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As Election Day approaches on November 15, 2025, Data News Weekly once again calls on our readers to make their voices heard. Voting is not just a right; it's a responsibility and an act of love for our community.

The choices we make today will shape the future of our neighborhoods, schools, and families.

This Election Season, The People's Paper proudly endorses Jason Hughes for City Council District E and Darren Lombard for Clerk of Criminal District Court. Both men have proven their dedication to service, integrity, and progress for the people of New Orleans.

City Council District E
Jason Hughes:
Leadership for the People

Jason Hughes represents the type of leadership our city needs: energetic, experienced, and deeply rooted in the community. As a lifelong resident of New Orleans East and the Lower Ninth Ward, Hughes under-

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stands the challenges and opportunities that define District E. In his time as a state representative, he has fought for better schools, safer neighborhoods, and stronger economic development.

Hughes believes in putting people first, working to reduce crime through prevention, supporting small businesses, and investing in youth programs that build brighter futures. His approach is about collaboration, compassion, and accountability. District E deserves a leader who not only listens but takes action. Data News Weekly believes Jason Hughes is that leader.

**Clerk Criminal District Court
Darren Lombard:
Trusted Leadership
in Justice**

Darren Lombard has shown what effective public service looks like. As Clerk of Criminal District Court, he has modernized the office, improved efficiency,

and made court processes more transparent for citizens. Lombard has consistently demonstrated professionalism, fairness, and innovation in managing one of the city's most essential institutions.

He understands that justice must be accessible to everyone, and his leadership has brought greater trust and transparency to the system. Lombard's record of service is clear — he gets the job done, and he does it with integrity.

Your Voice, Your Vote

The future of New Orleans depends on participation from all of us. Every vote counts, and every election is a chance to move our city forward. Data News Weekly urges our readers: to get out and vote on Saturday, November 15, 2025. Let's stand together for progress, for accountability, and for leaders who truly represent the heart and spirit of our community.

Vote Jason Hughes. Vote Darren Lombard. Vote for New Orleans.

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Luxe, Love & Louisiana Style



Tracee Dundas
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**Louisiana Designer
Romey Roe Shines at
New York Fashion Week
with “Mon Amour”
Collection**

Louisiana-born Designer Romey
Roe captivated audiences this fall

at New York Fashion Week with his debut “Mon Amour” Collection. Featuring more than a dozen original looks—from opulent evening gowns to sharply tailored separates—the collection showcased Roe’s Signature Fusion of Luxury Craftsmanship and Modern Southern Sophistication.

Raised in Acadiana Region and inspired by his mother and grandmother, both seamstresses, Roe honors his roots while expanding his global presence. A New Orleans-based designer specializing in bespoke eveningwear, his fashion journey began with his first runway collection at New Orleans Fashion Week—where his designs caught the attention of National Industry Leaders and opened the door to new opportunities.

From dressing celebrities on the Emmy Awards Red Carpet to ex-



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hibiting in museums and appearing in publications such as VIE Magazine, Art + Design Magazine, and Coastal Lifestyle, Roe has solidified his reputation as a Visionary Designer who blends Southern charm with modern sophistication.

Roe’s accolades include RAW Fashion Designer of the Year, South Walton Fashion Designer of the Year, and he remains a proud New Orleans Fashion Week Alumni. “Romey has an extraordinary ability to blend bold glamour with refined wearability,” said NOFW Executive Producer. “His aesthetic captures the Spirit of New Orleans—vibrant, fearless, and timeless.”

Looking ahead, Roe will showcase the collection at Los Angeles Fashion Week in Spring 2026.

Xavier University Centennial Homecoming Celebrates 100 Years of HBCU Excellence

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Grammy-Award Winning Gospel Artist Yolanda Adams and R&B Singer and Songwriter Mariah “the Scientist” Buckles joined local DJs to entertain thousands of alumni and current students as Xavier University of Louisiana. They took over the streets around Drexel Drive to celebrate the 100th Year as one of three Historically Black Universities in New Orleans. “It’s good to see people who look like you and come from a similar cultural background. HBCUs are my favorite place to perform,” said Buckles as she performed as the headliner for the Student Homecoming Concert on November 4th.

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Centennial Gospel Choir consisting of Gospel Choir Alumni and current Gospel Choir Students, Rev Dr Mitchell J Stevens and LaKeeta Campbell music Director. Musical guest Yolanda Adams and Bridget Bazile.



Dr. Torrey Wilson, a Xavier alumnus and a psychology professor, Dr. Kendall Taylor, founder of Salute First, and former NFL cornerback Greg Fassitt speak at the Brunch With Kings event on Nov. 8.



