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Community and Labor Dedicate UCLA James Lawson Worker Justice Center

By Cora Jackson-Fossett Staff Writer

Hundreds of people descended upon MacArthur Park on December 11 for the dedication of the UCLA James Lawson Worker Justice Center. The celebratory event recognized the enduring legacy of the nation's non-violence premiere tactician - the Rev. James M. Lawson, Jr.

Politicians, and labor leaders were in the audience along with community members, trade unionists and social activists who all united in tribute of the 93-year-Lawson's lifelong commitment to peace and justice.

Renowned for his teachings on nonviolent action, the pastor emeritus Holman United Methodist Church in Los Angeles was the master strategist behind some of the memorable marches defining the country's Civil Rights Movement. Lawson worked closely with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and trained many of the future leaders of the movement including John Lewis, Diane Nash, Marion Barry and James Bevel.



Lawson stands before the building bearing his name. REED HUTCHISON/UCLA

His students participated in Freedom Rides, the 1963 Birmingham Children's Crusade, the 1966 Chicago Open Housing Movement and the Anti-Vietnam War Movement. Even before those campaigns, Lawson was an early convert to nonviolent resistance, which he demonstrated in 1951 when he said he was a conscientious objector and was arrested for

refusing to report for the draft. In addition, he taught nonviolent tactics to Black students who integrated Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957.

Since retiring from Holman UMC in 1999, Lawson continues to share his strategies and tactics individuals organizations around the world. The James Lawson Institute offers training

people organizing movements and nonviolent civil resistance. For the past 20 years, he has also served as a UCLA labor studies faculty member.

Following the unveiling of the building's new name - UCLA James Lawson Worker Justice Center the honoree, stepped to the podium in the midst of a prolonged, standing

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Illustrating a **Beautiful Life** with Robert Bob' Goe Honoring the Legacy of Influential Black

animators in American Entertainment



Robert Goe lived his life as a passionate Black artist, he felt every frustration that came with that lifestyle. COURTESY OF VELDA GOE

By Betti Halsell Staff Writer

Robert Goe illustrated life in vivid color; his influence traveled through animation and brought laughter into many homes. America tuned into their favorite cartoons handcrafted by him. Through his dedication, Goe externalized every emotion and

taught the nation how to smile through the pain of racial adversity.

Goe lived his life as a passionate Black artist and felt every frustration that came with that lifestyle. Working in a creative field in the 1950s, he produced all of his content by hand, but his contribution to the art world was

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Brotherhood Crusade Brings Christmas In The Neighborhood/Navidad El Barrio To Crenshaw

Gives Away 1,500 Bags of Toys, Food, Clothes, Gift cards, and Love

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

On Saturday, December 11, The Brotherhood Crusade held its annual "Winter Wonderland: Christmas in the Neighborhood/Navidad En El Barrio" event, where people in the community lined up in their cars on Crenshaw Blvd. Driving through a service distribution area in front of the Los Angeles Sentinel, where over 1,000 families were provided over 1,500 bags of toys, food, clothes, gift cards, and lots of love.

Brotherhood Crusade which has been dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for families and youth throughout Los Angeles for over 50 years, spearheads the special, lively and up-



People in their cars line up on Crenshaw Blvd. in front of the L.A. Sentinel to receive gifts cards, toys, food, and love at Brotherhood Crusade's annual holiday giving event. E. MESIYAH MCGINNIS / LA SENTINEL

the community each year.

Volunteers made up of various companies, organizations and individuals,

beat giving experience for came together in keeping with the Brotherhood Crusade's history of building positive alliances for good causes, while dancing un-

der the hip hop holiday sounds of DJ Toney Dev-

The Brotherhood Crusade partnered with various

institutions of goodwill that understand the tremendous need for helping community and the people we serve.

"Winter Wonderland/ Navidad En El Barrio is our way of giving back to the community and serving those in need during the holiday season", said Stacy Hill-Williams, executive vice president or Brotherhood Crusade. "We love our community. We do this because our people are important, and we are here to support our Black community every day.

We want them to know that during these times, we haven't forgotten about them. The Lord has blessed me; the Lord has blessed our organization and we're happy to be in the position to help people. And we really want to thank all our sponsors, partners, The Brotherhood staff, and amazing volunteers."

Los Angeles City Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson of District 8 was excited to participate in the village's selfless acts of giving and love. "This is a wonderful event. There are so many people and families in need and events like this go a long way in helping make the holidays a joy for everyone. I really can't thank [the Los Angeles Brotherhood Crusade] enough for always helping the people of our community," he said.

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Pasadena's Bryce Young Wins 87th Heisman Trophy







Alabama quarterback Bryce Young, center, poses for a photograph with his mother Julie, left, and father Craig, right, after winning the Heisman Trophy on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021, in New York. JOHN MINCHILLO / ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Webbs Receive Honorary Doctorate Degrees From CSU-San Bernardino

By Cora Jackson-Fossett Staff Writer

More accolades were bestowed upon Reginald and René Webb, the owner-operators of several McDonald's restaurants in the greater L.A. area, with the well-known entrepreneurs receiving Honorary Doctors of Humane Letters degrees from California State University - San Bernardino.

The presentation, held December 11, took place during the commencement



René and Reginald Webb ROBERT WHITEHEAD/CSUSB

ceremony for the Jack H. Brown College of Business and Public Administration

and the College of Arts and Letters at Coussoulis Are-{See WEBBS A-11}

Holiday Travel Season: Cal Black Churches Offering COVID Testing, Vaccinations

By Aldon Thomas Stiles California Black Media

The Rev. Dr. Lawrence E. Van Hook, pastor of Community Church in Oakland, says when COVID-19 vaccinations were first released late last year he did not want to get the shot.

"As African Americans, we have a healthy distrust of the government based on our history," said Van

But after some soul searching, there was a shift in his spirit, says Van Hook. It led to a change of his heart.

"It came to me through God's visitation of the holy spirit that not only do I need to get vaccinated, but I need to become an ambassador in the community where we live work and worship. So that's how my journey began."

