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Brotherhood Crusade Chairman Danny Bakewell Sr. and President Charisse Bremond with Pioneer Award Recipient Mookie Betts COURTESY PHOTO

Los Angeles Dodgers Mookie Betts was honored with the Pioneer of African American Achievement Award by the Brotherhood Crusade on Friday, December 9, 2022 at the organization's 54th Annual

Award Gala. The event was celebrated at the Beverly Hilton Hotel after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The African American Achievement Award is a prestigious recognition

presented to individuals that have made significant contributions in their industry and made an impact in the community by improving the quality of life for youth and families through education,

advocacy and community building. "I am humbled and blessed to receive the Brotherhood Crusade 2022 African American Achievement Award," said Betts. "It is an

honor to be recognized by an organization that understands the importance of meeting the needs of our community directly, and I look forward to continuing our partnership to improve the lives of youth and communities of color." The commitment of Mookie Betts' his foundation Acts Inspired by Mookie (AIM) to assist communities facing economic hardship and food insecurity made honoring him an easy decision for President and CEO of Brotherhood Crusade, Charisse Bremond-Weaver. "The Brotherhood

action to improve the quality of life for those in the community," said Bremond-Weaver. "Mookie Betts is an exceptional athlete, husband and father, and has given back unconditionally to help those less fortunate overcome barriers that systemically hinder the progress of our community. Today, Brotherhood Crusade continues to do the same." The gala featured entertainment by three-time GRAMMY® award-winning R&B hitmaker, NE-YO, and speeches from elected officials Los Angeles Mayor-Elect



Crusade selected Mookie Betts because he embodies our organization's values and believes in taking

Karen Bass and Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell. Over {See BROTHERHOOD B-1}

MAYOR KAREN BASS MAKES HISTORY

Los Angeles First Female Mayor & 2nd African American is sworn in by America's first Black & first Female Vice President

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On Sunday, Dec. 12, Karen Bass was sworn in as Los Angeles' first Black woman and second Black mayor.

Vice President Kamala Harris, who has a home in Los Angeles, conducted the swearing-in of the new mayor. Though originally planned to be conducted at Los Angeles City Hall, rain moved the ceremony to the Microsoft Theater in downtown.

The ceremony was highlighted by several live performances by well-known celebrities, including 25-time Grammy award winner Stevie Wonder and



Karen Bass is sworn in as Mayor of Los Angeles by Vice President Kamala Harris with performances by artists such as Amanda Gorman and Stevie Wonder on December 11, 2022 at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles, California.

the first National Youth Poet Laureate and Los Angeles native Amanda Gorman.

In her inaugural address, the former congresswoman set the tone for new office.

"Tomorrow morning, I will start my first day as mayor at our city's Emergency Operations Center, where my first act as mayor will be to declare a state of emergency on homelessness," Bass said. "My emergency declaration will recognize the severity of our crisis and break new ground to maximize our ability to urgently move people

{See BASS A-10}

Celebrating Us: The tradition, significance, and evolution of Kwanzaa

BETTI HALSELL Staff Writer

There is a period during the holiday season



Dr. Maulana Karenga— professor and chair of the department of Africana Studies at California State University—in Long Beach, California (FILE PHOTO)

dedicated to African Americans; Kwanzaa— defined as "first" in Swahili— is known among all ethnicities. Highlighting African heritage, Kwanzaa carries the salt of a culture {See KWANZAA A-11}

USC Quarterback Caleb Williams Wins 2022 Heisman Trophy



USC quarterback Caleb Williams

individual honor. Williams became the first Trojan to win the Heisman since 2005 and the third USC quarterback to hoist the coveted trophy.

Williams, one of four finalists, received 2,031 total points. Max Duggan, Texas Christian University, placed second with 1,420 points; C.J. Stroud, Ohio State University, with 539 points; and Stetson Bennett, the University of Georgia, with 349 points. The win was bittersweet {See USC A-10}

BY DR. VALERIE WARDLAW Contributing Writer USC quarterback Caleb Williams won the 2022 Heisman trophy on Sunday, earning him college football's highest



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Los Angeles Public Library Closes Digital Equity Gap With Free Computer Bundle Program

By RODD A. AMOS
Contributing Writer

The Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) is expanding a program that will allow families more access to laptops and internet at home. With just five days left in his term, Mayor Eric Garcetti held a press conference at Baldwin Hills Branch Library to announce the Tech2go Computer Bundle Program.

“There’s somebody who’s waiting to be the next big something, to graduate from school, or maybe to get the treatment from a doctor to save their lives. But we shouldn’t let people suffer for their health, we shouldn’t let their education outcomes or their economic opportunity suffer simply because they don’t have a laptop and an internet connection.



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take home laptops and WiFi hotspots with unlimited data for long-term use. Without access, it’s diffi-

cial step to closing the digital equity gap.

Bích Ngọc Cao, President of the L.A. Board of Library Commissioners spoke fondly on the possibilities awaiting patrons. “I think that internet access is a human right in this modern age. There’s just so many different ways that this Tech2go bundle can help people out,” said Cao.

Thanks to federal funding, 5,000 bundles have been added to the program, bringing the total to 7,000 Tech2go computer bundles that will be dispersed across 73 public library locations. Families will be able to reserve a bundle for up to six months at a time.

City Librarian, John Szabo summed up the data. “We find that 71 percent of the people that check these

out, there are two or more people from the home, and 23 percent, there are over four people in the home. So, it’s really a way of not just serving one person, but an entire household. We know that by expanding this program, we are able to help many more Angelenos thrive in today’s digital age,” Szabo said.

Baldwin Hills Branch Library is located on La Brea Ave. and Westhaven, and has been on the forefront of the Tech2go bundle from the beginning. Senior Librarian, Sada Mozer tied-in the bundle’s popularity to the needs of the surrounding communities.

“They don’t stay on the shelves here. We are the number one branch to get rid of the bundles first. A

library has to reflect the community that it’s in. The number one thing that we want people to do is to feel welcome. [Whether] old, young, or unhoused, if there’s a need that we can fill, they’re more than welcome here,” said Mozer.

Branch Adult Literacy Coordinator, Lisa Sprinkles echoed the importance of needs fulfillment. “I truly believe humanity is in need of humanity. I recruit learners and volunteer tutors to help our community learn to read, write and comprehend English. We just had a Family Read

proud library patron, I was among the first to benefit from the Tech2go program. I first heard of it from the senior librarian at Wilshire Branch Library and reserved the laptop and mobile hotspot from Washington Irving Branch Library. Check-out was fast and setting up was easy.

While using the bundle, I was able to earn professional certification in Advanced Project Management, apply for a fellowship with the USC Annenberg Center for Health Journalism, and secure work with the Los Angeles



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Not in 2022,” Garcetti said. The Tech2go bundle program allows patrons to

cult to apply for jobs or for students to do homework. Librarians say this is a cru-

Together workshop. We have a new curriculum and we gave out free books. It means everything to a person to learn how to read. We’re here to share that gift with them,” Sprinkles said.

At the press conference, Mr. Garcetti introduced this reporter, Rodd Amos. As a

Sentinel. The Tech2go computer bundles are available to be checked out by adults with a library card who are in good standing. All patrons must sign a Mobile Device User Agreement upon checkout at a library location. For more information, visit <https://lapl.org/>.



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Sacramento: Black Caucus Welcomes New Members, Installs Leaders

BY ANTONIO RAY HARVEY
CALIFORNIA BLACK MEDIA

On Dec. 5, Assemblymember Dr. Corey Jackson (D-Riverside) was sworn in at the State Capitol on the first day of the 2022-23 Legislative session.

Right after taking the oath of office to represent California's 60th Assembly District, Jackson appeared to be in awe when he walked into his new role – two blocks away into his brand new, empty state office, to a desk, a chair, an empty bookshelf, an American flag and a California State flag.

"Now it's time to go work," he said, smiling, to his staff and visiting constituents who attended the swearing-in ceremony. "I came here (to Sacramento) to talk because my business is to talk about issues and how to fix them."



Assemblywoman Mia Bonta (D-Alameda) who was sworn in for another observes the activities at the swearing-in ceremony at the state capitol on Dec. 5, 2022.

(D-Inglewood), Mia Bonta (D-Alameda), and Lori Wilson (D-Suisun City) are the newest members of CLBC's coalition of 12 Black lawmakers.

Mid City, South Los Angeles, University Park, West Adams, and Culver City.

"I am the 63rd woman ever to be sworn into this illustrious body and one of a handful of dynamic Black women leaders to grace this chamber with their excellence," Smallwood-Cuevas posted on her Facebook page last week.

In a special election to replace Autumn Burke who resigned in January, McKinnor (D-Inglewood) was elected to represent the 62nd Assembly District, which includes Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lenox, Los Angeles, Marina del Rey, Venice, West Athens, Westchester and Westmont in Los Angeles County.

In November, due to redistricting, McKinnor was elected to represent the 61st Assembly District which contains many of the same communities as the previous 62nd District.

"Today (Dec. 5) I was sworn in for my first term in the California State Assembly," McKinnor posted on her Facebook page. "I am proud to represent Assembly District 61."

In August, Bonta won a special election to represent the 18th Assembly District. She replaced her husband Rob Bonta, who was appointed California's Attorney General last year by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Bonta's district covers the East Bay area of Northern California. It includes a large portion of the City of Oakland and the cities of San Leandro and Alameda.

Bonta, who self-identifies as a Black Latina, holds a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Yale University, a Master of Education from Harvard Graduate School of Education, and a Juris Doctorate from Yale Law School.

Assemblymember Lori Wilson represents California's 11th Assembly district. She assumed office on April 6 after winning the seat vacated by former Assemblymember Jim Frazier.

As mayor of Suisun City, Wilson was the first Black woman mayor to serve in Solano County. She is a graduate of California State University, Sacramento with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accountancy.

The CLBC elected Wilson and Sen. Steven Bradford (D-Gardena) to serve as its Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2023-2024 legislative session.

Assemblymember Aki-lah Weber (D-San Diego) was elected secretary and Assemblymember Isaac G. Bryan (D-Los Angeles) was elected treasurer. The newly elected officers'

and Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento) are the returning CLBC members.

The CLBC, founded in 1967 under the leadership of Sen. Mervyn Dymally, describes itself as a bipartisan and bicameral body of Black lawmakers committed to eliminating existing

awarded the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) Lifetime Achievement Award. NBCSL is the nation's premier organization representing and serving the interests of African American State legislators.

"I am humbled beyond



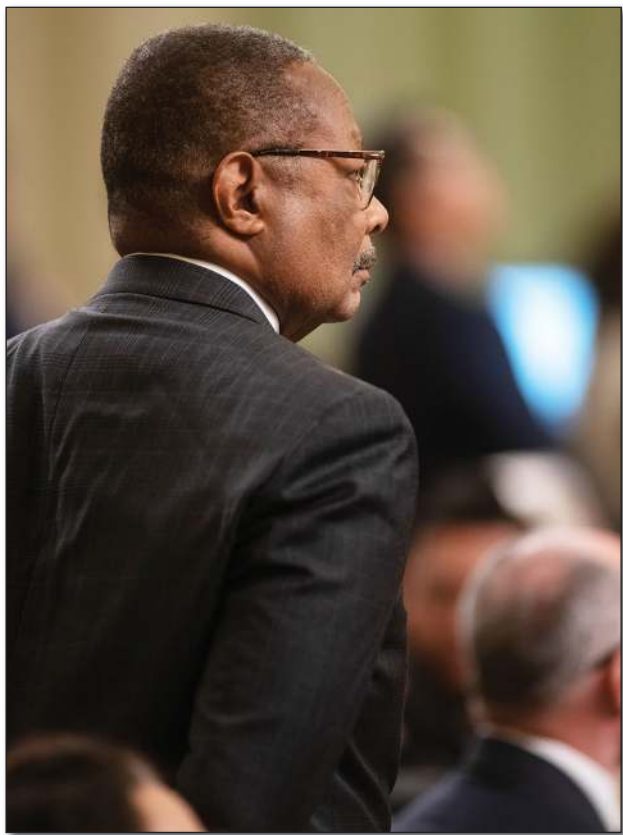
Gov. Gavin Newsom with Senator Lola Smallwood Cuevas (D-Los Angeles).

racial and social disparities and inequities for Black Americans.

The current and former members of CLBC believe that a "caucus representing concerns of the African American community" would furnish political influence and visibility far beyond their numbers, according to their mission statement.

CLBC Vice-Chair Bradford was recently

words," Bradford said as he received the award. "I know that I'm only able to do the work I'm doing because of the people that have come before me. I stand on their shoulders and hope that one day others will reach even greater heights. I graciously accept this award and commit to continuing my work to promote equity, equal justice, and opportunity in every region of California."



Assemblymember Reggie Jones Sawyer (D-Los Angeles)

Jackson's district includes Moreno Valley, Perris, a large part of Riverside, Hemet, and San Jacinto.

The first Black openly LGBTQ+ person elected to

Smallwood-Cuevas represents the 28th Senate District. She is the only Black woman in the Senate. A graduate of California State University at Hayward (now called



Assemblywoman Tina McKinnor (D-Los Angeles) attends her second swearing-in ceremony in five months. She was re-elected in the November election.

the State Assembly, Jackson is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of SBX Youth and Family Services. He is a former member of the Riverside County Board of Education and a graduate of California Baptist University where he received Master and Doctor of Social Work degrees.

Jackson is one of the new faces in the last 16 months to join the California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC). Lola Smallwood-Cuevas (D-Los Angeles), Tina McKinnor

CSU-East Bay), she is an educator, labor organizer, community advocate, researcher, and journalist.

Smallwood-Cuevas replaces Sydney Kamlager who was elected to the U.S. Congress seat held by Karen Bass. Last month, Bass was elected the first Black woman to be mayor of Los Angeles.

Smallwood-Cuevas' district includes the communities of Ladera Heights, View Park, Baldwin Hills, Crenshaw, Downtown Los Angeles, Leimert Park, Mar Vista,

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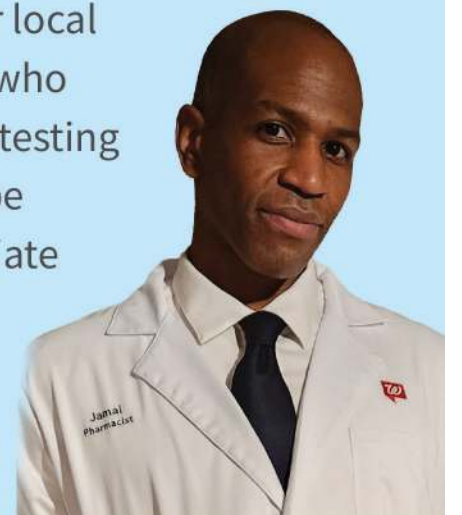
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- 2 Why is it necessary to have both a COVID-19 and flu vaccine?**
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- 3 Is it safe to receive both the COVID-19 shot or booster and annual flu shot at the same time?**
Yes. Studies conducted by the CDC throughout the pandemic indicate that it is safe to get both a flu vaccine and a COVID-19 vaccine at the same visit. Talk to your pharmacist to determine which vaccines suit your health needs.
- 4 What else can I do to prevent a super spreader at my holiday gathering?**
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- 5 COVID-19 treatments were once hard to come by. What is Walgreens doing to make once limited COVID-19 treatments more accessible?**
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Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles Medical Center Recognized as ‘Best Hospital’ in Maternity Care

in being listed on U.S. News’ national list of Best Hospitals for Maternity Care.