R&B singer Mariah “The Scientist” Buckles headlined the student Homecoming Concert on Nov. 4.



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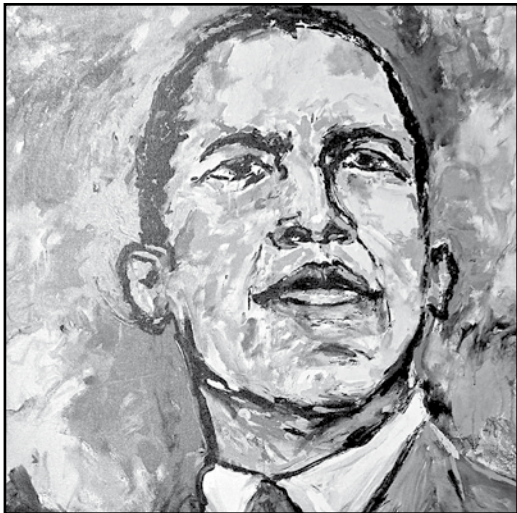
Legends & Legacies

A Historic Black History Auction Unites Culture, Preservation, and Celebration

Edwin Buggage
Editor-in-Chief
Data News Weekly

The Amistad Research Center (ARC), in partnership with the River Road African American Museum (RRAAM), is set to make history with a remarkable fundraising event, Legends & Legacies: Black History Auction, on Thursday, November 20, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Rosy's Jazz Hall, 500 Valence Street, New Orleans, LA 70115.

Billed as a Once-in-a-Lifetime Celebration, the event offers guests the rare opportunity to own a piece of history while helping preserve the stories of Black America for future generations.



Obama, a painting by Ted Ellis.



Josephine Baker signed autographed photo.



Dorothy Dandridge autographed photo.

Celebrating Preservation and Legacy

The evening will spotlight two institutions devoted to safeguarding the rich tapestry of American His-

tory—ARC and RRAAM. Guests will have the chance to bid on rare memorabilia representing some of the most influential figures in sports, music, and Civil Rights, in-

cluding Thurgood Marshall, Shirley Chisholm, Muhammad Ali, Louis Armstrong, Nina Simone, and Josephine Baker.

"This auction connects the past with the future. Each item showcas-

Honoring Black Excellence

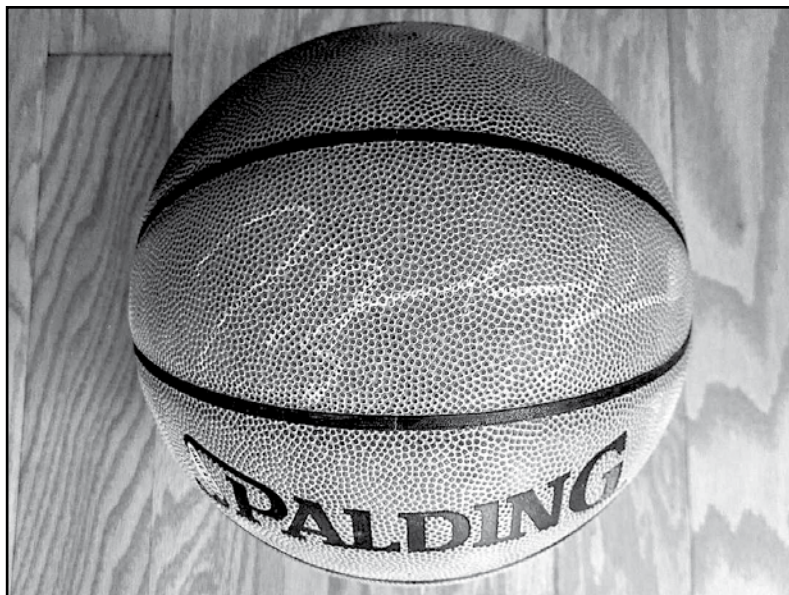
In addition to the auction, Amistad and RRAAM will pay tribute to two trailblazers who have long championed Black arts and culture through their professional and phil-

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Michael Jordan autographed NBA basketball

es the brilliance of American Icons who shaped our culture, and every bid helps preserve their legacies for generations to come," said Kathe Hambrick, Executive Director of the Amistad Research Center.

A Collector's Dream, A Cultural Gift

The featured items come from the Los Angeles H2H Collection of Harold Hambrick, Jr., a life-long advocate for Black Cultural Preservation. Over more than four decades, Mr. Hambrick assembled an extraordinary archive of art, ephemera, photographs, and memorabilia celebrating the achievements of African American Leaders and Legends.

anthropic work:

Ro Brown, Louisiana Sports Hall of Famer and beloved journalist.