A little over a year ago, Van Hook joined hands with 38 other Black pastors from around California and formed the African American Community Empowerment Council (AACEC). With help from the state, members began setting up testing and vaccination sites at their churches.

"It is an initiative led by African American pastors, realizing that we need to pay special attention to our community - an affirmative action plan, if you please -- for Black Californians who are understandwant to get vaccinated," Van Hook said.

"Our healing, our hope, come through vaccination," he continued. "That is how we will push past this pandemic in a healthy way to get to our new nor-

Now, ahead of the holidays Van Hook and other pastors are encouraging Black Californians to get vaccinated and tested before traveling and getting together with relatives.

"A majority of the cases and deaths are among those who are unvaccinated," said Van Hook. "For those of us who have been waiting to see what was in it, what it was all about, we now have over a year of than Whites. According to members appearing for a in New York, are leading

ably skeptical and don't COVID-19 2.6 times more cans, and all community Abyssinian Baptist Church



the agency's website, Black people are also dying of COVID-19 at nearly twice the rate of White mortali-

During the thick of the pandemic, the AACEC

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vaccinations and nobody's eyes have fallen out. No bug has been placed in us where we can be tracked. There are so many stories we have heard in social media."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that Black people in the United States are being hospitalized for

website says the pastors "stepped up" responding to a call to action by Gov. Gavin Newsom, who asked all Californians to deploy every resource available to them to confront and defeat the deadly virus.

"Through this effort, testing of at-risk, underrepresented, and underresourced African Ameri-

test, will be phased across the state beginning in Alameda County and extending in regular intervals to encompass San Francisco, Sacramento, Solano, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Gabriel, and San Diego counties," the AACEC website reads.

There are now also testing sites in San Bernardino County. Vaccination sites are located in Oakland, Pasadena, Sacramento and San Francisco.

Across the country, another organization called Choose Healthy Life (CHL) has similarly united Black religious leaders to battle COVID-19, opting to focus on tackling misinformation and increasing vaccination rates.

Black clergy members and civil rights leaders such as the Rev. Al Sharpton and the Rev. Calvin O. Butts III, Pastor of the charge for this program.

"Covid-19 has exposed health disparities, and more disturbingly, the impact of misinformation among our own people. But I have looked beyond the horizon of today's headlines. After 750,000 deaths in America and more than 5 million worldwide, the pendulum is beginning to swing and Choose Healthy Life is at the vanguard of that change," Sharpton said.

spokesperson CHL Judy Klym detailed the program's scope.

"After launching CHL in 50 churches in five major cities in January 2021, the program's expansion has led to more than 50,000 members of the public being educated and empowered," she said. "Through this collaborative effort, more than 6 million people have been impacted. Choose Healthy Life now has 120 participating churches in 13 states."

Klym cited the new omicron variant as part of the reason for the urgency of this program's implementation.

"As the threat from COVID continues with the emergence of the Omicron variant, the ongoing nature of the pandemic seems inevitable. CHL is rising to meet the challenge by building a sustainable infrastructure to help Black communities throughout the pandemic and future health crises," Klym stat-

Debra Fraser-Howze, founder of CHL, says the Black church's involvement in the COVID-19 fight is critical.

"The Black church and clergy have been a steadfast center of strength and leadership during so many of our crises and struggles in the past. Now, through the Choose Healthy Life Action Plan, they are once again leading the way by ensuring that Black communities are better informed and safer throughout the pandemic," she said.

Van Hook says when vaccination began at his church earlier this year on Resurrection Sunday, he drew a parallel.

"Vaccinations equal resurrection. Both of them give life as opposed to the death that this invisible, deadly virus has ministered all over the world," he said.

Xbox and the LA Clippers Tip Off with the Xbox High Five Program



By Chris Munson Senior Xbox Global Brand & Sports Partnerships Manager

Xbox has always been passionate about powering fans' dreams through gaming and sports, which is why we are excited to announce a brand-new partnership with the LA Clippers, the Xbox High Five program. To celebrate through the next two months, Xbox, Kawhi Leonard and the LA Clippers are tipping off the Xbox High Five initiative, which will reward five incredible community groups making a positive impact in their respective neighborhoods with a \$10,000 grant and Xbox prize package including a custom Clippers Xbox Series S and a 12-month

Game Pass Ultimate subscription.