“We take pride that expectant families choose Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles Medical Center to deliver their new baby because they know they will receive compassionate care that is centered around their total health and safety,” said Lilit Zibari, RN, MSN, senior vice president and area manager for Kaiser Perma-

nente West Los Angeles. “This recognition reflects our commitment to providing new moms and their babies a healthy start.”

To be considered for its list, U.S. News rated participating hospitals across the country in the following categories:

- Cesarean births.
- Exclusive breast milk feeding.
- Unexpected complications in term newborns.
- Vaginal births after C-

section.

“It is an honor to care for the families in our community as they welcome their babies into the world,” said Dr. Kirk Tamaddon, area medical director and chief of staff for Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles. “We are proud of our highly skilled maternal care teams for continuing to ensure that the well-being of our patients and their families are at the forefront of our care.”

U.S. News evaluated 649 hospitals nationwide and 67 medical centers in California for its list and only U.S. hospitals that provided maternity services were considered for this study. Min Hee Seo, a senior health data analyst at U.S. News & World Report, told Medscape the new additions to the ranking system will help parents make more informed decisions about their maternal care.

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maternity care for 2022-23, thanks to the delivery of high-quality services to expectant mothers.

West Los Angeles Medical Center joined 10 other Kaiser Permanente hospitals in Southern California

Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles Medical Center has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as a high-performing “Best Hospital” in

A 2023 Resolution for California: Keep Healthcare a Priority

BY DR. ELAINE BATCHLOR

It’s 11 a.m. on the Monday after Thanksgiving. Our 29-bed Emergency Department at MLK Community Hospital in South L.A. has already seen more than 200 patients.

To handle the volume, we have our triage tent set up. Then there’s a row of about a dozen chairs that stretch out the door and wind around the tent. All the chairs are full of the sick and their caretakers.

One of these patients is 71-year-old Antonia*.

“My sister’s eye is swelling,” says her brother Juan*, 68. “She can’t see, and she’s starting to lose balance. I’m afraid she’s going to fall down and get hurt more.”

He brought Antonia to MLK because of our hospital’s reputation for short wait times and excellent service. “MLK is great,” he says. “Another sister of mine came here and the way they treated her was wonderful.”

Juan made an appoint-

ment at an outpatient center for his sister a month ago. She still hasn’t been seen.

Antonia can’t wait any longer. “Right now we’re really concerned she’s losing her ability to walk,” her brother says. So, here they are at the MLK emergency department.

Antonia’s story is not unique. Many patients waiting in line have a similar one.

Nearby, Leticia* waits with her two young daughters. All three have been coughing for a week and Leticia’s chest is starting to hurt. “It feels like something worse than a cold because it’s been hanging on for so long,” she says. “It’s hard to get a doctor’s appointment, so we came here.”

It continues down the line of waiting patients: this patient has flu symptoms, another has a fever, another is coming for follow-up care for a wound. Much of this could be handled in the outpatient setting by a family doctor. But, Medi-Cal doesn’t pay primary care doctors enough

to work in places like South L.A., so we have a shortage. MLK’s emergency department becomes the provider of first and last resorts.

The lack of accessible care places unbearable stressors on hospitals like ours. Before this day is through, our small emergency department will see a record-breaking 447 people. Annually, we are on track to see triple the volume our emergency department was built to handle. As the holiday season continues and more people travel to gather with their loved ones, the volume looks unlikely to let up.

Researchers at Yale University who study emergency department crowding conclude that it puts patient safety at risk. They also emphasize that this is not a hospital management issue, but an indication that resources are overwhelmed. We know already that these stressors are pushing health care providers to our breaking point, none more so than those of us who serve localities which rely on

emergency departments to fill gaps in primary and specialty providers.

This isn’t just happening in South L.A. Emergency departments across the nation are experiencing record capacity challenges because of COVID, the seasonal flu, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), which largely affects children. Some are calling this triple threat a “tridemic.”

It’s the last thing South L.A. needs. California lost at least 97,000 of its residents to COVID, a disproportionate percentage of those from communities of color. More than 32,000 children in California lost a primary caregiver. Many family breadwinners died, leaving low-income families in dire financial straits on top of the pain of losing a loved one.

The COVID crisis made healthcare a legislative priority and the current “tridemic” should be one, as well. MLK’s overcrowded hospital is just one more indicator of how broken our healthcare

system is, especially in areas more reliant on Medi-Cal. Legislators—a third of them newly minted—should take this lesson with them to Sacramento.

California faces a budget deficit of \$25 billion in 2023. We may see cuts to many essential services. But, here in South L.A., and in safety-net hospitals throughout the state, we need to hold the line.

This is where the need is most dire. People already can’t find a doctor in South L.A. — what if they can’t find a hospital? Cuts cause hospitals, especially safety-net hospitals, to close. Without a local hospital, our patients face a hard choice: Find a larger, more monied hospital far away or delay care. Too many do the latter, with disastrous results. Untreated disease is why amputation is our hospital’s number one procedure.

There is another way. Let’s prioritize funding for community and rural hospitals and community-based providers in underserved



Dr. Elaine Batchlor

places like South L.A., so that our most vulnerable residents get better support. Our most overcrowded emergency departments will be able to meet demand. People will be able to get care locally, without significant delays; lives will be saved.

We have to push toward a future of better health outcomes in California. At this time of epic need, healthcare for the most vulnerable is not where California should cut its budget. The solutions are clear: invest in our community health systems and support our health care workers. We’re going in the right direction. This holiday season’s “tridemic” has proven that we can’t stop now.

**Names have been changed for patients’ privacy.*



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Open Letter to Karen Bass, Paul Krekorian

By ROBERT K. ROSS
President & CEO The California Endowment

structural reforms in an effort to re-establish and re-gain the public's trust. This would include one

The plotting and words of the three councilmembers has undermined and even decimated any semblance

optimal input and participation by community residents and grassroots organizations across our region.

racism generally – should be core to this entity's set of values.

Relatedly, the council should explore whether increasing the number of council seats would further enhance meaningful representation for the residents of Los Angeles – with racial equity and fairness in mind. This could, or might not be, part of an Independent commission's charge.

Thirdly, it is our strongly held view that the roadmap to meaningful and durable racial healing and reconciliation goes through our neighborhoods -- and the community residents, leaders, and organizations who engage in the business of multi-racial, multi-ethnic coalition building to promote and advance full inclusion, shared prosperity, economic opportunity, wellness, and equity. Rather than the vile and hateful words expressed by certain members of the city council, it is the work of these leaders and organizations who embody and characterize the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King's "Beloved Community" as a vision for our nation: full, unapologetic and complete inclusion. The work of these leaders and organizations must be recognized, celebrated, elevated, and resourced in the months and years ahead. At a time of extraordinary and worrisome racial division across our nation, Los Angeles must now work to re-establish itself as a beacon of racial justice and full inclusion for the nation. After these past two months of national and international embarrassment for our community of Los Angeles,

only hard work in the form of trust-and relationship-building will heal this deep and painful wound. Our communities possess the leadership to lead us all down this path.

In closing, we must all bear in mind that indigenous and black peoples contributed to founding the City of Los Angeles, and the track record of multi-racial and multi-cultural coalition building to realize the Los Angeles we experience today is historically strong and deep. It is the only true path forward.

In solidarity and the spirit of racial healing,

Danny Bakewell, Sr.
President, Bakewell Media Group

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Los Angeles Sentinel
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President & CEO, The California Wellness Foundation

Jackie Dupont-Walker
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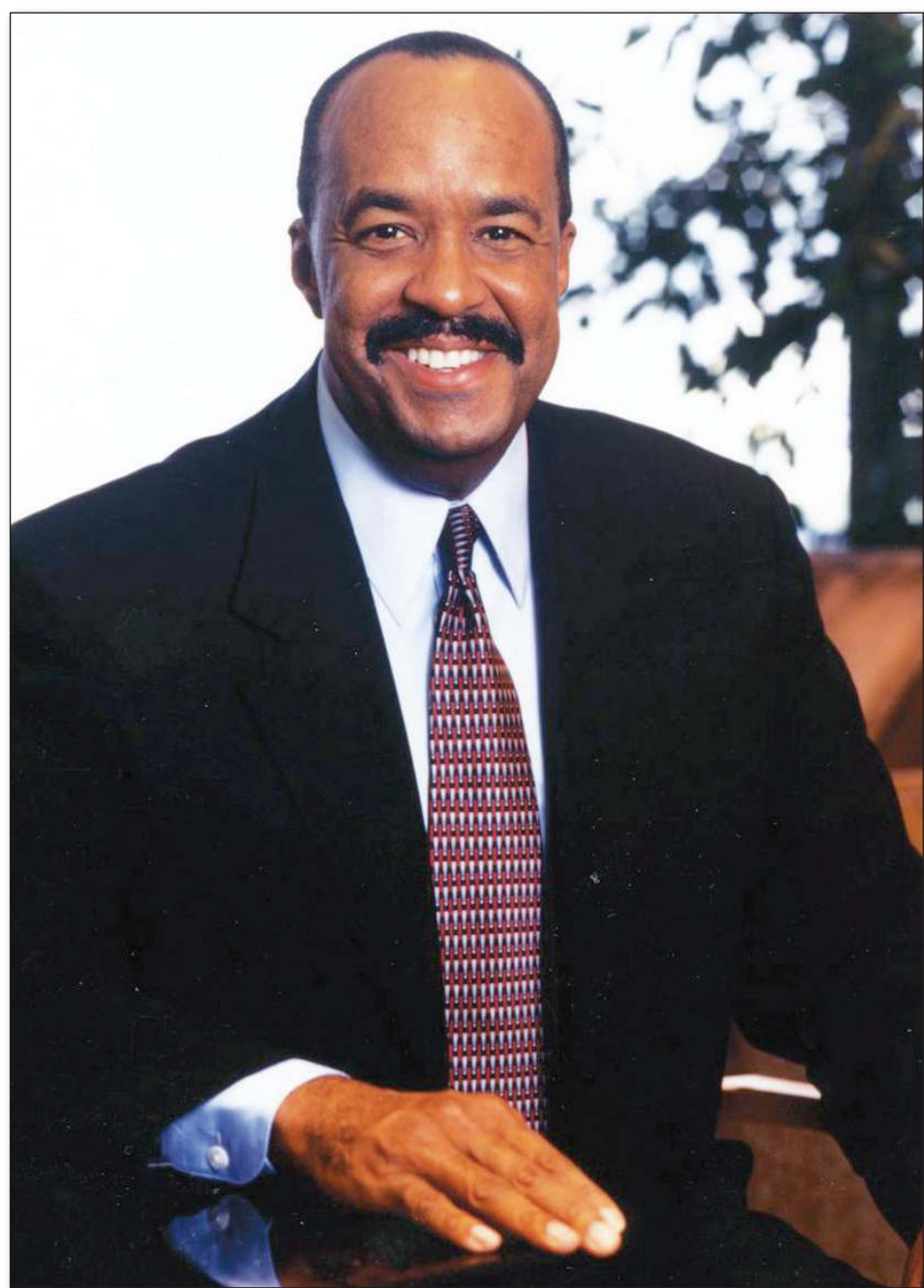
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cc: The Honorable Curren Price; The Honorable Marqueece Harris-Dawson; The Honorable Heather Hutt.



Robert K. Ross, President & CEO The California Endowment

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Dear Mayor-Elect Bass and President Krekorian,

This communication expresses the collective sentiments and concerns of select African American leadership in the community of Los Angeles. We are profoundly troubled by the reality that Anti-Black racism has been alive and well in segments of our very own city council. Further, that certain Latino members of the council – with a track record of expressed leadership support in social justice – were the very perpetrators of recorded vile, hurtful, and reprehensible anti-Black, anti-Indigenous, anti-LGBTQ, and anti-Semitic commentary. This represented an exceedingly somber moment in the history of racial justice in our beloved Los Angeles.

So, we collectively rally to pose and answer the question: Where do we go from here?

Our call-to-action involves three key steps:

First, all members of the city council who participated in this vile and hurtful recorded conversation should no longer serve as members of the council. This city council specifically – and our greater Los Angeles community generally – cannot pivot towards a path of meaningful healing, restoration, and reconciliation until this occurs, and we express this position in the strongest possible terms.

Secondly, and related to the first needed action step, the council must embark on

clearly needed step and the serious consideration of another. The council must seek and invite the creation of an independent body and process to assume responsibility for the development of a redistricting plan for the city of Los Angeles.

of trust that a redistricting process stewarded and prosecuted by this council will not irreparably harm the African American community. The matter of fair and equitable representation for all communities must be fully served, with

Further, such an independent entity or newly formed commission must articulate a strong set of social justice- and equity-minded values to guide its work; an expression of addressing anti-Black racism specifically – and structural

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Brittney Griner Back Home in US After Russian Prisoner Swap

BY LEKAN OYEKANMI AND ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

Brittney Griner returned to the United States early Friday, nearly 10 months after the basketball star's detention in Russia made her the most high-profile American jailed abroad and set off a political firestorm.

Griner's status as an openly gay Black woman, her prominence in women's basketball and her imprisonment in a country where authorities have been hostile to the LGBTQ community heightened concerns for her and brought tremendous attention to the case. Russia's invasion of Ukraine after her arrest complicated matters further.

The deal that brought home Griner in exchange for notorious arms dealer Viktor Bout achieved a top goal for President Joe Biden. But, the U.S. failed



WNBA star Brittney Griner deplanes at Kelly Field in San Antonio, Texas, following her release in a prisoner swap with Russia, Friday, Dec. 9, 2022. AP PHOTO/ERIC GAY

to win freedom for another American, Paul Whelan, who has been jailed for nearly four years.

Asked if more such swaps could happen, Russian President Vladimir Putin said Friday that

"everything is possible," noting that "compromises have been found" to clear the way for Thursday's exchange.

Biden's authorization to release Bout, the Russian felon once nicknamed

"the Merchant of Death," underscored the heightened urgency that his administration faced to get Griner home, particularly after the recent resolution of her criminal case on drug charges and her subsequent transfer to a penal colony.

Griner, a two-time Olympic gold medalist and Phoenix Mercury pro basketball star, was seen getting off a plane that landed Friday at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland in Texas.

"So happy to have Brittney back on U.S. soil. Welcome home BG!" tweeted Roger Carstens, the special presidential envoy for hostage affairs.

"We're just so happy to have her back," Vanessa

Nygaard, head coach of the Mercury, said in an interview outside of the team's Phoenix stadium.

"We are looking eagerly forward to welcoming her back to our community," said Nygaard, adding that she hadn't yet spoken with Griner.

The WNBA star, who also played pro basketball in Russia, was arrested at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport in February after Russian authorities said she was carrying vape canisters with cannabis oil. The U.S. State Department declared Griner to be "wrongfully detained" — a charge that Russia has sharply rejected.