Tommye Myrick, acclaimed actor, producer, talent agent, and director.

Their recognition underscores the evening's theme, celebrating those who have uplifted and documented the African American Experience.

How to Participate The online auction opens November 1, 2025. To explore or bid, visit <https://bit.ly/4qD4fly>.

To attend the in-person auction on November 20, 2025, tickets can be purchased at:

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Halfway to Chains

What's Already Been Enforced Under Project 2025

Stacy M. Brown
Black Press USA Senior
National Correspondent

They said it would never happen here. Yet here we are. Nearly half of Project 2025, the Heritage Foundation's radical blueprint for dismantling American Democracy, has already been put into motion. According to the Center for Progressive Reform, 251 of 532 actions from the 900-Page Plan—crafted by Donald Trump allies Russell Vought and Stephen Miller—have been executed. The result: a regime built to erase Civil Rights, gut public programs, and reimpose Racial Hierarchy, leaving Black America once again at the edge of the abyss.

A Blueprint for Control

Project 2025 was never just a policy plan. It was a manifesto to bind the Machinery of Government to White Nationalism, Christian Dominance, and Patriarchal Control. The ACLU warned that it would replace the rule of law with ideology—reviving abortion bans, dismantling Civil Rights Enforcement, and Weaponizing Federal Agencies against immigrants and protestors.

Now, the evidence is clear. At the Department of Justice, Trump's appointees have revived the death penalty, reinstated the racist "China Initiative," and targeted local of-



ficials who refuse to enforce his brand of "law and order." Civil Rights Enforcement has been gutted—protecting power, not people.

At the Department of Education, Title IX Protections for women and LGBTQ students have been rolled back, while public education is being replaced by privatized "parental rights" indoctrination. Even special education programs have been slashed, leaving millions of disabled children behind in the name of "efficiency."

The Department of Health and Human Services—once a guardian of public welfare—has become a moral police force. Abortion access is criminalized, Planned Parenthood defunded, and gender identity data erased from health records.

Housing policy has followed suit: HUD has repealed Fair Housing Protections, reintroducing discriminatory rules that penalize single mothers while rewarding "marriage stability."

The Machinery of Cruelty

Project 2025's architects have unleashed terror on immigrants and communities of color. ICE raids have surged, blurring the line between citizen and foreigner and normalizing the surveillance of Black and Brown bodies. Families are being separated again. Birthright Citizenship is under attack. ICE—an institution echoing slave patrols—now stalks the same soil where the enslaved once fled for freedom.

Vought, who authored Project 2025's "Mandate for Leadership," aims to purge the federal workforce of anyone "unfaithful" to his ideology. Stephen Miller, architect of family separation and Muslim bans, is back, expanding deportations and empowering police forces with near-total immunity.

Democracy Dismantled

The Center for Progressive Reform notes that the October 2025 Government Shutdown was not mismanagement but strategy—used to dismantle programs serving millions while blaming "big government." Across agencies, the EPA has reversed climate rules, the Department of Agriculture reinstated harsh food-aid work requirements, and the White House enforces loyalty tests for every employee.

Cruelty has become the operating principle. The poor are starved to feed the rich, the immigrant is caged to comfort the fearful, and truth itself is outlawed.

Project 2025 is America unmasked—a nation trading freedom for dominance, justice for vengeance, and compassion for control. Nearly half the chains have already been forged. They rattle through our schools, hospitals, and courts. They may not yet bind every wrist—but they are ready.

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"Education is really important but make sure you have some fun too," said Buckles who is currently on an HBCU tour.

Yolanda Adams capped a week full of centennial activities that included an Open Mic with alumni, presentations from the Divine Nine Greek Sororities and Fraternities, a golf tournament fundraiser, alumni mentor mixers and an author showcase.

"It's amazing to know that we have 100 more years to keep going and I'm so grateful and thankful to serve you on today and remind you of how much power you have to remind you that God is not finish with you yet no matter how old you think you are," Adams said.

"If you are still breathing, God's not finished with you yet," Adams told the audience at the Gospel Concert Extravaganza on November 9th at the Convocation Center.

Alumni said despite the travel woes, they wanted to come back home to celebrate with current students at a university that created the foundation of who they could be become.

"Stepping foot on campus with people that had the same experiences at the same place, reminds me how connected we are," said Deandre Dumas, a Senior Biology/Pre-Medicine Major from St. James Parish, Louisiana who is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Inc. Fraternity.



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