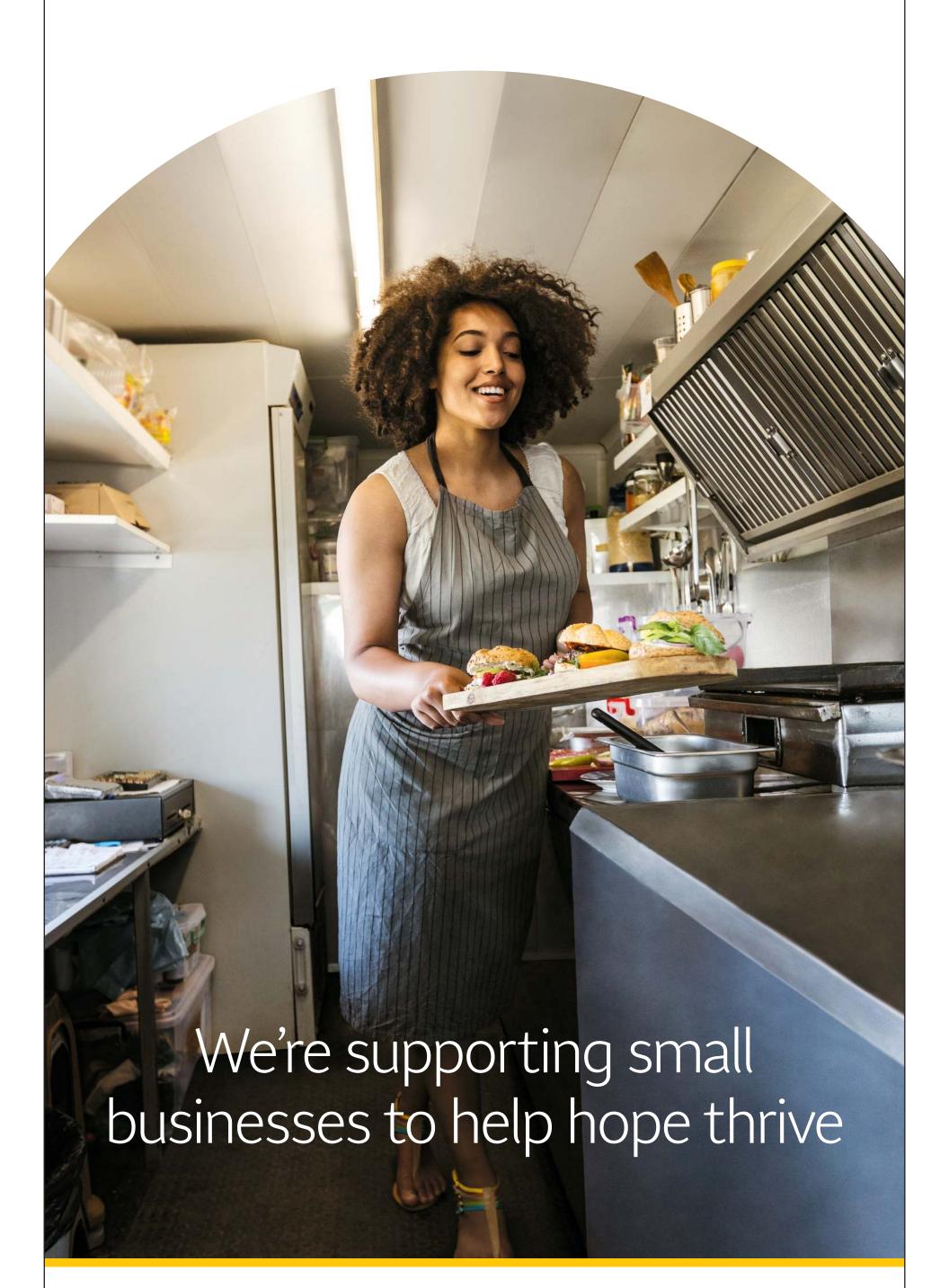
We're pleased to present our first grant to Los Angeles-based mentoring, scholarship and college organization access MOSTe, which is dedicated to ensuring girls from underserved areas in Los Angeles County have the support they need to reach and graduate from college. The grant will help MOSTe continue to build back to safe and inspiring in-person programming, such as multi-day college tours and college preparation opportunities for its students, empowering rising young women to achieve their

Who do you think we should honor next? As we continue our search for four more high-fiveworthy organizations this holiday season, we're asking fans to tell us who they think is a slam dunk. Starting today, and running through February 9, 2022, fans can nominate local allstars for a chance to win at clippers.com/xboxhighfive. We're looking forward to

learning more about the incredible organizations nominated!







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White House Announces the National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking

By Stacy M. Brown NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

The updated National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking responds to this predatory behavior by addressing the needs of underserved individuals, families, and communities. As such, officials said it reflects the administration's commitments to gender and racial equity by taking action against the systemic injustices that communities experience, including underserved populations.

Globally, an estimated 25 million people are subjected to human trafficking and forced labor, which is responsible for an estimated \$150 billion annually in illicit profits.

In a fact sheet released by the White House on Friday, December 3, administration officials said human trafficking and forced labor "erodes the safety and health of our communities and transportation networks, the security of our borders, the strength of our economy, and the rule of law."

They said the Biden-Harris administration is committed to keeping the fight to end human trafficking at the forefront of America's national security agenda by releasing the new National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking.

"Human trafficking disproportionately impacts some of the most vulnerable and underserved members of our society," the fact sheet noted.

The updated National Action Plan to Combat

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component of advancing the administration's priority of ensuring safe, orderly, and humane migration.

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"The anti-trafficking efforts outlined in the National Action Plan are directly linked to our broader efforts to address inequities for marginalized groups," the administration officials stated further.

These communities often experience overlapping social and economic inequities, and individuals may suffer multiple forms of abuse.

As a result, individuals from these communities may be more vulnerable to becoming victims human trafficking.

The fact sheet noted that the National Action Plan also reflects the administration's commitment to workers' rights and ending forced labor in global supply chains, which the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated due, in part, to job insecurity, supply chain disruptions, and exponential demand for essential medical supplies and services.

The National Action Plan also serves as an important term drivers of irregular migration, we must ensure our legal immigration pathways provide safe alternatives," the White House stated.

"We must also reaffirm trust in the U.S. government's commitment to protect individuals who have experienced human trafficking, including noncitizens."

Administration officials said the National Action Plan retains a central focus on the foundational pillars of U.S. and global anti-trafficking efforts - prevention, protection, prosecution, and partnerships.

It contains strategic prevention programs which are wide-ranging, from educating vulnerable populations and mitigating risk factors to seeking to prevent goods produced with forced labor from entering U.S. markets.

plish the following: • Enhance education and

It also serves to accom-

- outreach efforts, including for at-risk populations.
- Enhance communitycoordinated responses to human trafficking.
- · Strengthen efforts to identify, prevent, and address human trafficking in global supply chains.

• Build capacity to prevent the importation of goods produced with forced labor.

· Address aspects of nonimmigrant visa programs that may facilitate the exploitation of visa applicants and visa holders.

Further, the plans protection encompasses the interventions, services, and supports needed to protect and assist victims of human trafficking.

The White House noted that protection starts with robust outreach and proactive identification efforts, and includes providing comprehensive victim services and applying victim-centered, trauma-informed strategies, including the following:

- · Identify and engage with victims in a victim-centered. trauma-informed, and culturally competent manner.
- Support survivor-informed interventions, in which survivors of trafficking are essential partners and help to improve service delivery and inform victim assistance policy decisions.
- · Seek to protect victims of human trafficking from incarceration, fines, or penalties for unlawful acts committed as a direct result of being subjected to trafficking.
- · Improve access to immigration benefits to help provide assistance to victims of human trafficking.
- · Expand and improve assistance to victims of human trafficking encountered by law enforcement agencies.
- · Seek financial remedies for victims of human trafficking.
- · Increase access to social services for victims of human trafficking to increase shortand long-term stability.