Griner pleaded guilty in July, but still faced trial because admitting guilt in Russia's judicial system

does not automatically end a case. She was sentenced to nine years.

She acknowledged in court that she possessed canisters with cannabis oil, but said she had no criminal intent and accidentally packed them. Her defense team presented written statements that she had been prescribed cannabis to treat pain.

The Russian Foreign Ministry confirmed Thursday's swap, saying in a statement carried by Russian news agencies that the exchange took place in Abu Dhabi and Bout had been flown home.

Biden spoke by phone with Griner, who was reunited with her wife, Cherelle. U.S. officials who met her upon arrival said she was in very good spirits and appeared to be in good health, according to White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, who noted that she would be offered specialized medical services and counseling.

In releasing Bout, the U.S. freed a former Soviet Army lieutenant colonel whom the Justice Department once described as one of the world's most prolific arms dealers. He was arrested in Thailand in 2008 and extradited to the U.S. in 2010.

Bout was serving a 25-year sentence on charges that he conspired to sell tens of millions of dollars in weapons that U.S. officials said were to be used against Americans.

Senator Bradford Receives Lifetime Achievement Award from National Black Caucus of State Legislators

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islatiive Conference. "I am humbled beyond words," said Senator Bradford. "I know that I'm only able to do the work I'm

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Senator Bradford with the NBCSL Lifetime Achievement Award

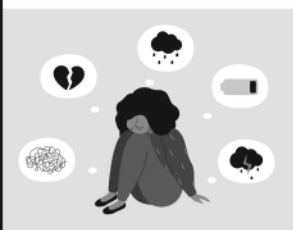
have awarded the organization's prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award to Senator Steven Bradford. The award was presented to Senator Bradford during NBCSL's 46th Annual Leg-

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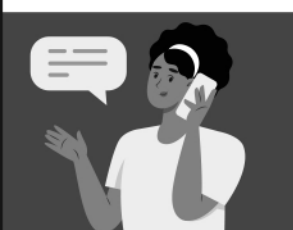
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Reach out to a specialist online, by phone or in person. CalHOPE Connect offers online chat support and a "warmline" for connection & support that is open 24/7 at **855-845-7415**. Visit calhopeconnect.org.

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Dorsey High School YBMG – YOUNG BLACK MEN’S GROUP Empowers and Uplifts Black Male Students

BY IRVIN L. DAVIS
Contributing Writer

Since the 1970’s when the student population at Dorsey High School became majority Black, this outstanding learning institution has consistently provided a supportive climate and atmosphere for Black students. Many alumni and parents describe the climate and school spirit at Dorsey as being similar to the climate at an HBCU (Historically Black College and University). Black male students who face specific challenges in the educational system and in society, as a whole, have advocates and mentors throughout the staff and faculty on campus.

One specific teacher / mentor who is making a difference in the Dorsey High School community is Darryl McKellar. McKellar has been an English teacher in LAUSD for over 20 years and has been at Dorsey for ten of those years. McKellar is the creator of a support group called the YBMG or

households, growing up in the inner-city, lack of mentorship/guidance etc. I have been given a unique opportunity to be an educator of all students; however, I

discuss, troubleshoot, and analyze current issues that plague the Black community and come up with potential solutions to those problems. During weekly meet-

as well as helping them to develop into well rounded and responsible men. This is something I haven’t seen take place in my 23 years of being in education,” said

helped him to reflect on his purpose in life and what he has to offer to the world. “Mr. McKellar saw in me a kid who wanted to learn, a kid who wanted to thrive in

group I enjoy talking to other people about problems in the world or in the Black community. It’s a very nice and friendly environment.”

McKellar reflected: “The purpose and origin of this group was established as means to develop the socio-emotional understanding of adolescent young men of color. As my mentor taught me how to be self-aware, purpose driven, and confident, I am expected to teach these same skills to the next generation. By promoting self-esteem and the importance of living up to their potential, this groups primary purpose is to change the trajectory and stereotypes attached to Black men.”

The Dorsey High School community is proud of this organization and feels the benefit of it’s impact around the campus. The young men who participate show a sense of focus,



McKellar and Colleagues

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rarely see students who look like me receiving the extra assistance needed to be successful in the classroom and beyond. I have witnessed Black boys get passed over and treated as “less than” time and time again within the educational system. So, 11 years ago while teaching at Washington High School, I started mentoring Young

ings, mentees are expected to share their ideas and perspectives to develop a deeper understanding of how to navigate effectively

McKellar. Some of the recent topics of discussion have been; Kyrie Irving and the concept of buck breaking,

life and he saw that I have something to give to this world,” said Johnson. Quran Turner an 11th grade student / athlete stated: “the YBMG allows me to meet other teens whose mindsets align with mine. We speak on topics that aren’t dis-



McKellar Leading Group Discussion

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in the real world. Mentees are expected to offer varying perspectives and ask thought provoking questions that promote self-awareness, and a sense of responsibility and purpose.

“By developing a village mindset, and awareness of their true calling from the ancestors, it is my objective to continuously assist in their maturation as young Black men. I believe that mentoring and constant encouragement builds the self esteem of our boys,

the importance of taking responsibility for your actions, cell phone dependency, the importance of getting out of your comfort zone, giving thanks and being a valuable member of your family / household, choosing the right friends, why education is important and reciprocity and servicing others as you want to be served.

Ashton Johnson, a 10th grade student who is a member of the YBMG stated that the organization has



YBMG Students Show Solidarity and Pride II

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cussed amongst friends on a day to day basis. The energy in the room is always positive and I always feel good after I leave. I get to build friendships and get knowledge from adults.” Bryst Mitchell, a senior, reflected “ The Black Man’s group has been fun. I don’t really speak that much, but in this

consciousness, awareness, fellowship and self-love. We applaud and appreciate the efforts of Mr. McKellar and his students, and hope that this organization will continue to grow and develop, positively impacting the lives of our Black male students, thus uplifting the entire school community.



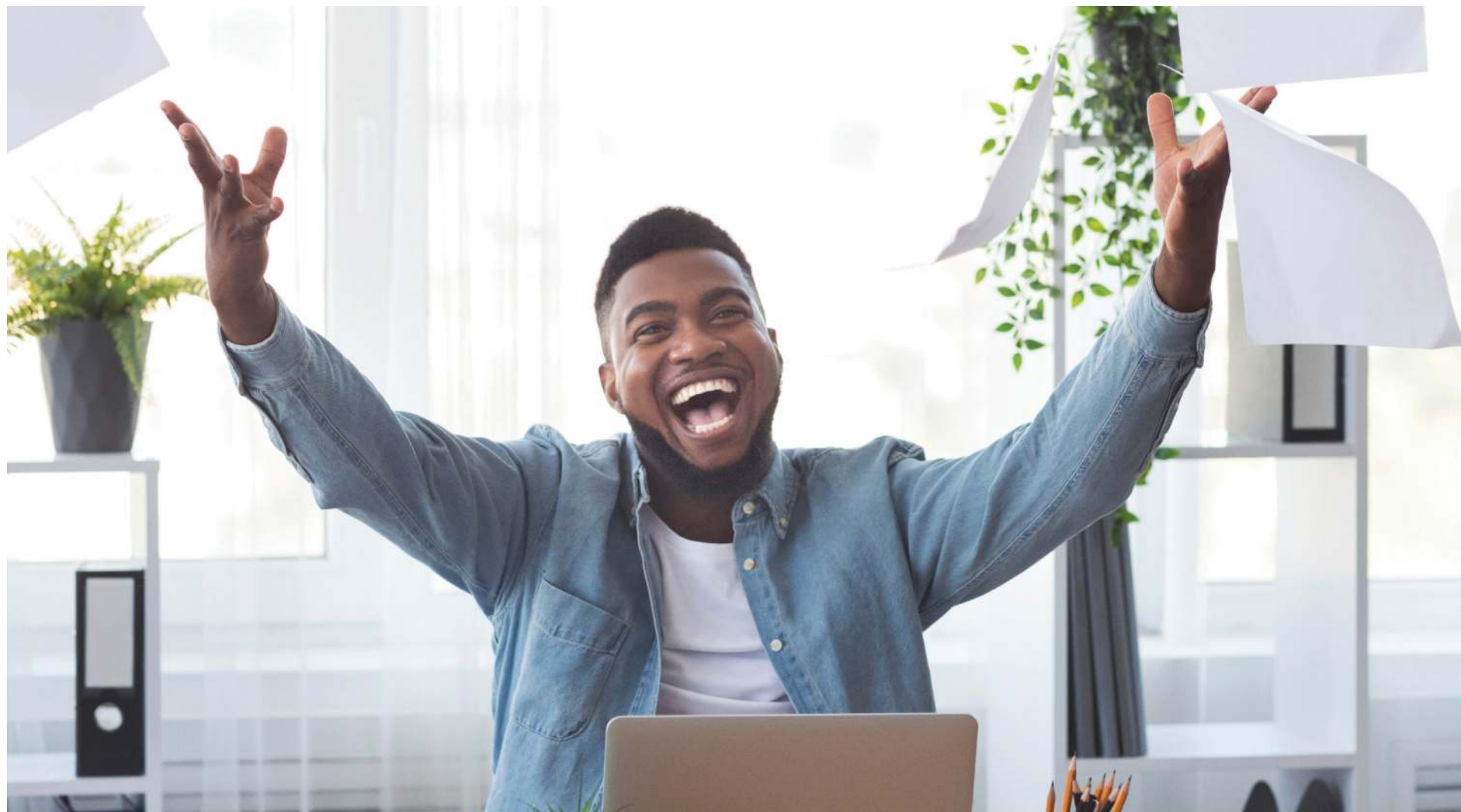
McKellar and Students at Pan-African Film Festival

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Young Black Men’s Group. McKellar stated “As a male teacher of color, I feel compelled to assist those students who look like me and come from similar backgrounds. Single parent

Black Men as a means to uplift, inspire, and support this underrepresented demographic.”

The YBMG meets once a week during lunchtime in McKellar’s classroom to



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Malik Books Hosts Howard University Alum & Romance Author Devyn Bakewell's Book Signing

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Malik Books, an independent, black-owned bookstore, is set to host Devyn Bakewell's, the granddaughter of civil rights activist and entrepreneur Danny Bakewell Sr., book signing inside the Westfield Culver City (6000 Sepulveda Blvd., Suite 2470., Culver City 90230) on Sunday, December 18, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Devyn will be signing copies of her latest novel, "Greater Life."

Devyn Bakewell, Howard University Alum and romance author, is the author of two romance

books, "Greater Love" and "Greater Life." She is currently the Interim Editor for the Los Angeles Sentinel and L.A. Watts Times.

In her debut novel, "Greater Love," Devyn connects with people by bringing them closer through shared experiences. Devyn hopes that through her literary work, she can improve the plight of black youth, women, and anyone who faces systemic oppression. With Greater Life, she continues the conversation.

Devyn is a dreamer, a believer in humanity, and an advocate for women and children. During her time at Howard University, she led

a women's organization devoted to cultivating a sisterhood among the women at Howard University.

Greater Life will be available to purchase inside the Malik Books Westfield Culver City for \$29.99, or you can reserve a copy by calling (323) 389-8040.

Follow on Instagram for up-to-date news on #DevynBakewell.

About Devyn Bakewell:

Devyn Bakewell is the author of Greater Life, the sequel to Greater Love, her first coming-of-age romance novel about a young woman searching for love only to discover true love within herself;

both stories are inspired by her time at Howard University. Before attending Howard, Devyn received the prestigious Segal Americorps Education Award for her service teaching social-emotional learning to early-age children. Devyn now holds a Bachelor's in English with a minor in African studies.

Previously, Devyn was a part of the 2020 Leimert Park Book Festival along with the legendary Jenifer Lewis, Tabitha Brown, and Terry Crews, where she was interviewed by Omarosa Manigault Newman (The Apprentice, Celebrity Big Brother).

Black-Owned Beauty Supply: Black Panther Strong

BY BETTI HALSELL
Staff Writer

The making of Black Panther Strong beauty products is inspired by and made for the Black community. There is a rich history behind the origins of this brand and an even stronger story of success in their expansion, as a Black-owned manufacturing company.

Los Angeles Watts Times had an exclusive interview with the Vice President of Sales of Marketing, Richard Omordia. He explained the origin of its name stemmed from the energy surrounding Black Panther movements that took place around the 1960s. Omordia painted a rich history of growth and beauty found with organic products for Black people.

Black Panther Strong products are sold in over 3,000 outlets and beauty supply locations in the U.S., the Caribbean, and



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The making of Black Panther Strong beauty products is inspired by and made for the Black community.

Africa. Black Panther Strong produces over 200 different items including vegan edge control, styling gel, hair fertilizer and chocolate body wash. All of their products are made in-

house. Their strongest product line is their Black Panther Strong edge and braid control.

Omordia confirmed that the manufacturing firm also manages the production of goods that are sold in Target, Ulta, and Sephora. Reflecting on its success in expansion, Omordia stated,

"They know us for high-quality products, and we've been around for a long time—so we have all of these relationships with a lot of influencers in the industry."

Black Panther Strong received its first sale in 1991, as a Los Angeles-based brand, Black Panther Strong has been able to stay

in the same location in Gardena, California for over 25 years, only expanding in spaces around that area.

Omordia credits its success to longevity and product diversity. He elaborated on the process and the details that go into having a state-of-the-art lab with in-house chemists. Omordia

continued to outline the diligence behind operating a business on this scale.

"One step at a time, putting in really long hours of hard work—concentrating on exceeding the client's expectation," Omordia said.

Considering the impact that Black Panther Strong has on the collective community, Omordia admitted the rarity of having a manufacturer that is home-grown in addition to being operated by Black people. "It's a largely untapped market and we have a lot of room to grow," he contin-



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ued, "what people may not realize is that we (Black Panther Strong) may be one of the last product manufacturers—most are overseas, and probably

made in China." Omordia shared that products sold to Black people have even a lesser chance of being made by their community. According to Omordia, the organization incasing Black Panther Strong is one of the last Black-owned manufacturing companies in the Western United States, possibly the whole nation.

"That's what keeps us going," Omordia continued, "It's kind of a dying breed, they are pushing us out of the industry, and this is the way to strengthen ourselves and keep going that will be great."

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MAYOR KAREN BASS MAKES HISTORY

Los Angeles First Female Mayor & 2nd African American is sworn in by America's first Black & first Female Vice President

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inside, and do so for good. And it will create the structure necessary for us to have a true, unified and citywide strategy to set us on the path to solve homelessness."

Homelessness was one of the major issues debated during the election. Bass and real estate developer Rick Caruso sparred over strategies of how to get people into housing in a city where, according to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, residents spend 38% of their income on housing, compared to the national average of 34.3%.

"We know our mission -- we must build housing in every neighborhood and the very best way for this to happen is by neighbors working together and deciding where housing should be built. We cannot continue to overcrowd neighborhoods that are already overcrowded. This is my call to you, L.A. --



Karen Bass is sworn in as Mayor of Los Angeles by Vice President Kamala Harris with performances by artists such as Amanda Gorman and Stevie Wonder on December 11, 2022 at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles, California. FILE PHOTO

attendance as well as Angelenos that she would be calling on them to work with her to contend with the homelessness crisis.

