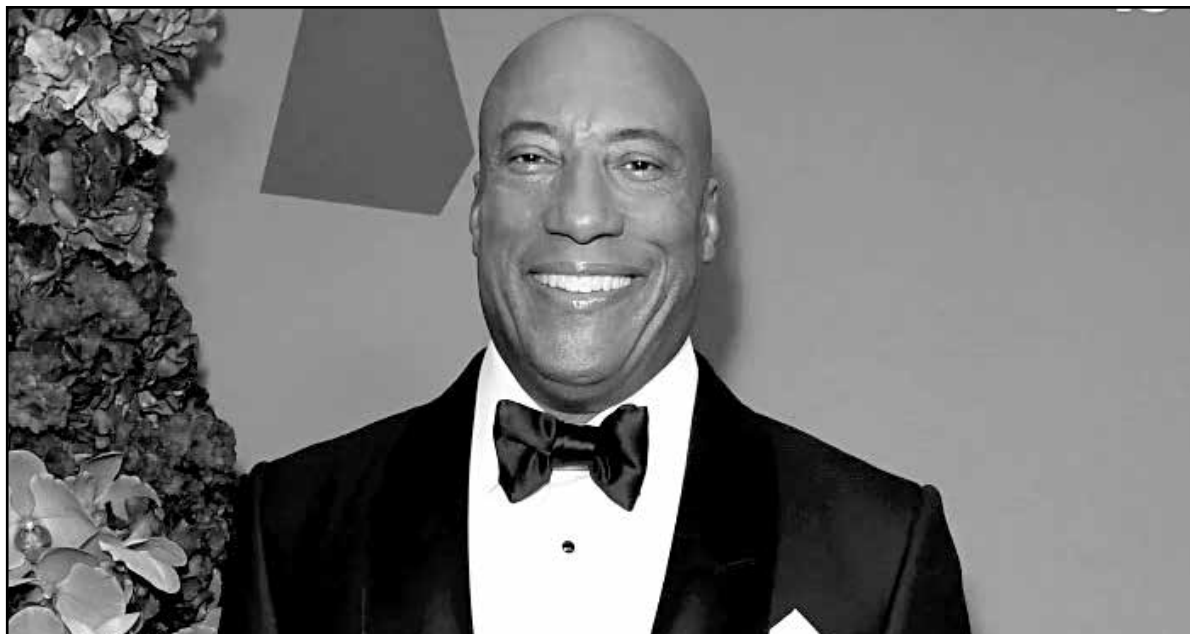
Bloomberg reports that this is Allen's second effort to purchase an NFL team. League commissioner Roger Goodell and Robert Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots, previously approached Allen about purchasing the Denver Broncos.

The media conglomerate owner said in February that he was preparing a bid for that team, but it sold for \$4.65 billion to a company headed by Walmart heir Rob Walton.

Allen has fought for economic inclusion in high-profile lawsuits against advertisers including McDonald's Corp. and General Motors Co., alleging discrimination against Black-owned media outlets. He went to the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., with his battles against Comcast Corp.

If he successfully purchases the Commanders, he will be the first Black majority owner of an NFL team. The bid comes not long after he spent the most money ever paid for a home in the United States by a Black American — \$100 million — for a Malibu estate.

CNN reported that Roc Nation founder Jay-Z and Bezos, the founder of Amazon, are considering a potential joint bid for the Commanders. Both men have close sports ties, specifically with the NFL.



Byron Allen, the CEO and founder of theGrio's parent company Allen Media Group, has reportedly prepared a bid for the Washington Commanders. It's his second attempt at adding a National Football League team to his lucrative business empire. (Photo: JC Olivera/Getty Images)



Rap/business mogul Shawn "Jay-Z" Carter (left) and Amazon's Jeff Bezos (right) are said to be considering purchasing the NFL's Washington Commanders. (Photos: John Phillips/Getty Images for BFI and Dia Dipasupil/Getty Images)

Jay-Z, whose real name is Shawn Carter, was part-owner of the Brooklyn Nets, and Roc Nation Sports, his agency, has athlete clients in the NFL. The businessman also teamed up with the league for a social justice campaign in 2019 to raise awareness of important topics, including criminal justice reform, education and economic advancement.

On Bezos' hand, Amazon struck a lucrative streaming deal with the NFL this year that has worked out well for both his company and the league.

Jay Marine, head of sports at Prime Video, said in September that the collaboration exceeded all their viewing goals and resulted in "the biggest three hours for U.S. Prime sign-ups ever" in Amazon history.

It has been months since a House Oversight Committee looked into Snyder, the Commanders' owner, accusing him of creating a toxic work environment and running "a shadow investigation to target his accusers, pin the blame on others and influence the NFL's own internal review," according to CNN.

CNN reported that the potential sale has been hailed as "a good development for the team, its former and current employees, and its many fans" by attorneys Lisa Banks and Debra Katz, representing more than 40 former employees, who have accused Snyder of improper workplace behavior.

The NFL assessed the Commanders a \$10 million fine due to an internal inquiry conducted by attorney Beth Wilkinson last year, and Snyder, who has denied the accusations, gave his wife control of the team's daily operations.

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