They also outlined pros-

ecuting perpetrators, which involves holding individuals and entities engaged in human trafficking accountable and dismantling human trafficking networks.

Prosecution also would: • Improve coordination among law enforcement to increase accountability for

- human trafficking. · Build capacity of Federal, state, local, Tribal and territorial law enforcement to investigate and prosecute human trafficking and its illicit proceeds using a trauma-informed, victim-centered approach.
- · Enhance efforts to bring traffickers to justice by deploying a broad range of tools, including, where appropriate, financial sanctions, federal contracting suspension and debarment, and travel restrictions.
- · Increase efforts to investigate and prosecute forced labor.

Finally, the White House said effectively combating human trafficking requires collaboration to complement and support the other pillars of prevention, protection, and prosecution.

In doing so, they would also accomplish the following:

- · Deepen our understanding of human trafficking networks that primarily impact or operate in the United States.
- Enhance information sharing to inform a strategic outcome.
- Strengthen Federal anti-trafficking efforts through external partnerships, including with the private sector, civil society organizations, and survivor input.
- · Cooperate with allies, including trade partners,

bilaterally and in regional and multilateral fora to address and combat human trafficking and forced labor.

· Continuously reevaluate the authorities and resources of the U.S. Government to combat human trafficking.

"Human trafficking is an evil practice that contradicts who we are as Americans and the rights we cherish. With this National Action Plan, we reaffirm our commitment to preventing and punishing human trafficking in all its forms and to addressing the social and economic conditions that can create greater vulnerabilities for marginalized groups," said Assistant to the President and Homeland Security Advisor Dr. Liz Sherwood-Randall.

"We recognize and express our gratitude to the community leaders, service providers, businesses, grassroots activists, and individuals with lived experience of human trafficking across the United States and around the world who continue to forge innovative anti-trafficking strategies and push various forms of government to improve their response to human trafficking.

"This includes addressing the ways in which policies and actions may have contributed to disparities that marginalize certain communities, jeopardized safe, orderly, and humane migration, or emboldened traffickers.

"This administration will continue to partner with a growing cadre of interagency, civil society, and international partners – to include those who have experienced human trafficking - to improve our collective efforts to comprehensively address human trafficking.'