"Vice President Harris, Governor Newsom -- my colleagues in Congress here today -- look for me on your caller ID. If we come together and focus on solutions rather than



The Karen Bass Inauguration was highlighted by several live performances by well-known celebrities, including 25 Grammy award winner Stevie Wonder.

their bills -- we will save lives and save our city -- that is my mission as your mayor."

Bass also spoke about her ambitions about addressing public health, the violent crime surge, the economy and the environment.

"Right now, there is a role for everyone," Bass proclaimed. "If you are a Hollywood creative, I call on you to help me inspire people to help our city. If you are a tech entrepreneur, I call on you to help me make City Hall run smarter, faster and with more accountability. If you are retired, I call you to share your wisdom with our youth. If you are a community organizer, let's organize our neighborhoods together. And finally, I call on you to come work for the city. Did you know L.A. City has hundreds of vacancies in the very departments that respond to community needs? If you

our city to not just dream of the L.A. we want, but to participate in making the dream come true."

Bass thanked and acknowledged the many national and local officials present. She also spotlighted women breaking barriers in government, including Vice-President Harris, California's first female Lt. Governor, Eleni Kounalakis, the first female California Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins and the all-female Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors - Hilda L. Solis, Holly Mitchell, Lindsey Horvath, Janice Hahn and Kathryn Barger.

"We are all going to make so much history together in a state that has enshrined in our constitution a woman's right to decide what happens to her body."

Bass acknowledged outgoing Mayor Eric Garcetti for his 21 years of service to the city. Garcetti sat in the front row next to



The first National Youth Poet Laureate and Los Angeles native Amanda Gorman performed during this momentous in history. FILE PHOTO

to welcome housing in every neighborhood."

Bass made the point to elected leaders in

jurisdiction, on linking arms rather than pointing fingers -- if we just focus on bringing people

inside, comprehensively moving them to permanent addressing their needs, and housing with a way to pay



Mayor Karen Bass is the first Black Women to become Mayor of Los Angeles. FILE PHOTO

want a good paying union job -- you should literally come work for the City of L.A. I call on the people of

Gov. Gavin Newsom and California's First Partner, Jennifer Siebel Newsom.

USC Quarterback Caleb Williams Wins 2022 Heisman Trophy



Caleb Williams FILE PHOTO

as Williams acknowledged that his honored competitors were getting ready for a different competition, "I may be standing up here today, but you all get to go to the college playoffs. Guess you can't win them all," he said.

Williams, a transfer student from the University of Oklahoma, is credited with bringing USC back to national prominence. His numbers tell the story. Williams completed 66% of his passes for 4,075 yards and 37 touchdowns. He ran the ball 109 times for 372 yards and ten touchdowns. Along with winning the Heisman, Williams was

named Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Year and the Associated Press College Football Player of the Year. He set the school record for total offensive yards -- 4,447.

A humble and gracious young man, Williams thanked many who helped him reach this pinnacle in his career. He thanked "the most important woman in his life," his mom, Dayna Price. "Thank you for always being my mom first. The woman behind the scenes who has a smile on her face and is willing to help others." He thanked his dad -- Carl Williams, "the old man," for showing him

the way. "You're always there for me, making sacrifices in your life so I can achieve my dreams, which eventually became our dreams. We're in this together, and I wouldn't want it any other way," he said.

Williams gave a special shoutout to his fellow Trojan Heisman winners who were present at the ceremony - Matt Leinart, Carson Palmer, and Mike Garrett saying, "while this may be an individual award, I certainly understand that nothing -- and absolutely nothing -- in this sport, nor life, is done alone."

Williams put action behind that sentiment, bringing eight of his fellow USC offensive lineman - Bobby Haskins, Courtland Ford, Andrew Vorhees, Gino Quinones, Brett Neilon, Justin Dedich, Jonah Monheim, and Mason Murphy to New York, a sure sign that NIL money and partners can make many things possible. He thanked his coach Lincoln Riley, "Big Dog." "They say you either change your dreams or change your habits and I damn sure wasn't going to change my dreams. I'm glad you didn't change yours, either. But we both know the job's not done,"

Williams said.

Williams is the first football player from the DMV -- local parlance for the DC, Maryland, and Virginia areas to win the Heisman. He attended Gonzaga College High

School in Washington and spoke of his love of football from age 10, "If you're willing to put in the work and surround yourself with positive people, you can achieve anything. I used to write down my goals in

a journal and what used to be words on a piece of paper has me standing here today."

Williams ended his magical night with a big smile and those infamous words, "Fight On."

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Celebrating Us: The tradition, significance, and evolution of Kwanzaa

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unearthed and conditioned, allowing new thoughts of deep reflection on the origins of the collective community.

Dr. Maulana Karenga—professor and chair of the department of Africana Studies at California State University—in Long Beach, California, crafted a moment for “cultural recovery and reconstruction,” when he designed Nguzo Saba; the seven principles of Kwanzaa. For a brief moment, people all over the world grow familiar with the name Kwanzaa and what it stands for.

Dr. Karenga brought Swahili words to the eyes of many, who may have never seen letters strung together in that form; words such as *Umoja*, *Kujichagulia*, *Ujima*, *Ujamaa*, *Nia*, *Kuumba*, and *Imani*.

According to the official Kwanzaa website, the meaning behind the seven principles is the following:

Umoja: to strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race.

Kujichagulia: to define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.

Ujima: build and maintain our community together and make our brother's and sisters' problems our problems and solve them together.

Ujamaa: to build and maintain our stores, shops, and other businesses and to profit from them together.

Nia: To make our



collective vocation the building and developing of our community to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

Kuumba: to do always as much as we can, in the way we can, to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it

Imani: to believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders, and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

The Los Angeles Sentinel had an exclusive interview with Dr. Karenga; dissecting the tradition, significance, and evolution of this African American and Pan-African holiday.

“It speaks both to particular African people in the context of their country and also to all of us collectively as a world community of various African peoples,”

Dr. Karenga began to explain the core values and practices of Kwanzaa, he continued, “Therefore, it has core practices, but they are also enriched by the particular ways each family and people engage these

core practices.”

Dr. Karenga went into depth about the ritual of the holiday, “These core practices are ingathering of the people to reinforce the bonds between them; special thanks for the harvests of good from the earth and renewed commitment to care for, protect and preserve it; commemoration of the past and honoring the ancestors whose teachings and lives are our lessons; a recommitment to our highest values, especially the Nguzo Saba; and celebration of the good, the good of life, the struggle and the world and a future forged in freedom, anchored in justice and rooted in mutual respect and shared good of and in the world,” Dr. Karenga stated.

Kwanzaa was created in the wake of Haji Malcolm X and the Watts Revolt. Its birth represents the struggle to rise above conditioning thoughts of oppression. Dr. Karenga enlisted three reasons for the existence of Kwanzaa, one being a “practical and promising way to reaffirm our Africanness,” this holiday

sets the tone to reflect on the cultural home base of the African American community.

The first Kwanzaa was celebrated in a house, among the first members

who accepted the seven principles. Dr. Karenga described joyous energy with laughter, songs, motivation, and warmth. Kwanzaa, much like other nationally celebrated times, provides a moment of bliss and togetherness.

Dr. Karenga reflected

“Ensuring the Well-Being of the World.” It recited words celebrating the 55th anniversary of Kwanzaa.

The segment dissects Kawaiida; the philosophy that fuels Kwanzaa and Nguzo Saba. In the practice of this holiday, Dr. Karenga expresses the call to “walk gently and humbly on earth.” According to the National Geographic website, the physical practice of Kwanzaa includes the following: From Dec. 26- Jan. 1, each of the seven principles is celebrated.

To prepare the tone of the holiday, one would decorate their table with a straw mat and place meaningful items that include assorted fruits and vegetables. This symbolizes collective labor

principles of Kwanzaa. The black candle is lit first to signify all people of African descent. After that the red and green candles are lit alternatively; red candles represent the blood of the ancestors and green symbolizes the earth, life, and the promises of the future. An elder is held accountable for leading the candle lighting and filling a “unity cup.”

The contents of the “unity cup” can be wine or juice, and some may be spilled on the earth in remembrance of the ancestors. The elder drinks from the cup and passes it around to the attendees, who join a chant—Harambee—which is Swahili for “let’s pull together” seven times.

The first day, Dec. 26, sets the tone with a meditation on unity (Umoja), subsequently the mind should travel to the other principles. In closing on the holiday, Dec.31, the Karamu begins; a banquet of music, food, and motivation. Often families give children small gifts on the last day of Kwanzaa.

During the holiday season, there is an importance recognized; African Americans are seen through Kwanzaa, it’s observed by people of various nationalities. Kwanzaa, which celebrates African ancestry, bears the salt of an excavated and conditioned culture, offering new thoughts of deep meditation on the beginnings of the collective society.



on his gratitude for the people who walked next to him during the growth of Kwanzaa, singling out his family, organization, and the first members of the celebration.

According to the Annual Founders’ Kwanzaa Message published in the Los Angeles Sentinel on Dec. 23, 2021, the “Practice of Kwanzaa and the Seven Principles” focused on

and harvest, with ears of corn representing children. A candle holder that holds seven candles, is added to represent a shared African Heritage.

A black candle is placed in the center of the holder, adjacent to three red candles on the left and three green candles on the right. Families gather each night to light each candle to reflect one of the seven



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By CHERYL JOHNSON
RollingOut

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SisterLove – L to R: Tamika English; Sybil Miller; Dazon Dixon, founder and president; Trinity Stockman; and Gaea Daniel, Ph.D., RN, Emory University School of Nursing

and globally. This was also a day of celebration because a new super weapon was unveiled. “The Love Bus is a preventive mobile health unit. It is meant to meet people where they are, but also where they want to be,” shared Diallo. The vision of the Love Bus evolved over the years. During COVID, Gaea Daniel took on the challenge when she was asked to develop a project through the Direct Relief Fund for Health Equity. The bus will hit the streets during the Dr.



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sexual and reproductive justice. On Dec. 1, World AIDS Day, Sister Love gathered the community together to reflect on the more than 40.1 million people who have died from HIV/AIDS. Board president Cedric Pulliam, Ph.D., and supporter Dwight Eubanks praised the outstanding team and initiatives of SisterLove. Nestled in the heart of Southwest Atlanta, in one of the oldest Black communities, they have purchased a health center



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that will extend their services. Councilwoman Andrea Boone presented a proclamation from the City of Atlanta in recognition of the work Sister Love does, not only for the citizens of Atlanta, but also those impacted across the region

Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend. Diallo stressed that Black Americans must not wait for others to save us, “Our own solutions, come from our own people,” she said. This article originally appeared in RollingOut.com.

Conversations About Cancer Screening Should Be Priority This Holiday Season – It Can Save Your Life

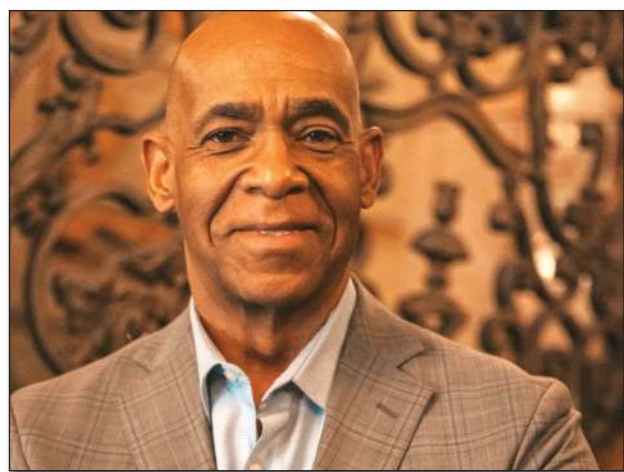
By DAVID FORD

Two-time cancer survivor, Senior Government Relations Manager at Southern California Edison, and member of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Board of Directors: The holidays are a time to gather with friends and family for food, fun, and great conversations. But,

imagine those conversations not going as planned and the joy of being with your loved ones overshadowed by someone sharing that they have cancer. You may not have been ready to have that discussion, yet it was happening. And you may not be prepared to talk about screenings with your loved ones, but it's necessary. As someone who has had two different cancers in

my life, I cannot stress enough the importance of getting screened. It was 2015 when I first heard those earth-shattering words, “it's cancer.” I thought back to a conversation with my doctor just a few months earlier when they recommended a routine colonoscopy screening. Instead of getting it done right away, I kept putting it off. My life was busy. I had

a family and was in the midst of a successful career. It just wasn't a priority for me, and all the while, I was unknowingly putting myself at risk. Then flash-forward to a critical moment with my doctor and it was too late; surgery was needed to treat my cancer. If I'd gotten my colonoscopy, a screening for colon cancer, when it was recommended, it's possible



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David Ford

that I could've avoided surgery, treatment, and the emotional toll I put on my family. Even though the treatments saved me, I had to learn the hard way not to take unnecessary risks with my life. So, three years later, when my doctor recommended screening for prostate cancer, I did not wait. I completed the screening immediately, and we were able to find and treat my second cancer at an early stage. Now, I am once again cancer free and sharing my story to help others understand why they should be getting screened. According to the American Cancer Society, 1 in 2 men and 1 in 3 women will face a cancer diagnosis in their lifetime, yet the discussion of cancer screening remains taboo in our community. Now is the time to start having conversations about cancer screening and having it often. Be an example for your friends and family. It's okay to say, “Hey, as your buddy, I want us to be together 20 years from now. Make sure you're taking care of yourself. That includes going to the doctor and getting screened for cancer.” It may be a tough conversation to have, but you may be the one that could make a lifesaving difference. Cancer wasn't something I was prepared to factor into my life. But through my experience, I learned some tough lessons. It is important to listen to my

doctor. I need to take the time to share with others, so they don't make the same mistake. It's necessary to go to the doctor on a timely basis. It's okay to have scary conversations about health with loved ones and if a doctor recommends cancer screening, get screened. Through my work with the American Cancer Society, I have seen that cancer doesn't discriminate. It's not just older people getting cancer, anyone can be at risk. This is the reason why it is so important for you to talk to a doctor about the type of health care and screening you may need. You can't play around with your life. It's more than just a cancer screening, it's a way to help ensure that we will be around for our families. The longer we are around, the more opportunities we have to live our dreams and to see our loved ones achieve their goals. As we prepare to gather for the holidays, whether it's a large gathering or with immediate family, I encourage you to have a conversation with your loved ones about regular cancer screening. I hope that you take the steps yourself to schedule an appointment to get screened. If you need cancer screening recommendations, resources, as well as tips to start the conversation visit cancer.org/get-screened. A small discussion can make a lifesaving difference, so please don't wait.



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Dodgers All Star Mookie Betts Honored by Brotherhood Crusade Annual Gala Returned After Two-Year Hiatus



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Over one million dollars was raised to continue support and grow the many programs and services that Brotherhood Crusade provides for the youth of South Los Angeles.

"I'm not sure where I would be without the support of the Brotherhood Crusade," said Dante Reese, a Brotherhood Crusade program participant. "The mentoring and guidance I've received from the youth development programs has helped equip me with the skills and confidence I need to succeed in school and life."

Brotherhood Crusade acknowledges and thanks all the partners that made the 2022 Pioneer of African American Achievement

Award Dinner a success. To learn more about Brotherhood Crusade, visit brotherhoodcrusade.org.

About Brotherhood Crusade

Brotherhood Crusade was founded in 1968. The organization's principal mission is to champion equality and equity by removing and/or helping individuals overcome the barriers that deter their pursuit of success in life and facilitate opportunities for a better quality of life by effectuating improved health & wellness, facilitating academic success, promoting personal, social & economic growth, providing access to artistic excellence & cultural awareness, increasing financial literacy and building community agencies & institutions.

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The Children Youth and Family Collaborative Host 23rd Annual Holiday Festival for Youth in Foster and Kinship Care

By DR. VALERIE WARDLAW

The Children Youth and Family Collaborative (CYFC) will host its Annual Holiday Festival on Saturday, December 17, at noon, at Holman United Methodist Church. The annual holiday festival celebrates over 2,000 youth in foster and kinship care. This year's event is a safe "drive-through party" where youth and families will pick up their gifts by car.

The CYFC is a



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nationally recognized 501(c)(3) service provider for foster youth. The mission and ultimate goals of CYFC are to create a culture where foster youth thrive academically, have high graduation rates, and transition into fruitful careers and rewarding adult lives. CYFC seeks to eliminate the achievement gap for foster youth. This is the 23rd year the CYFC has hosted its holiday festival, celebrating children in foster care from infancy to young adulthood for their strengths and resilience.

For more than 30 years, CYFC, in partnership with school districts and youth-centered organizations, has delivered evidence-based services through its academic remediation, intervention, support



Volunteers from the 2022 Holiday Festival COURTESY PHOTO

service, and education program, ARISSE. Their signature program has an 80% -100% graduation rate and an 80% acceptance rate into post-secondary education or training programs.

"CYFC is one of 49 agencies in the country to receive an Innovation Grant from the Los Angeles County Office of Education, the nation's largest education funder for our ARISSE



Volunteers Get Ready for the Holiday Festival COURTESY PHOTO

initiative, and we take great pride in that and the services we provide", said CYFC Executive Director Lydia Cincore-Templeton. "Los Angeles has the highest population of foster youth in California and a great need for coordinated resources. There were no coordinated efforts

specifically for kids and young adults in foster care, and I was determined to change that," Cincore-Templeton said.

"We began with "strong roots at one community-based site serving 25 foster youth". This was Cincore-Templeton's vision, a "united response" for resources and care for foster kids in 1993 when she began the organization. Today, CYFC provides programming in nine school districts, successfully replicating its model in over 89 schools, a staff of over 100, serving over 2,500 foster youth within the Los Angeles, Pomona, Long Beach, Compton, Lynwood, and Santa Monica/Malibu school districts. ARISSE also receives the prestigious Promising Practice Designation from the US Department of Education.

The successful outcomes of ARISSE demonstrate that foster youth can improve their academic performance, school attendance, financial literacy, and post-empowerment planning with targeted support and resources. The program is delivered directly on school campuses by trained Youth

Education Specialists.

For Cincore-Templeton and the staff at CYFC, "the Holiday Festival is a time for our organization and the community-at-large to come together and celebrate the achievements of foster kids and young adults to ensure that they feel valued and loved during the holiday season."

There is still time to volunteer and donate to the

Holiday Festival, and here are the many ways you can participate:

To Donate Monetarily to CYFC: CYFC accepts monetary gifts. You can mail your donations to 1200 W. 37th Place, Los Angeles, CA, 90007.

To Volunteer on the event day: To register as a volunteer, call (323) 413-7939.

Wrapped Gifts Dropoff:

You can drop off wrapped gifts on Monday, December 12, from 10 AM to 3 PM at Holman United Methodist Church, 3320 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles, 90018. For additional information, call (323) 413-7499.

Unwrapped Gifts Pickups: Email CYFC if you have unwrapped gifts for pickup at info@cyfcla.org.

Africana Diaspora

By Simon Burris

In honor of Black History Month in February, we are sharing this crossword by Simon Burris. A member of Holy Trinity Lutheran in Inglewood, Calif., he also presents this puzzle in honor of the church's pastor emeritus, James Lobdell.

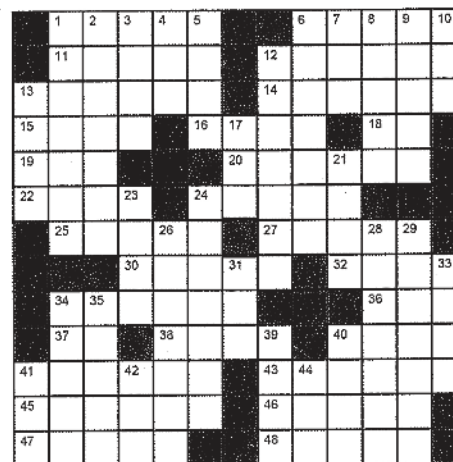
Persons of African Ancestry 1400 BC to Present Day: An Eye-Opener of 3,400 Years of World Black History (simonburris700.com).

A freelance puzzle constructor for the past six decades, his work has been featured in newspapers and magazines such as TV Reporter, NYT, Dell and Boston Globe and the Publishers' Newspaper Syndicate.

Burris, 88, is a freelance historian and researcher of the African diaspora. He is the author of 700 Notable

ACROSS

1. "Makeda wealthy queen of ___ visits Solomon, marvels at his wisdom (1 Kings 10)
6. Military heavy vehicle, informally (2 wds.)
11. Evil spells and curses
12. Puts out, as a fire
13. "Idumean (Edomite) kings of Judea: Antipas; Agrippa I & Agrippa II (Luke 3:1; Acts 12:1 and 25:22)
14. Two books of the Bible named after women are Ruth and ___
15. He judged Israel 10 years (Judges 12:11)
16. Samoa currency
18. TV's Mr. Sullivan
19. "Roman emperor Severus" 56 (193-211)
20. Cruise ships
22. "Musical Horne"
24. Winnie-the-Pooh's creator
25. "Political activist McKesson"
27. "The Lord said to ___ 'Go into the wilderness to meet Moses'" (Exodus 4:27)
30. "First name in TV talk"
32. "As God's chosen ___ , holy and beloved ..." (Colossians 3:12)
34. Obvious winner, so to speak
36. Competent, facetiously
37. American moth
38. Film actress Turner



12. "Philistine woman who betrayed Samson (Judges 16:4-22)
13. Hot spot (Mark 9:43; James 3:6)
17. "Boxing legend "The Greatest"
21. Architect Saarinen
23. Suffix with buck (var.)
24. "May you our sister, become thousands of ___" (Genesis 24:60)
26. "Egyptian disciple of John the Baptist and an orator (Acts 18:24-28)
28. Not to be repeated
29. Planet with 14 moons
31. ___ Arbor, Mich.
33. Promenade for Plato
34. "Libyan man who carried the cross of Jesus (Matthew 27:32)
35. "To ___ handle" (2 wds.)
39. "I can take ___ (punch)," George Foreman quote (2 wds.)
40. "___ for me, this ___ my covenant with you" (Genesis 17:4; 2 wds.)
41. "Canaan: "A land flowing with m___ and honey" (Exodus 3:8)

40. In the matter of (2 wds.)
41. "Someone informed me ..."
43. "Moses' successor; a "great" grandson of Asenath the Egyptian wife of Joseph (Numbers 27:18; 1 Chronicles 7:27)
45. Powerball and others
46. "The first living creature like ___" (Revelation 4:7; 2 wds.)
47. Shoelace problems
48. Cookbook instruction

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1. Put on hold
2. Deborah, a courageous woman, was one

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Dozier Singers(Dsf) To Headline Christmas Musical, 'The Greatest Gift' At McCarty Memorial Christian Center, Dec. 18



Dozier Singers (COURTESY PHOTO)

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The Dozier Singers will headline a Christmas Musical at McCarty Memorial Christian Church, December 18 at 3 p.m.

The musical will feature, also, accomplished vocalist Crystal Davis, the minister of Music at The New Earth Christian Church based in Gardena, where Rev. Larry Dozier is the senior pastor.

The Dorsey High

School Alumni Workshop, a top, local jazz band, will perform during the musical as will the McCarty Gospel Choir.

In addition to singing, there will be poetry readings and a bit of humorous theatrics.

The theme, 'The Greatest Gift' is from an original Christmas recording by the Dozier Singers, under the direction of Jerry Dozier, who has performed for the likes

of The Temptations, Tom Jones, Johnny Guitar Watson, etc. He's guiding this musical event.

While there is no charge to attend, there will be a free-will offering.

McCarty is located at 4101 West Adams Blvd. in Los Angeles. The church has onsite parking plus there is ample, off-street parking in the area. The Rev. Eddie Anderson is the pastor at McCarty Memorial.

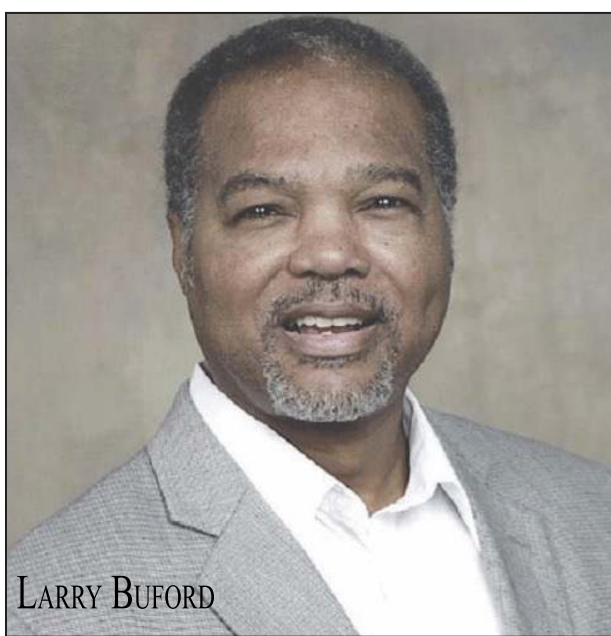
Word of the Week

The Santa Suit: What Are You Wearing?

BY LARRY BUFORD

A few years ago, Reader's Digest published an article about stage actor Charles Edward Hall who went from playing the character of Ebenezer Scrooge to the character of Santa Claus. In the article Hall says: "I worked on my Scrooge. I scoffed. I raged. I felt fear when the ghosts came, and anger, and relief, and sadness, and regret." That role was eventually written out of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, but the role of Santa remains. In that role Hall says, "I've been Santa for almost three decades and more than 4000 performances, and spending that much time as someone [in character] changes you. When you love a person, you can become that person and see the world the way he or she sees it."

Christians, do you really love Jesus? Have you taken on His character? Can others see Christ-likeness when they see you? Speaking about his role Hall said, "I wish I could wear this Santa suit all the time. If I did, I could never be angry or mean. I'd be a better person every day." Hall uses a key word in the title of his book, Santa Claus is



LARRY BUFORD

for Real: A True Christmas Fable About the Magic of Believing – the operative word is "believing."

As Christians, we must believe that since we are baptized into Christ, we are clothed with Christ. Colossians 3:6-10 reads: "But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator." [NIV]

Hall's story draws a perfect analogy – let's call

Scrooge the "old man," and Santa the "new man." When we are born again; when we confess Christ [Romans 10: 9, 10] the old man dies, and we become new creatures [creations] in Christ. If we are so inclined to masquerade as some fabled character during Christmas, Halloween, and such, then why not daily get into true character in the new garment of the living Christ? What you're wearing will show!

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Symbols and Insights of Kwanzaa: Deep Meanings and Expansive Message

(Author's Note). Each year the coming of Kwanzaa causes us to come together in celebration, remembrance, reflection and recommitment. And it also urges us to constantly study and learn the deep meanings and expansive message of Kwanzaa, not only in its grounding philosophy, Kawaida, and its core Seven Principles (Nguzo Saba), but also in its symbols. This article again invites us to do this, even in the midst of this pandemic. Indeed, as Howard Thurman taught, we must "ride the storm and remain intact," regardless of the dangers, difficulties and devastation involved.

Kwanzaa was conceived as a special time and space for celebrating, discussing and meditating on the rich and varied ways of being and becoming African in the world. It invites us all to study continuously its origins, principles and practices and it teaches us, in all modesty, never to claim we know all that is to be known about it or that our explanations are only for those who do not know much about its message and meaning. For each year each of us should read and reread the literature, reflect on the views and values of Kwanzaa and share conversations about how it reaffirms our rootedness in African culture and brings us together all over the world in a unique and special way to celebrate ourselves as African people. One focus for such culturally-grounded conversation is on the deep meanings and message embedded in the symbols of Kwanzaa which are rooted in Kawaida philosophy out of which Kwanzaa and the Nguzo Saba were created. Indeed, each symbol is a source and point of departure for a seri-

ous conversation on African views and values and the practices that are rooted in and reflect them.

The first symbol is the mazao (crops) which are symbolic of the African first-fruit harvest celebrations from which Kwanzaa takes its model and essential meaning. The mazao represent the harvest of good and the reward of collective and productive work. Indeed, the concept of the harvest embodies and expresses the Nguzo Saba, the Seven Principles. For the purpose (Nia) of the harvest is to bring and do good in the community and the world. It is a purpose conceived and pursued in unity (Umoja), self-determination (Kujichagulia), and collective work and responsibility (Ujima). Moreover, it is developed with a resourceful creativity (Kuumba) and grounded in a resilient faith (Imani) that believes in, works for and looks forward to its coming into fruition. And cooperative economics (Ujamaa) rightfully represents the harvest as the product and practice of shared work and shared wealth, i.e., the cooperative creation and sharing of good.

The second symbol of Kwanzaa is the mkeka (the mat) symbolic of our tradition and history and thus the foundation on which we build our lives, in a word, our culture. It stresses the need of foundation, of cultural anchor to ground and center ourselves. In Kawaida philosophy, we say we base everything we do on tradition and reason, meaning we constantly dialog with our culture, asking it questions and seeking from it answers to the fundamental concerns of daily life and enduring issues of humankind. And then using the best of our moral rea-



DR. MAULANA KARENGA

soning, we select the appropriate solutions, the most ethical and effective way forward. Again, to stress the centrality and indispensable role of tradition, the other main symbols are placed on the mkeka.

The kinara, the seven-candle candle-holder is the next symbol of Kwanzaa. It is symbolic of our roots, our parent people, our continental African ancestors. Although in both principle and practice this, in a larger sense, includes all our ancestors, continental and diasporan, stress was placed at the beginning on continental roots, to return us to the original source of our history, culture and coming-into-being as a people. For as Molefi Asante says, there is no stepping outside our history without great difficulty and damage to our sense of self. This is why we emphasize with Malcolm X and Mary McLeod Bethune, a long historical conception of ourselves and of the legacy of excellence left to us.

The kinara holds the next symbol of Kwanzaa

which is the mishumaa saba (the seven candles). The mishumaa saba are symbolic of the Nguzo Saba, the Seven Principles, the hub and hinge on which the holiday Kwanzaa turns, the African value system that is an essential foundation and framework for our living a good and meaningful life and the strivings and struggles central to this. To place the candles in the kinara is to remind ourselves of the ancient culture in which our principles are rooted and to reaffirm the enduring value of returning to the source.