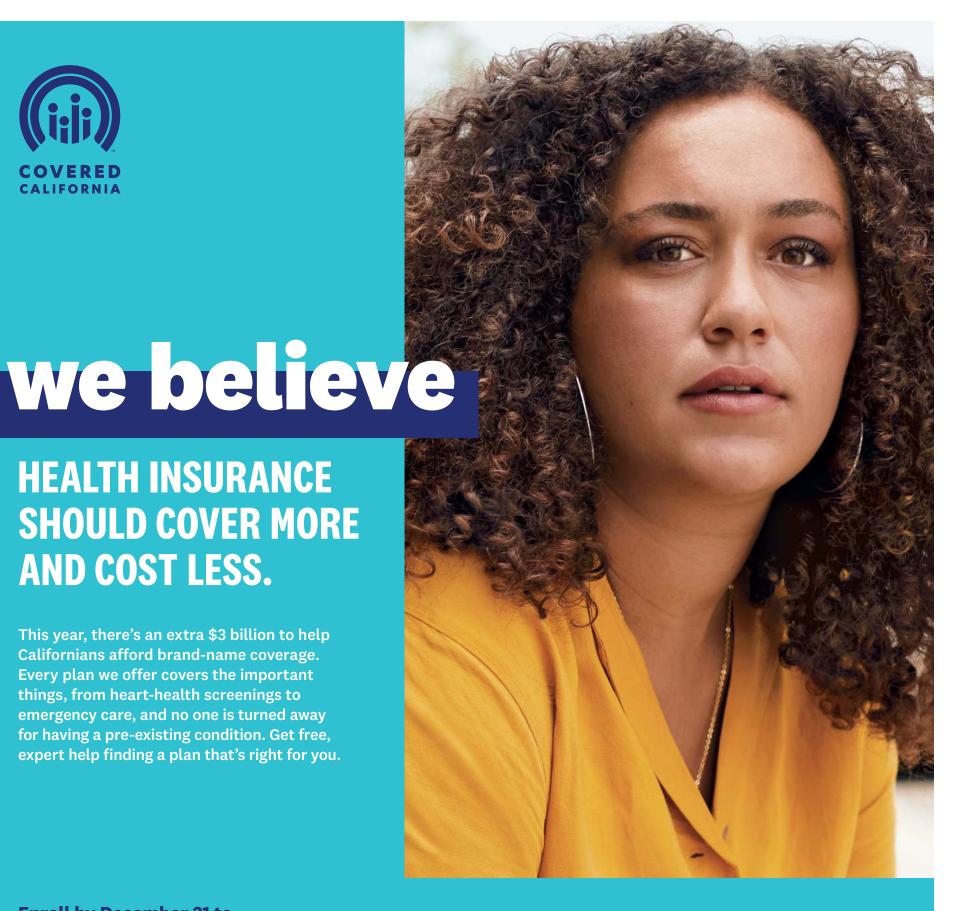


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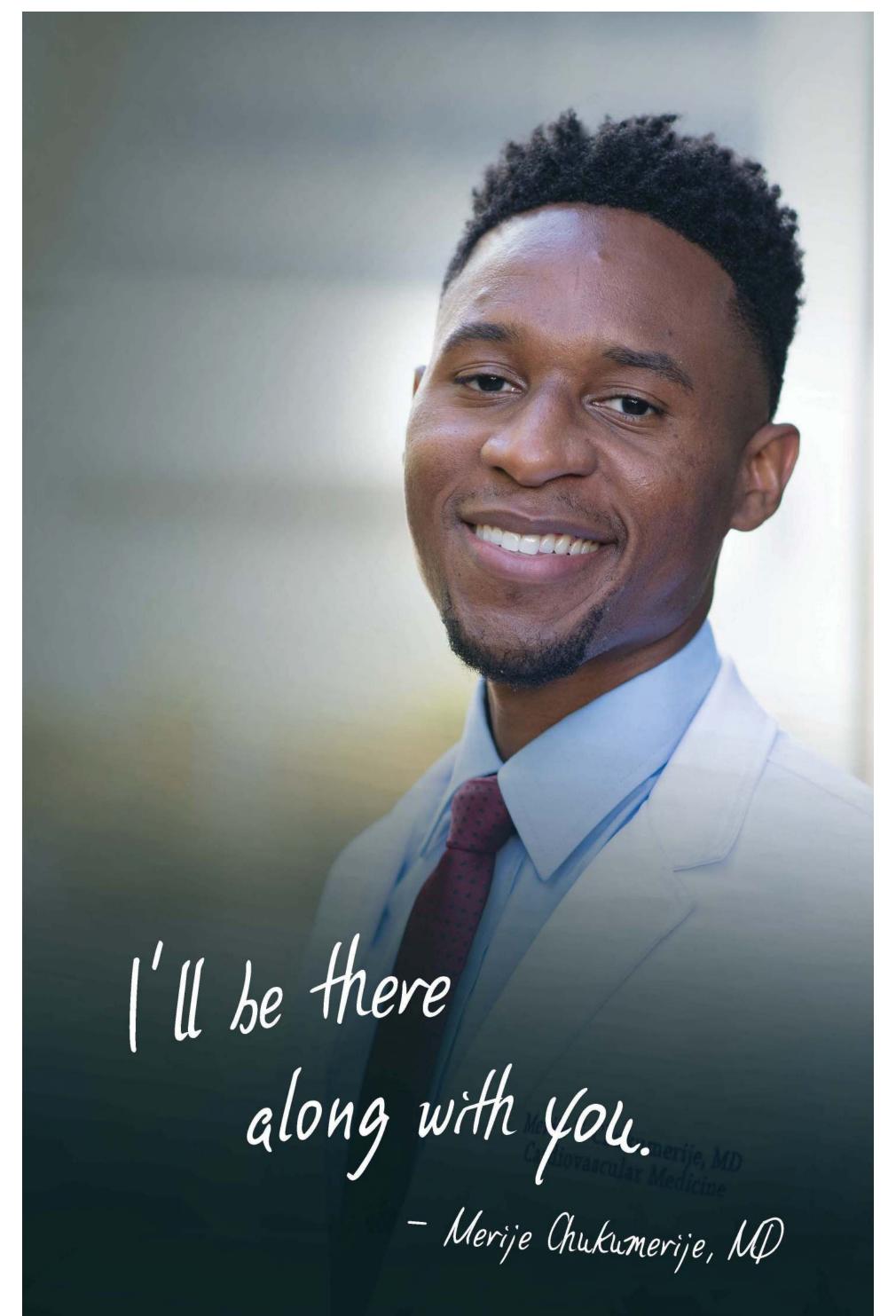
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Ask the DMV - What You Need to Know for Holiday Travel Season

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Whether you're planning to travel by car or plane this upcoming holiday season, the last thing you need is added stress. In this edition of Ask the DMV, learn how you can expedite your travels with DMV online services, DMV NOW Kiosks and Business Partner Automation (BPA) program, while also knowing what documentation is required for air travel.

Q1: I am planning to fly from my home state to another state this holiday season. Do I need a REAL ID to board domestic flights? What about to enter a federal facility, such as a military base?

A1: While you will not need a REAL ID to board domestic flights or to enter federal facilities this holiday season, there is no reason to wait. The enforcement date has been moved

to May 3, 2023, but we highly encourage all Californians to get a REAL ID as soon as possible because of high demand. REAL ID appointments are available and you can also check DMV Office wait times online if you do not have an appointment. Even better you can complete your REAL ID application online and simply finish the transaction in person at a DMV Office.

To apply for a REAL ID, you will need to provide the following documents: ONE identity document that includes your date of birth and your full name – such as an original or certified birth certificate, or a valid U.S. passport. You'll also need to provide TWO documents that show your name and address to prove you're a California resident. You can use cell phone and utility bills, a mortgage statement, bank statement, or even your

ly, you will need to provide your FULL social security number.

renew my registration online?

A3: Yes! Skip the line It's as easy as 1-2-3 to this holiday season and

vehicle registration. Final- before the holidays. Can I address, or driver's license renewal – and much more! You can find a list of online services at dmv.ca.gov/por-



get your REAL ID. View a full list of acceptable documents and start your application online today at CaliforniaREALID.org.

Q3: My car registration is out of date and I don't have time to visit the DMV

renew your vehicle registration online. The DMV offers a variety of online services that make completing your DMV business easy and efficient, from renewing vehicle registration to changing your

In addition to online services, the DMV offers other methods for completing select transactions to help reduce your trips to the DMV and save you time this holiday season, including DMV NOW Kiosks and Business Partner Automation (BPA) locations:

DMV kiosks are a freestanding self-service touchscreen devices that guide you through various DMV transactions, from registration renewal and payment to submitting proof of insurance. You can find a list of DMV kiosk locations at https://www.dmv.ca.gov/po rtal/locations/kiosks/.

Our Business Partner Automation (BPA) program authorizes qualified partners to process vehicle related transactions, including vehicle registration and titling, from their remote locations. Learn more about our BPA program and what transactions can be processed at https://www.dmv.ca.gov/p ortal/vehicle-industryservices/business-partnerautomation-program/.

For more information or answers to questions not listed here, please visit www.dmv.ca.gov.

LAPD Announced Holiday Traffic Enforcement Campaign

CITY NEWS SERVICE

The Los Angeles Police Department announced it will have additional officers on patrol during the holiday season on the lookout for impaired motorists.

The increased enforcement effort will begin on Wednesday and continue through New Year's Day, the LAPD said.

"The LAPD is commit-



ted to keeping our community safe and encourages

everyone to stay in for the night or use a designated

sober driver when you have consumed alcohol, marijuana, prescription or overthe-counter drugs that may impair an individual's ability to drive," police said in a statement.