And to light the mishumaa is to engage in the ancient ritual of "lifting up the light that lasts." For the principles are the light that lasts in the midst of constant and often disruptive and diversionary changes and challenges that occur in life. Indeed, the Husia teaches that "We are given that which endures in the midst of that which is overthrown." And that which endures in the midst of that which is overthrown is our moral and spiritual values. Surely, the ethical values represented in the Nguzo Saba, both explicitly and implicitly, are among those lights that last and should and must be constantly lifted up as a beacon and basis for the good life we seek to ground and build.

The muhindi (corn), more specifically ears of corn, are another symbol of Kwanzaa. They are symbolic of our children and thus our future which they embody. In the agricultural and

naturalistic understanding of African communal societies, the life-cycle of corn represented the life-cycle of both humans and nature in which they are embedded. For example in Zulu cultural narratives of origins, the cornstalk represents the ancestors or parents and the corn represents the offspring in an eternal cycle of life, death and rebirth. Children thus become a form of life after death, our future unfolding in front of us.

Here there is a strong stress on quality parenting and collective parenthood. For parenting is not only the responsibility of a specific mother and father, but also an extended family of other relatives and the community as a whole. This is the meaning of the often offered wisdom that it takes a whole village or community to raise a child. And it speaks to both the importance and inclusiveness of the task of raising children in the most ethically and culturally-grounded ways.

The kikombe cha umoja (the unity cup) is symbolic of the foundational principle and practice of umoja (unity) which makes all else possible. The kikombe is used to drink from after a statement of unity in a ritual of reinforcement of the principle and practice. And it is also used in pouring tambiko (libation) in a ritual of remembrance, honor and appreciation of our ancestors and their legacy of excellence we are obligated to preserve, expand and pass on.

The zawadi (gifts) are symbolic of the labor and love of parents, rewarding their children for commitments made and kept. These gifts are never to be overly expensive or a substitute for ourselves. And they must always contain a heritage symbol and a book to reflect and reinforce our commitment to our culture and to knowledge and a life of learning, respectively.

The two supplementary symbols are the bendera and a poster or other representation of the Nguzo Saba. The bendera (flag, banner) colors of black, red and green symbolize Black for our people, red for our struggle and green for the hope and future that is fostered and forged in struggle. And the representations of the Nguzo Saba reaffirm their central role in our life and struggle for the good world we all want and deserve to live in and leave as a legacy for future generations.

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•DR. JOHN E. WARREN•

What Must Be Done with White Reconstruction

While many are watching 47 out of the 50 States propose and enact Voter Suppression Laws, the question becomes one of what can we as individuals do to counter such attacks against us?

First, we must acknowledge the real agenda of those hiding behind the Republican Party's control of state legislatures, embracing Donald Trump's lie that the election was stolen.

The reality is that conservative white republicans are engaged in attempts to recreate the conditions that existed by 1901 when all Black elected officials were removed from office at both the national and state level. This was the result of the deal made with the South to have no national interference with State's Rights. The result was there were no Blacks elected to Congress between 1901 (John Roy Lynch from Mississippi) and 1928 (Oscar De Priest from Chicago).

Today in 2022, it is the Republican Party (GOP), under the out-of-office leadership of Donald Trump, that is using voter suppression laws in 47 states and the soon-to-be redistricting of congressional districts under the 2020 Census, as required by the U.S. Constitution every ten years, that will seek to usher in a modern day "Reconstruction."

This modern-day reconstruction will once again have limited voting by people of color and election officials in state



human and civil rights, must come together to help each other.

We can do this by registering to vote, selecting and funding people to run for office against the Republican "Reconstruction" program described here. We must replicate the state of

offices that can change voting results and select Electoral College delegates when they don't like voter's choices. With state courts and the U.S. Supreme Court stacked with judges appointed by a Republican Senate, clearly the stage has been set for court decisions that will further solidify the suppression of civil rights decisions at all levels.

Unlike one hundred years ago, we know what's coming and what we can do to stop such actions. We know that from the

increase in hate crimes and racism, much of it fueled by the actions of our former President, that racism on the part of conservative and right-wing whites is fear of the "browning" of America.

This "browning" exists in an America in which Whites are a minority among other ethnic groups such as Blacks, Latinos and Asians. Blacks, Whites and all people of color who believe in our democratic form of government for what it does mean under a Constitution that guarantees

Georgia's experience in both voter turnout and election of the right people at all levels of government. We must not lose sight of the real plan behind voter suppression and the Republican Party. Let's call the Republican Party's agenda for what it is, The New Reconstruction 2022, and let's get busy dealing with it at all levels.

Dr. John E. Warren is publisher of The San Diego Voice and Viewpoint.

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Forgiving for Living



What Are You Focusing On?

As we celebrate the holidays and begin the countdown to the New Year many of us will think about the things that were on our to-do-list twelve months ago that we had hoped to get accomplish but failed. They say, if you want to see God laugh tell him your plans. The proverbial expression adapted from the Robert Burns poem, "To a Mouse," regarding the best-

laid plans of mice and men often go awry, is so true. No matter how detailed or good intentioned we are with our plans, there are some things in life that are out of our control and can make our plans unsuccessful. Some of the things that were on our list that we failed to achieve was because we lost focus or because they were just not meant to be. As I reflected on this

year, I came to the conclusion that this was a successful year for me because I made an intentional choice that 2022 was going to be my "Season of Greatness". I accomplished many of my goals because I was focused on what I knew was truly necessary. Whenever we do self-reflection it should include a mirror and not a window. The window is what we look out of and

blame others for our failures, but the mirror forces us to look at ourselves and be honest. In January of this year, I took the mirror test and realized I had to focus on Wendy. I understood that in 2020 and parts of 2021 the pandemic caused me to lose a little of my focus. The pandemic was the root-cause, but my symptoms were fatigue, poor sleeping habits, sedentary behavior, and the loss of loved ones. So, in 2022, I decided my focus would be on continuing to become my best self. Not in a selfish way, but in a way that helped me improve my relationship with my husband, family, friends, clients, and others. It was an inward focus that allowed me to be more productive, innovative, and creative. By focusing on myself, I did not forsake or forget others, my personal values nor my walk with the Lord. When I speak about focus-

ing on Wendy, I mean eliminating distractions, getting more and better sleep, focusing on the moment and getting in overall better health. In my, "Season of Greatness," I worked smarter, not just harder, I got better not bitter, I fixed problems rather than fixing the blame and I truly let go and let God. I believe if we decide what we really want in life and focus on making it happen we can accomplish anything.

As we close out another year and prepare for 2023, where will your focus be? When I talk about focus, I mean what will you be giving most of your attention to. Will it be to something or to someone? What will you be willing to share with others, sacrifice to improve yourself or serve something or someone you have been running away from. Here are a few things to focus on to make 2023 your best year ever. First,

remember if God brought you to it, He will bring you through it. Second, tough times do not last, but tough people do. Third, when you quit you fail. So do not quit! Fourth, life is short, enjoy it while you have it and finally, do what is right, not what is easy. Focusing on your faith, family, friends, finances, fitness and forgiving those who have wronged you are also good things to focus on moving forward. Here is to closing out this year strong and setting the foundation for a prosperous 2023.

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'The Door Is Open: Part 5 God, Where Does God Live? What Does God Do?

God, Where Does God Live? What Does God Do? He sustains us during good times and difficult times. He teaches us how to live with each other. Isaiah 2:4 tells us that nations will no longer

rise up against each other and war will not be the main subject, therefore, it will not be taught. Psalm 2 tells us that the LORD laughs to scorn His enemies and holds them in divine contempt. Enemies

become laughingstock in society among their peers. He sits in the heavens. He has residence in divine location. Who are His enemies? Some nations are His enemies; therefore, nations collectively and

individuals singularly and collectively. When we look at the many different names that God goes by, (and these are not a total number), we might ask the question, "Where does He live and what is He doing?" Psalm 2 and Psalm 68, along with other scriptures offer some insight into what He is doing and where is He? Psalm 68 which is a marching to victory Psalm has His names listed in seven different proper names: Elohim (verse 1: Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.), Yah (verse 4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rides upon the heavens by his name Jah, and rejoice before him.), Jehovah (verse 10 A father of the widows, is God in his holy habitation. God sets the solitary in families: he brings out those which

are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.), El Shaddai (verse 14), Yah Elohim (verse 14 the Almighty scattered kings in it and verses 15-18 "15 The hill of God is a high hill; but, God chose Zion, Jerusalem for His divine sanctuary. Many didn't like it as it is today, but it is what He has chosen 16 Why leap ye, (why do you fume with envy?) high hills? this is the hill which God desired to dwell in; yes, the Lord will dwell in it forever." Today we see the resistance of many nations, even some of our own choose to resent Jerusalem as His choice dwelling place. He is rich and possesses all things. The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place. He has ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious

also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.), Adonai (verse 19 verses 16-19 15 The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan; an high hill as the hill of Bashan. 16 Why leap ye, ye high hills? this is the hill which God desired to dwell in; yea, the Lord will dwell in it for ever. 17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place. You have ascended on high, you have led captivity captive: You have received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them. God wants the disobedient to be saved too He frees the imprisoned to show even His love for everyone. His door is open. No man can shut it. Love cannot be shut off or shut away!), Jehovah Adonai (verse 20) Doing?" (verse 22 I

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Thomson to Justice Marie Block
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 22TRCP00433
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petitioner of: Salishia Foster for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
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Salishia Foster to Barbara Ann Foster
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petitioner of: Shirley Ann Campbell Chapman for Change of Name
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Petitioner Shirley Ann Campbell Chapman filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Shirley Ann Campbell Chapman to Shirley Ann Chapman
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AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petitioner of: Brandy Moore, Daniels for Change of Name
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Petitioner Brandy Moore, Daniels filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Brandy Moore, Daniels to Mary Magdalene
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 22CMCP00184
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petitioner of: Anansa Denene Turner for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Anansa Denene Turner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Anansa Denene Turner to Anansa Denene Singleton
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 22STCP04151
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petitioner of: Dorian Drake for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Dorian Drake filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Dorian Drake to Bobby Kato Drake
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AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 22TRCP000412
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petitioner of: Patrick Paye Batti for Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Patrick Paye Batti for Camille Aweofa Samira Pinto filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Camille Aweofa Samira Pinto to Camille Aweofa Samira Kou Batti
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 22BLRCP00425
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petitioner of: Janice Hall Pitts for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Janice Hall Pitts filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Janice Hall Pitts to Janice Hall The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 22CMCP00204
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petitioner of: V ernice Elowese Blackburn AKA VerCie Chares Free for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
V ernice Elowese Blackburn to VerCie Chares Free
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022267762
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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S/ Justin Sinclair, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 12/12/2022
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File No. 2022266800
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PASSIONATE HEARTS SERVICES, 309 E. HILLCREST BLVD 392, INGLEWOOD, CA 90301
County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
CHRISTIANA IFEANYI OGBEIDE, 13710 CHADRON AVENUE 9, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 22CMCP00204
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Petitioner of: V ernice Elowese Blackburn AKA VerCie Chares Free for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2022265830
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
JNAVARRO BAIL BONDS, 2809 E GAGE AVE, HUNTINGTON PARK, CA 90255
County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
JOSE RAMON NAVARRO, 3058 N PICO AVE, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92405
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 12/20/22.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 22CMCP00204
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petitioner of: V ernice Elowese Blackburn AKA VerCie Chares Free for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
V ernice Elowese Blackburn to VerCie Chares Free
The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

business on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ GLYNIS BASS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 12/02/2022.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2022262667
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County of LOS ANGELES
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This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 12/20/22.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2022263653
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County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
EJJ TRANSPORT LLC, 2060 N. BULLIS ROAD, COMPTON, CA 90221; CA
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/20/22.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No. 2022247578
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Date Filed: June 22, 2022
The Braveheart Society, 2727 E. Anaheim Unit 40062, Long Beach, CA 90804
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Celebration of Life

Pioneering Black feminist Dorothy Pitman Hughes dies at 84

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP National Writer

Dorothy Pitman Hughes, a pioneering Black feminist, child welfare advocate and lifelong community activist who toured the country speaking with Gloria Steinem in the 1970s and appears with her in one of the most iconic photos of the second-wave feminist movement, has died. She was 84.

Hughes died Dec. 1 in Tampa, Florida, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, said Maurice Sconiers of the Sconiers Funeral Home in Columbus, Georgia. Her daughter, Delethia Ridley Malmsten, said the cause was old age.

Though they came to their feminist activism from different vantage points — Hughes from her community-based work and Steinem from journalism — the two forged a powerful speaking partnership in the early 1970s, touring the country at a time when feminism was seen as predominantly white and middle class, a divide dating back to the origins of the American women's movement. Steinem credited Hughes with helping her become comfortable speaking in public.

In one of the most famous images of the era, taken in October 1971, the two raised their right arms in the Black Power salute. The photo is now in the National Portrait Gallery.

Hughes, her work always rooted in community

activism, organized the first shelter for battered women in New York City and co-founded the New York City Agency for Child Development to broaden childcare services in the city. But she was perhaps best known for her work helping countless families through the community center she established on Manhattan's West Side, offering day care, job training, advocacy training and more.

"She took families off the street and gave them jobs," Malmsten, her daughter, told The Associated Press on Sunday, reflecting on what she felt was her mother's most important work.

Steinem, too, paid tribute to Hughes' community work. "My friend Dorothy Pitman Hughes ran a pioneering neighborhood childcare center on the west side of Manhattan," Steinem said in an email. "We met in the seventies when I wrote about that childcare center, and we became speaking partners and lifetime friends. She will be missed, but if we keep telling her story, she will keep inspiring us all."

Laura L. Lovett, whose biography of Hughes, "With Her Fist Raised," came out last year, said in Ms. Magazine that Hughes "defined herself as a feminist, but rooted her feminism in her experience and in more fundamental needs for safety, food, shelter and child care."

Born Dorothy Jean Ridley on Oct. 2, 1938,



Dorothy Pitman Hughes poses in her St. Johns, Fla., home on Sept. 24, 2013, with a poster using a 1970's image of herself and Gloria Steinem. Hughes, a pioneering Black feminist, child welfare advocate and activist who formed a powerful speaking partnership with Steinem and appeared with her in one of the most iconic photos of the feminist movement, has died. Hughes died Dec. 1, 2022, in Tampa, Fla. She was 84.

(BOB SELF/THE FLORIDA TIMES-UNION VIA AP)

in Lumpkin, Georgia, Hughes committed herself to activism at an early age, according to an obituary written by her family. When she was 10, it said, her father was nearly beaten to death and left on the family's doorstep. The family believed he was attacked by the Ku Klux Klan, and Hughes decided to dedicate herself to helping others through activism.

She moved to New York City in the late 1950s when she was nearly 20 and worked as a salesperson, nightclub singer and house cleaner. By the 1960s she had become involved in the civil rights movement and other causes, working with Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and others.

In the late 1960s, she set up her West 80th St. Childcare Center, providing daycare and also support for parents.

"She realized that childcare challenges were deeply entangled with issues of racial discrimination, poverty, drug use, substandard housing, welfare hotels, job training and even the Vietnam War," Lovett wrote last year.

It was at the center that Hughes met Steinem, then a journalist writing a story for New York Magazine. They became friends and, from 1969 to 1973, spoke across the country at college campuses, community centers and other venues on gender and race issues.

"Dorothy's style was

to call out the racism she saw in the white women's movement," Lovett said in Ms. "She frequently took to the stage to articulate the way in which white women's privilege oppressed Black women but also offered her friendship with Gloria as proof this obstacle could be overcome."

In the early 1970s Hughes also helped found, with Steinem, the Women's Action Alliance, a broad network of feminist activists aiming to coordinate resources and push for equality on a national level. Though Hughes was often said to have also co-founded Ms. Magazine with Steinem in the same era and biographer Lovett says she helped

inspire the idea, she did not have a formal role with the magazine.

"It was our difference in experience that made us good lecture partners," Steinem noted. She recalled also collaborating with Hughes on protesting so-called "welfare hotels" in New York for poor families in the 1970s. "Dorothy was key to exposing living conditions there," Steinem said. "She truly was a great community activist."

By the 1980s, Hughes had moved to Harlem and opened an office supply business, Harlem Office Supply, the rare stationery store at the time that was run by a Black woman. But she was forced to sell the store when a Staples opened nearby, part of President Bill Clinton's Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone program.

She would remember some of her experiences in the 2000 book, "Wake Up and Smell the Dollars! Whose Inner-City Is This Anyway!: One Woman's Struggle Against Sexism, Classism, Racism, Gentrification, and the Empowerment Zone."

Hughes was portrayed in "The Glorias," the 2020 film about Steinem, by actor Janelle Monae.

She is survived by three daughters: Malmsten, Patrice Quinn and Angela Hughes.

The Cost of Affordable Housing is Lower than the Cost of Homelessness

By LEE WILLIAMS

This Fall, Duane moved into his own apartment after 15 years of homelessness. He said he feels like he's living someone else's dream and takes pride in decorating and settling into his new home. That's another win from my friends at Harbor Interfaith, a rehousing provider in the South Bay. In San Pedro, a new supportive housing development, Beacon Landing, is under construction, and will welcome 89 people home next year—89 more success stories like Duane.

I'm a Realtor, a past Chair of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, and a former Republican. I see so much of our homeless crisis in terms of cost. Cost to our local businesses, cost to our quality of life, cost to our police and fire budgets, and more importantly the cost of the souls we allow to die on our streets every day. The pathway to homelessness often comes with a one-two punch. Two tragedies in a row that plunge people into an impossible situation. I believe people can recover from extreme loss with a little help.

For example, LaVerne, who I met in 2019 at the Bridge Home in Watts, became homeless after leaving an abusive marriage, coupled with a death in the family. She was a working nurse living in her car, worried about her

safety, unable to mourn, and in constant search for a bathroom and shower. Her struggles became too much and she lost her job. After 9 years on the streets, she found the support she needed to get her own apartment, stabilize, and get her nursing certification back. Tears rolled down her cheeks as she acknowledged the difference housing with services made in her life. She now helps others do the same.

People don't want to come to communities and see despair. The number one complaint from visitors to California is how many people live in abject poverty. The folks you see experiencing homelessness are your neighbors, friends, and family members. People tend to stay where their roots are. In fact, 80% of people experiencing homelessness have lived here for over five years.

Keeping our neighbors from falling between the cracks is the right thing to do and that starts with housing. When people are housed with supportive services they have a foundation on which to rebuild their lives and heal, and more than 90% stay housed.

The lack of affordable housing in our region makes it harder for our system to keep people off the streets. Tens of thousands of Angelenos are a paycheck, a health crisis, or a family emergency away from homelessness.

The two-thirds of



Lee Williams

Angelenos are renters, feeling the squeeze of the tightest housing market in decades. On average, renters spend 48% of their income on rent, the highest in the country. LA renters need to make more than \$45 per hour, three times LA's \$15 minimum wage to afford average rent for a two-bedroom.

Affordable housing means small businesses, community non-profits, schools, child-care facilities and restaurants can draw workers locally. Affordable housing is essential to reducing traffic. Workers living closer to jobs with shorter commutes can spend more time with their families, feel better connected with their community and have a better quality of life.

Rather than kicking the can down the road or pushing our problem off on another town, the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce has actively championed local

solutions to the housing and homelessness crisis.

Since the COVID Summer of 2020, we raised over \$800,000 to create the Harbor Neighborhood Relief Fund. The Fund helps bridge the gap between needs and services for our community. Funds are nimble so we can quickly address real life challenges in meaningful ways. When folks get hit with that one-two punch, the fund helps keep them housed.

The Fund helped a mechanic who lost his job as Covid emptied our freeways. He in turn helped someone keep her commuter car working so she didn't lose her job. Another gave back the \$300 she received because she found a new job and wanted the money to go to someone else in need. We also kept restaurants afloat by paying them to feed first responders.

While stop gap measures like the Fund are important, we need more affordable housing everywhere—not just in a few neighborhoods. We need nearly 500,000 affordable homes to meet the existing demand in LA County. When these housing developments are coupled with supportive services, we are getting people off the streets, adding people to the workforce, reducing poverty, addiction, gang violence and giving people a second chance to live meaningful lives that can help others.

News reports that

criticize the cost and timeline of affordable and supportive housing aren't wrong. But despite those hurdles, Proposition HHH is helping us make steady progress. In the city of LA, there are 3420 new affordable homes with folks living in them, 5,446 under construction, and 4,113 more in design. That's 12,979 homes!

Let's build on our success. Let's make it easier to build more Beacon Landings countywide. It's our best move. Every life changed and community strengthened is worth it. I hope that one day there will be fair housing for all. I want to open up the promise of generational wealth to

more people, especially to people of color.

Neighborhood by neighborhood, business and community involvement are breaking down the walls we've allowed to go up in LA County. I've been proud to be part of making San Pedro and the South Bay more inclusive, and I'm glad to see more communities than ever saying yes to new affordable and supportive housing.

Lee Williams leads The Williams Group real estate team at LAMove and serves on community boards focused on child education, housing and supporting local businesses.

Answers from B-2

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Best of Basel

BY ANDREW S. JACOBSON

Miami Art Week features the most notorious art fair, Art Basel Miami, and is home to auxiliary fairs such

This Senegalese-Parisian artist uses found objects in his work. Harnessing his talents like “his hammer,” Diop created massive scale figurative works, perfectly

warehouse. The legacy-DEA space has been repurposed for the display of their transformative private contemporary collection. Bravo!

ing great artists such as Biza Butler, Jewel Ham, and two masterful Francis Picabia’s, Deitch had fare for all in his display. Moreover, the networking in the Deitch booth, during the VIP preview, was unmatched. DC collectors such as Conrad Woody, gallerists (and former Basquiat affiliate) such as William Quigley, and other notables were spotted.

4. Nate Lewis – One of my favorite living multi-disciplinary African-American artists. Lewis was on a tear this year, showing at Untitled with Zidou-Bossuyt Gallery and pro-



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as the New Art Dealers Alliance (NADA), Untitled, and more. This year, I made the pilgrimage to Miami and captured a few highlights from the fairs, as well as the convergence of art, music, and media. My takeaways from this year’s shows were:

1. Alexandre Diop – Rubell Collection darling and star of Miami Art Week.

suited for the high ceilings of the Rubell Collection’s Miami space. As an aside, the Rubell’s recently opened a contemporary art museum in DC!

As an honorable mention, the Rubell’s housed the Virgil Abloh exhibition “Virgil Abloh: The Codes c/o Architecture”, works by Kennedy Yanko, and are located in a former DEA

2. Emmanuel Massillon – Where do I begin?! This young man hails from my hometown, Washington, D.C., and is a multi-disciplinary force to be reckoned with. Only “seriously” practicing since 2020, in two years Massillon has won the “Best Booth” Award, with Galerie Julien Cadet, at Untitled Art fair. Moreover, his taxidermy fox, entitled “Wolf in Sheep’s Clothing,”



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was acquired by C21 Museum in Louisville, Kentucky.

3. Jeffrey Deitch Gallery – Though controversial for the head of a major museum (MOCA, LA) to turnabout and open a private gallery, Deitch smashed with his booth this year! Prominently display-

ing a video work. I would also be remiss if I did not highlight that Fairchain’s Charlie Jarvis curatorial works, including Lewis and Jacolby Satterwhite’s video works for



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A16Z’s new fund’s announcement. The fund acquired Lewis and Satterwhite’s works at Andreessen Horowitz’s Forward: The Future of Black Digital Art event. While the crypto markets are down, Black Tech reminded us that investments in Web3 and the metaverse are very much alive and well.

5. Lastly, Coach K. The intersection between art, music, and media has never been stronger. Long live Virgil Abloh—a pioneer in bridging these spaces. After going to events hosted by Audemar Piguet in collaboration with Ghetto Gastro, and spotting Jadakiss and John Mayer in the same party, it was clear that Miami Art Week was not your typical passed hors

d’oeuvre and white wine opening. Kevin “Coach K” Lee is a long-time music executive, and founder of Quality Control (label of Lil Baby, Migos, City Girls, Lil Yachty, etc.), but did you know that Coach K is also an avid art collector? Coach K has plans to open an artist residency in Jamaica, where he spends time when he’s not tending to his Atlanta-based music empire. Oh, I forgot to mention that K reminded us of his investment in Soundcloud over Art Week. Way to go, Coach K!

If you like what you’ve read, you can follow me @baltimore_art on Instagram or TikTok. I would love to hear about your experience(s) with Miami Art Week/Art Basel and more!

The Wyldebunch heat up the Miracle Theater

BY BETTI HALSELL
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Dec. 10, The Miracle Theatre in Inglewood, California was jam packed with Bad Boy fans looking to get their fix in timeless hits by Diddy, The Notorious B.I.G., Lil Kim, Mase, Faith Evans,

and more. The musical conglomerate, Wyldebunch, invited Los Angeles to one night filled with live performances of cover songs that revived the spirit of a priceless era.

Approximately 200 guests met at the Miracle Theater to listen and dance for almost three hours —

the crowd swayed to some of the greatest songs covered by seasoned entertainers such as Cookie, Damont Crawford, Neesin, Rick Jane and other artists, honoring the production of award-winning songs such as “Going Back to Cali,” “Peaches and Cream, and “Bad Boy for Life.”

The love for the Notorious B.I.G. was present, some performers wore the classic Bad Boy jerseys and covered his songs; paying tribute to the legendary member.

The audience stood out of their seats and some spilled over into the aisle, rocking back and forth—singing along to songs as loud as they could, bonding with other audience members that were enjoying themselves just as much.

“It was electric, it was just amazing,” Crawford explained the feeling on stage, “The energy almost took you through a portal to the 90s...it was just electric—you can’t really explain when it’s electric, it’s like a feeling.”

He went on to elaborate on the crowd’s energy, “We feed off the crowd, we are going to give a good show regardless, even if the crowd isn’t into it, we still going to give it to em’, but when the crowd gives it to us—it going to be that much more of an amazing show because we are feeding off their energy.”

Crawford shared that they will be doing cover songs from another label, with an umbrella of classic [See **MIRACLE THEATER** on D-2]



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Post & Beam Host Brunch Celebration for Kevin Powell's 15th Book, 'Grocery Shopping with My Mother'

BY: SIMONE GRANT
Contributing Writer

On Saturday, December 10, Post & Beam, a restaurant located by the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza, hosted a brunch and book signing with activist, writer, poet, and public speaker, Kevin Powell for his new book, "Grocery Shopping with My Mother."

Post & Beam was filled with attendees of all ages who gathered to celebrate Powell's book, enjoy delicious food, and hear great music. Copies of his book were available for those interested in purchasing, as well as a meet and greet and photo opportunities. The author signed copies of his book and engaged in conversation with guests who wanted to meet him.

"Grocery Shopping with My Mother" is a poetry collection that honors his mother. In his book, Powell discusses how he became his mother's caretaker when she got sick. Their relationship was

complicated and he touches on how she didn't really



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Kevin Powell showed much gratitude to those who showed up for his brunch book signing.

express herself to him growing up. He yearned for that mother's touch his mother was not accustomed to giving. Every week, he would return home to Jersey City to take her grocery shopping, and

while doing so, was able to hear her stories and really

embrace his own healing. "Grocery Shopping with My Mother" can serve as a lesson for all of us to reflect on our own personal stories. Who we are today is due in part to our childhood and the way we were

raised. He opens the book with a letter to readers expressing to readers how happy he is to be alive. Many of his poems in the book were written during the most difficult times of his life. Powell was very



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vulnerable and open in his book. He was not afraid to express his feelings and the

pain he went through. The first line says, "Dear God/ please do not take my mother from me any time soon/ I am not ready." This opening line sets the tone for how the rest of the book will be; open and honest.

magazine. He has also written for Ebony, TIME, CNN.com, Newsweek, Esquire, The Washington Post, The New York Times, Huffington Post, and many more. His work highlights history, Black history, pop culture, race, politics, and more. Powell travels all over the world to various colleges, corporations, etc. and has appeared on television, print, and radio speaking on different issues. He has produced the first exhibit on the history of hip-hop in America at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio. "Grocery Shopping with My Mother" can be purchased online on Malik Books and Amazon, as well as any other websites or book stores that sell books. For more information on Powell, visit his website: <http://kevinpowell.net/wpkpp/>

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BLACK SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL 2023 — Jan. 24-29

BY MARGRIRA
Contributing Writer

There are twenty one filmmakers that identify as

Brewster; "All Dirt Roads Taste of Salt," directed by Raven Jackson; "Magazine Dreams," directed by Elijah Bynum; "Bravo, Burkina!,"

directed by Bethann Hardison; "Cassandro," directed by Roger Ross Williams; "Rye Lane," directed by Raine Allen-

isuthando; "Kokomo City," "To Live and Die and Live," "Bravo, Burkina!," "Young. Wild. Free," "Invisible Beauty," "SLAM" (From the Collection), "Talk to Me," and "Landscape with Invisible Hand."

The 2023 Festival will take place January 19-29, 2023, in person in Park City, Salt Lake City, and the Sundance Resort, along with a selection of films available online across the country January 24-29, 2023. Festival goers will once again return to theaters to discover this

upcoming year's most impactful independent stories. In-Person Ticket Packages are currently on sale through December 16, Online Ticket Packages go on sale December 13 at 10 a.m. MT, and single film tickets go on sale January 12 at 10 a.m. MT.