The effort is part of the nationwide "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign, authorities said.

"During this holiday season, the LAPD wants everyone to act responsibly

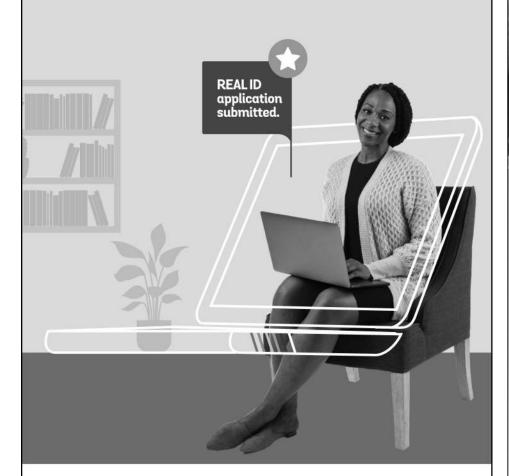
and drive safe," said LAPD Cmdr. Al Pasos. "When it comes to driving on our roadways, please don't drive while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Make the right choice for your family and your community, so everyone can have a safe and happy holiday season."

Included in the effort will be a DUI checkpoint on Wednesday from 6 p.m.

to 11 p.m. at Sunset Boulevard and Orange Grove Avenue, in Hollywood, and a DUI checkpoint on Thursday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Century Boulevard and Western Avenue, in the Gramercy Park area.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Now is the time to Get Real about the REAL ID.



Getting your REAL ID is more convenient than ever! Starting May 3, 2023, you'll need a federally accepted form of identification, such as a REAL ID, to board domestic flights or visit loved ones on a military base. Simply start the online application, upload the correct documents and make your DMV appointment to finish the process.

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Six Tips to Make Water Conservation Part of Your Holidays and New Year's Resolutions

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

As the winter season arrives in California, we're starting to see rain and snow. But it's important to remember we're still in a drought and Save Our Water is urging everyone to continue to conserve water. Drought is nothing new in California and as we enter our third dry year in a row, the new year presents a new opportunity to make resolutions to conserve water.

Efforts to save water have been ongoing, but it is important that Californians make water conservation a priority this holiday season. California's Save Our Water program encourages everyone to continue exercising water saving habits

ed dry period and out of the drought together.

"Californians can't let

to get through this extend- need to remain vigilant in our water saving efforts during this time."

Water is essential for their guard down just our basic needs and for the



because we're in the winter season. We need to make sure we enter into 2022 with water saving resolutions at the top of our list," said Maurice Chaney, a spokesperson for Save Our Water. "It's going to take more than a season of rain to change the conditions of our current drought, and we

survival of our communities and economy. It is important for us all to work together and be resilient as we prepare for future dry periods while actively taking steps to end the current drought.

"Now is a great time to look at making changes to your water saving habits,

especially with limited water supplies likely for 2022. Once these habits are developed, you'll find yourself practicing water conversation daily, which is the type of persistence we need to save the state's water supply," said Chaney.

As you plan to gather with family and friends for the holidays, you can do your part by implementing and sharing the following holiday water saving tips:

- 1. Play your favorite holiday song that is under five minutes and try to finish your shower before the end of the song! By doing so, you could save 12.5 gallons of water per shower.
- 2. Cooking for friends and family? Wash produce in a container instead of

under running water.

- 3. Skip the pre-rinse in the sink and load dirty dishes directly into the dishwasher, saving up to 20 gallons of water each time you wash.
- 4. Make sure to run full loads of laundry as it can help save five to 15 gallons of water per load.
- 5. Turn off those sprinklers when going out of town for the holidays and when it is going to rain, or install a smart controller to do the work for you! Doing this could save 12 to 15 gallons of water each time that sprinkler runs.

6. Use a broom to clean up the yard versus a hose. When using a broom to clean outdoor areas, you are saving six gallons of water every minute.

Saving water will help you save money and our environment. Remember that these tips can be used every day, even after the holidays, and using them throughout the entire year will be critical to conserving California's water. Make it your New Year's resolution to do your part to make our water last! For more water conservation resources and tips, please visit saveourwater.com.

About Save Our Water

Save Our Water is a statewide, water conservation program created in 2009 by the Department of Water Resources. The program aims to make water conservation a daily habit among all Californians.

LADWP Announces La Brea Street Closure

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) crews will be implementing a partial street closure on La Brea Ave. in the Baldwin Hills Area beginning Friday, October 29 to January 2022 in order to complete emergency repairs to a 66-inch drinking water pipeline.

Beginning Friday, October 29 at 9 a.m. all southbound lanes along La Brea Ave. will be closed to traffic from Coliseum St. to Don Lorenzo Drive. La

Brea Ave. will remain open take: to northbound traffic only.

Traffic Control Officers will be on-site during peak hours from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. to help direct traffic through the following intersections:

- · La Brea Ave. and Col-
- La Brea and Obama
- La Cienega Blvd. and Obama Blvd.

Vehicles traveling southbound on La Brea Ave. are encouraged to take alternate routes. From southbound La Brea Ave.

- Martin Luther King Blvd. east to Crenshaw Blvd., south onto Stocker St., and west to La Brea Ave.; or
- · Obama Blvd. west to La Cienega south.

The water pipeline under repair is a large diameter trunk line used to transport large amounts of drinking water across the city. The trunk line does not serve customers directly, but is connected to smaller distribution pipelines, which serve water customers. Water

service to the area will not be impacted by this work. LADWP has coordinated with other local agencies, tomers and communities is

repair work as quickly and safely as possible.

"The safety of our cus-



including the Los Angeles our top priority," LADWP Police Department, Los Angeles Fire Department and Los Angeles Department of Transportation to complete this emergency

General Manager and Chief Engineer Martin L. Adams said. "We realize this is inconvenient, but these repairs are necessary

to prevent more significant, and potentially more complicated repairs. We have worked hard to minimize the impact this project will have and are very appreciative of everyone's patience, cooperation and understanding as we complete this work."

The leak on the pipeline was first detected last week on Friday, October 22 and since then the water in the pipeline has been rerouted to prevent further damage on the line, and permits secured to begin emergency repairs on the line.

California is in a serious drought. Let's work together to make our water last.

Here are some simple tips for saving water inside and outside the home:



FIX A LEAKY SINK

WHILE BRUSHING

SET A TIMER WHILE



PLACE MULCH AROUND YOUR PLANTS AND TREES

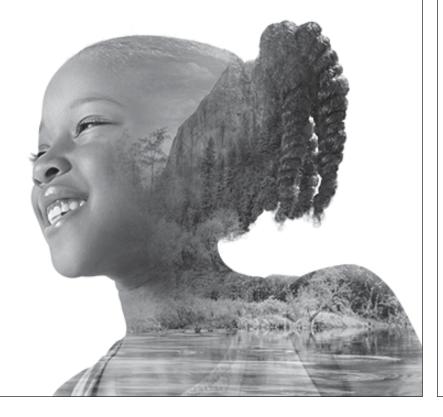




Saving our water is saving our future. Let's make it last.

For more water saving tips, go to **SaveOurWater.com**.





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— Dennis Parker, 78



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Assemblymember Mike Gipson

Asm. Mike Gipson Presents \$10 Million Special Appropriation to Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

On November 15, 2021, Assemblymember Mike Gipson presented a \$10 million check to Martin Luther King Hospital to further its mission of caring for South Los Angeles's most vulnerable. MLK Community Hospital was one of the hardest-hit hospitals in South Los Angeles through-

out the pandemic, at one point caring for more patients than hospitals 3-4 times larger.

Mike Gipson has been a champion of MLK Community Healthcare from the hospital's 2015 opening and throughout the COVID-19

Gipson presented all the MLKCH staff with a special pin to commemorate and acknowledge all of their hard work during the crisis. He also invited front line staff onto the stage to be 'pinned' by MLKCH lead-

Assemblyman Gipson said "The MLKCH staff has played a critical role in helping guide our community through the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately the pandemic disproportionately claimed a lot of lives within our community. But because of this staffs commitment to community a lot of lives were also saved. Providing these financial resources to MLK is but a small demonstration of appreciation and acknowledgement of all the hard work and dedication that these front line workers did for all of us."

Police Commission Approves Policy to Exempt Media from Protest Dispersals

CITY NEWS SERVICE

The Los Angeles Police Commission approved an updated department policy to comply with Senate Bill 98, which exempts media professionals from having to comply with police dispersal orders while covering protests, marches and other types of demonstrations.

The legislation states that "law enforcement shall not intentionally assault, interfere with, or obstruct journalists" covering protest demonstrations and other civic actions. It also bars officers from citing journalists for failure to disperse, and bars officers from violating or interfering if journalists are solely gathering, receiving or processing information.

The updated also policy broadens the department's definition of media to include freelance reporters and students reporting for

their high school or college

"But, should a member of the media -- either the well-recognizedor freelance -- do things that violate other laws other than those discussed in the statute, then the department may take action because being a member of the media does not give you immunity from engaging in destructive acts or other acts," said Liz Rhodes, director of the LAPD's Office of Constitutional Policing.

Southland journalists celebrated on Oct. 9, when the bill was signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

"Media organizations have documented more than 50 incidents of journalists being injured, detained or arrested over a 12-month period," the Greater Los Angeles chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists said ina statement on

Oct. 9.

"SPJ/LA viewed SB 98 as a necessary step to safeguard coverage ofdemonstrations by ensuring that journalists may continue reporting in an area after an unlawful assembly has been declared."

SPJ worked with a coalition of more than 20 other journalism organizations, media unions and advocacy groups and "spent months informing state legislators" of the urgent need to "safeguard press freedoms in California."

The coalition contended that the Los Angeles Police Department's "use of unlawful-assembly orders has expanded dramatically with little oversight," especially in the months since George Floyd was killed by police in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020, drawing thousands into the streets to

"Our chapter has been

frustrated by the number of ly prevent such incidents incidents where police have arrested, detained, or manhandled journalists who

future."

from happening in the

The bill was opposed by

Gov. Gavin Newsome signed the bill into law on October

were simply attempting to do their jobs," Ashanti Blaize-Hopkins, SPJ/LA vice president, said in October. "We decided earlier this year that we needed to join forces with other journalism groups to demand substantive change -- by seeking legislation that will hopefulthe California Police Chiefs Association and other law enforcement groups, who supported a last-minute effort to add an amendment requiring journalists to seek the permission of a police commander before entering closed areas around protests. The amendment was eventually dropped.

The Los Angeles Police Department's treatment of journalists has come under fire over the last year, particularly following its detention of journalists -- including the Los Angeles Times' James Queally and Spectrum News 1's Kate Cagle -- during March demonstrations in Echo Park.

On April 21, the ACLU of Southern California warned the LAPD and other agencies in the region that it will closely monitor how law enforcement treats journalists at protests.

That warning came a day after a coalition of journalism groups sent a letter to Los Angeles law enforcement agencies and government leaders demanding that media be given appropriate access to cover public protests and not be arrested while working in areas where dispersal orders have been issued.

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Cal Reparations Task Force Votes to Replace Economic Advisor

By Antonio Ray Harvey California Black Media

One day after Darrick Hamilton testified before California's Task Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans, the panel decided that it would not enter into a contractual agreement with the noted economist.

Seven members of the nine-member panel voted to move forward without Hamilton. Two appointees, Loyola-Marymount psychology professor Dr. Cheryl Grills and UCLA law professor Lisa Holder, abstained.

The group's chair Kamilah Moore said Hamilton informed the task force that he would have to narrow the responsibilities of his role, from advising on both calculations and methodology, to a "renewed or narrower scope of work."

"I feel that the work is inseparable," Moore said before the vote.

Hamilton was expected to bring an economic perspective to the work the group is doing, helping to quantify past economic injustices African Americans faced in the state and elsewhere, and determining what or how much compensation should be for Black people living in California.