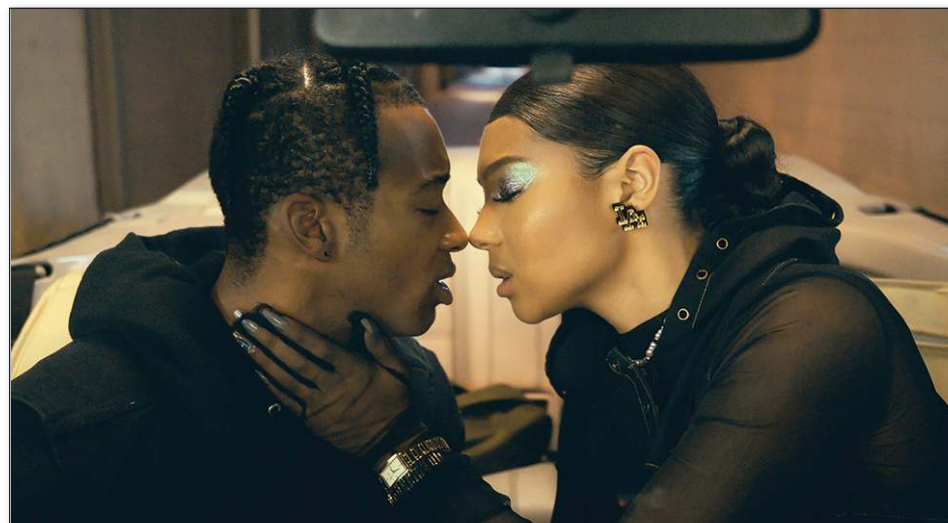
The full slate of works announced, along with the From the Collection films previously announced, includes 101 feature-length films representing 23 countries. The 2023 program is made up of 32 of 115 (28%) feature film

directors who are first-time feature filmmakers, and 17 of the feature films and projects announced were supported by Sundance Institute in development through direct granting or residency labs. World premieres make up 93, or 94%, of the Festival's 99 feature films and these films were selected from 15,855 submissions, including 4,061 feature-length films. Of the 4,061 feature film submissions, 1,662 were from the U.S., and 2,399 were international.



"Girl" - Déborah Lukumuena, Le'Shantey Bonsu

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"Young. Wild. Free."

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"Black" showcasing their newest projects as directors and producers at the 2023 Sundance Film Festival. "The Stroll," directed by Kristen Lovell; "Going to Mars: The Nikki Giovanni Project," directed by Joe

na!," directed by Wale Oyejide; "Kokomo City," directed by D. Smith; "To Live and Die and Live," directed by Qasim Basir; "Young. Wild. Free.," directed by Thembu L. Banks; "Invisible Beauty,"

Miller; "Milisuthando," directed by Milisuthando Bongela; "Girl," directed by Adura Onashile; "Mami Wata," directed by C.J. "Fiery," Obasi; "Going to Mars: The Nikki Giovanni Project," directed by Michèle Stephenson; "Little Richard: I Am Everything," directed by Lisa Cortés; "A Thousand and One," directed by A.V. Rockwell; "A Thousand and One," Lena Waithe (producer); "All Dirt Roads Taste of Salt," Barry Jenkins (producer); "To Live and Die and Live & Fancy Dance," Forest Whitaker (producer), and "Young. Wild. Free.," Baron Davis (producer).

Under the category of "Black Stories" here is the list of films screening at Sundance 2023: "Magazine Dreams," "A Thousand and One," "All Dirt Roads Taste of Salt," "Rye Lane," "Mami Wata," "Girl," "The Stroll," "Drift," "Going to Mars: The Nikki Giovanni Story," "Little Richard: I Am Everything," "Mil-



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D. Smith, director of "KOKOMO CITY," an official selection of the NEXT section at the 2023

(Continued MIRACLE THEATER from D-1)

hits. Wyldebunch previously covered Death Row records—Daunte mentioned he has a list full of names that the musical group will be working through, he guaranteed

Wyldebunch is worth bookmarking their next show.

Performer and noted director, Neesin said, "Being able to not only perform but also, celebrate songs from my childhood,

with my brothers & sister and a packed out house—I'm blessed."

Follow <https://www.instagram.com/wyldebunch/?hl=en> for more details



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Student Athlete of the Week: Daiyan Henley

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Washington State University redshirt senior linebacker Daiyan Henley had a historic season leading the Cougar defense. His 106 total tackles this season made him a finalist for the Butkus award, an honor given annually to the top linebacker in college football. He is the first Washington State player in history and the only Pac-12 player this year to become a finalist.

"It was not something I set out to do, I just set out to come play good football," Henley said. "To be a kid out of L.A., Crenshaw district, Crenshaw High, to

get an accomplishment like this, to be this close is amazing."

Henley also earned a spot on the 2022 All-Pac-12 first team, making it the first time a WSU player earned first-team honors since 2003.

As the Cougars prepare to battle the Fresno State Bulldogs in the Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl, Henley recently decided to opt out of playing in the game. Instead, he will be acting as an assistant linebackers coach, according to WSU football head coach Jake Dickert.

"He's going to be down there with the team," Dickert said. "He's still a main leader on the team. I'm

excited for this next phase, finishing it off then watching him be a professional."

Not only does Henley lead WSU in total tackles, but he is second in the Pac-12 in that category. He is also third in the league with 12 tackles for loss. In five different games, Henley made at least 10 tackles.

Henley made at least 0.5 of a tackle for loss in eight different games. He ultimately had 12.0 tackles for a loss of 33 yards this season.

Henley arrived at WSU as a graduate transfer, he earned a degree in criminal justice at Nevada while competing with the Wolf Pack football team. At Nevada, he played on

offense, defense, and special teams. An important lesson he learned was how to adapt to different situations.

"Be ready to make change, never settle and don't get complacent," Henley said. "I've learned that because I've constantly grown. From Nevada, I've been in so many different positions of this game that I've learned that I can't stay complacent."

At WSU, Henley is studying social science; his favorite class is anthropology. He noted how being a student and an athlete can be challenging, but getting accomplishments in both is "a greater feeling."

"The student comes

first for a reason," Henley said. "To come from Nevada and be able to get my degree and to go for another one here at Washington State, it has been in the forefront of my whole college career."

Henley averaged 12.9 yards per catch as a wide receiver during his freshman year. As a sophomore, he helped the Wolf Pack win the 2018 Arizona Bowl, defeating Arkansas State 16-13.

"The bowl games have been amazing," Henley said. "Just being able to travel has also been amazing because college football has taken me so many places I wouldn't have went on my own."



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Senior linebacker Daiyan Henley has a degree in Criminal Justice from Nevada.

In high school, Henley was the quarterback of the Crenshaw Cougars. He earned City MVP honors and helped the Cougars reach the 2015 City Section Championships.

Rams and Chargers Unveil Jerseys for Girls Flag Football League

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As this year marks the 50th anniversary of Title IX, more barriers are being broken in women's sports. The Los Angeles Rams and Chargers along with Gatorade, partnered up for their second annual unveiling of uniforms for the Girls Flag Football League of Champions.

"The opportunities and the pathways of access that this creates beyond the field, we're really excited to

The league expanded to 16 teams, players from the

League of Champions. As the youth arrived in

fun," Brackett said. "It was different because it actually

are providing the teams with several resources

and it's something that our girls will cherish forever."

The inaugural season kicked off in January 2022 with the Championship taking place at the official Super Bowl experience. Flag football players, including Tamaya Hemphill of Inglewood high school, were coin toss captains for Super Bowl LVI.

"It was amazing to have our young lady [Hemphill] on the field, not only in our backyard in Inglewood, not only in SoFi but she was



The girls' flag football teams pose with panelists at the unveiling ceremony.

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teams visited SoFi Stadium to get uniforms and other equipment and materials to

the Chargers and Rams locker rooms to receive their uniforms, cheers and chants rang out. The students yelled out their respective schools: "Poly!" "Wood!" "C-House!"

"This is a new thing at [Long Beach Poly], it means a lot to us, we're the first ones to do it in our whole district," said Long Beach Poly student athlete Jeneell Moe. "I got a lot of love for the school itself."

They took photos and recorded videos of their new gear. The uniforms were provided by Nike. Crenshaw running back Dechelle "Dynamite" Brackett competed during the inaugural season.

"The experience was really good for me. It was really different because high schools never done anything like it, it was really

made history basically."

After the teams received their uniforms, they listened to a panel discussion that included Team USA women's flag and tackle football players Elizabeth Sowers, Darcy Leslie and Vanita Krouch. Rams corporate communications representative Nia Hyacinthe and Chargers manager of football development Angellica Grayson moderated the event.

"It's monumental, it's indescribable," said Grayson, who also has a 14-year career in tackle football. "To see these ladies' faces smiling and being able to see other people who have done this and been there and they can take that same exact path and go beyond where we went and that gives me chills."

The Rams and Chargers

including stipends for coaches, athletic trainers,



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The Rams and Chargers locker rooms displayed uniforms and equipment that the student athletes received.

officials, coaching manuals, and transportation.

"It's just an incredible opportunity for our girls," said Rise Kohyang High School athletic director and head coach Yolanda Galeazi. "To be able to get this gear is just a blessing

wearing a jersey that said 'Inglewood' on it for the whole world to see, that along with the other schools, it was beautiful,"

said Inglewood girls flag football coach Jason Beresford. "She represented the school pretty well."



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Players from Team USA women's tackle and flag football teams speak with the high school teams.

be behind it and empower girls to be all they can be," said Rams director of social justice and football development Johnathan Franklin.

prepare them to compete. Morningside, Redondo Union, Long Beach Poly and Serra are some of the high schools that are in the

CFP To Host Festivities on National Championship Weekend

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK
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The College Football Playoff (CFP) National Championships will be coming to SoFi Stadium on January 9 at 4:30P.M. Georgia, Ohio State, Michigan, and TCU are one win away from reaching the National Championship.

"Everything an event needs is right here in Los Angeles," said CFP executive director Bill Hancock. "This area is the cradle of passion for college football, so it makes sense to come home."

There will be several events happening throughout the city to celebrate. Along with having entertaining events, there will be events that will impact the L.A. community.

"This will be another great economic magnet for this whole region," said Inglewood mayor James Butts. "There's nothing like

college football, there's nothing like everybody coming to root for their alma



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Inglewood Mayor James Butts poses with the CFP National Championship trophy.

matter from all over the country."

The CFP Foundation focuses on aiding teachers with the Extra Yard for Teachers Summit on January 7 from 1:00-5:00P.M. at the Los Angeles Convention Center. The event will provide inspirational speakers and professional develop-

ment to educators. Those who cannot attend in person can attend virtually. Visit CFP-Foundation.org to register.

The Foundation recently benefited 46 teachers with the Extra Yard for Teachers grant, one of them being Jason Morgan who teaches math at Dominguez High school in Compton.

"I use movement within the mathematics classroom," Morgan said. "My math students and I, we wanted to bridge the gap between segregated communities and bring them together through movement."

The LA84 foundation is partnering with the CFP Foundation to recognize educators that use sports to teach youth.

"When you have an opportunity to take a major sporting event like the [national] championship game, played in Los Angeles, it gives us an opportunity to shine a light on com-



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LA84 Foundation president and CEO Renata Simril.

munity organizations and individuals," said LA84 president and CEO Renata Simril. "We'll celebrate educators on the playground that are using sport, play, and movement to anchor young folks coming out of COVID. To be able to connect them to their academics and in fun and meaningful ways."

There will also be an Extra Yard 5K in downtown Los Angeles on January 8 at

8:00A.M. and all the proceeds go to Extra Yard for Teachers.

On January 7-8 the AT&T Playoff Playlist Live! Free concert series will take place at Banc of California Stadium. The concerts will feature NAACP Image award-winning rapper Saweetie, multi-platinum singing group the Jonas Brothers, Grammy award-winning artist Pitbull, L.A. singer, songwriter, and instrumentalist Em Beihold and singer songwriter Gayle.

The CFP is celebrating local chefs and chefs from the cities of the two teams with the Taste of the Championship dining experience at the Hudson Loft on January 8. Throughout the weekend before the National Championship, Playoff Fan Central will provide an immersive, amusement park experience based on college football at South Hall of the L.A. Convention Center.

Along with having sports clinics and pep rallies, there will be exhibits that honor the history of college Football.

Fans attending the game can enjoy the Allstate Championship Tailgate in lots B and C at SoFi Stadium hours prior to the game. They can take part in different games and activities, including ziplining.

For more information, visit collegefootballplayoff.com



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Dominguez High school teacher Janson Morgan.



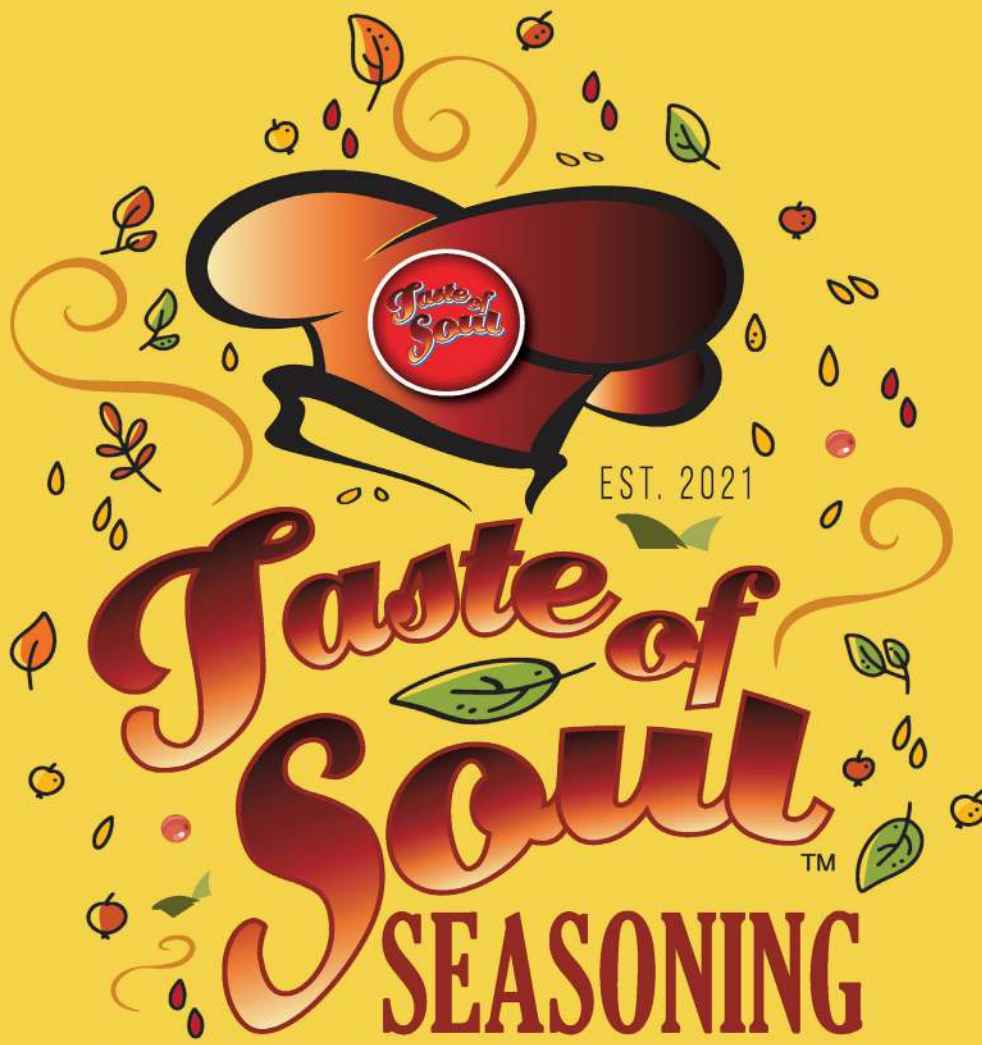
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