California Gov. Gavin
Newsom signed the state's
historic reparations bill into
law, Assembly Bill (AB)
3121, in 2020. Former
Assemblymember Dr.
Shirley Weber (D-San
Diego) authored the bill
before she was appointed
and sworn in as the state's

first African American Secretary of State in January 2021.

AB 3121, titled "The Task Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Ameriterm of his work, Moore said. But the reduced assignment the economist requested decreases his compensation to \$45,000.

"Fast forward to (Dec. 7), Dr. Hamilton essentially

the potential budgets that are available."

Michael Newman, the Senior Assistant Attorney General of the California Department of Justice's Civil Rights Enforcement pavers.

Hamilton is also a proponent of the Federal Job Guarantee, a policy that would mandate the government to provide a job for any person that needs one.

feedback that we will get on everything we do."

With five meetings left on the agenda, Moore said that the task force will consider the services of William A. "Sandy" Darity Jr., the director of the Samuel DuBois Cook Center on Social Equity at Duke University. He is also the Samuel DuBois Cook professor of public policy, African and African American studies, and economics at Duke University.

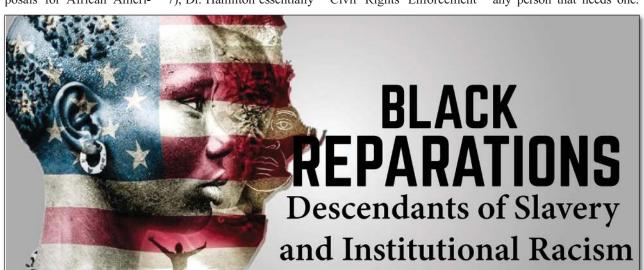
Darity's research focuses on racial, class and ethnic inequality and stratification economics; education and the racial achievement gap; North-South theories of trade and development; and the economics of reparations.

Darity and his coauthor of the book, "From Here to Equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the 21st Century," Kirsten Mullen, testified before the task force during the first meeting in June.

Task Force member Don Tamaki said that Darity absolutely has the "stature" in terms of notoriety and has arrived at a number in his and Mullen's book "anywhere from \$9 trillion to \$14 trillion" in terms of reparations.

As did Grills, Tamaki also warned that it doesn't matter who does the work for 8301.1 Sections E and F. The report will get backlash, he said.

"The report is going to get criticized, scrutinized, and really taken apart," Tamaki said. "So, it really has to be a first-rate expert in this area."



cans," created a nine-member commission to investigate the history of slavery in the United States, the extent of California's involvement in slavery, segregation, and the denial of Black citizens their constitutional rights.

In October, the task force approved the appointment of Hamilton, who is an economics and urban policy professor at The New School in New York City.

According to Section F of Article 2, 8301.1, of the legislation, Hamilton would have been charged with affixing "what form of compensation should be awarded, through what instrumentalities, and who should be eligible for such compensation."

The contract would have paid Hamilton \$90,000 for the scope and

communicated to the task force that while he's still able to deliver on Section F, he will no longer be able to deliver on Section E," Moore said. "That would be doing the actual calculations for what any compensation should be. He meant that there weren't enough resources present in the given contract, he felt that he didn't have enough time, and he also pointed out issues of clarity on how to tackle that part of the bill."

Hamilton told the task force that there was some misunderstanding about the work he could provide.

"I don't think we had complete clarity at the time the (Department of Justice) made its presentation in October or September," Hamilton said. "With F, I have great clarity given the time constraints as well as

Section, said the DOJ was still in negotiation with Hamilton before the task force's fifth meeting and no contracts had been signed.

"To my knowledge, he has not done any reimbursable work under the contract. The contract has not been signed," Newman said. "Other than sort of scoping out the project, doing the initial evaluation, or preparing for his testimony (Dec. 7), he hasn't done anything on the project. I think he's accrued probably reimbursable time in his initial preparation, but we'll have to talk about that."

Hamilton, a leading national authority on race and public policy, has been involved in crafting progressive policy proposals, such as Baby Bonds, which are trust accounts for lowincome kids funded by taxThose initiatives have garnered national media attention and served as inspiration for legislative proposals across the country at the federal, state, and local levels.

In his defense, Grills said Hamilton's knowledge, intellect and skill set are absolutely not "limited." Hamilton is more than capable of performing the task, she explained, and said that he wanted to make sure both Section E and F would be completed thoroughly.

"I think he's trying to

caution us about what it really takes to do a careful set of calculations that are aligned with how we are defining some of the factors and understanding the costs," Grills said. "He's offering caution about what it takes and to do it in a way that minimizes the negative



Community and Labor Dedicate UCLA James Lawson Worker Justice Center

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ovation from the audience. "As a college student, I tried to prepare myself for going to jail. But I had no idea how to prepare for this moment, for this extraordinary experience of all of you and the coalition that came together to make this possible. I thank you very much. I could never have imagined anything like this in all of my life," insisted Lawson.

"My journey thus far has been a journey of people, a journey of community and family. Whatever role I played, it's because of people like yourselves in Nashville, Tennessee, in Memphis, and in Los Angeles," he asserted, while encouraging the crowd to continue working for justice and peace.

to make this day possible, I want to urge us to keep this coalition together and keep it moving towards dismantling the old ancient forces of spiritual wickedness. They are very, very real. We must dismantle them and in doing that, we will help ourselves achieve the stature of being fully alive and learning to love," Lawson said, as the multicultural audience nodded and applauded agreement with his comments.

fact, Lawson's impressive track record of working with disadvantaged groups in the pursuit of justice influenced a collaborative effort to purchase the building, obtain funding for its renovation and rename the facility in honor of the legendary civil rights giant. Thanks to the work of the legislators, California's 2021-2022 budget included a onetime \$15 million allocation to renovate the building.

California State Senator Maria Elena Durazo, who worked with Lawson on several initiatives, proposed naming the center for him, submitted the request for funding to the Senate and obtained the support of the Latino Caucus. State Senator

Steven Bradford, chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus, also backed the effort and persuaded his caucus to assist.

Assemblymembers Jones-Sawyer Reggie and Miguel Santiago led charge for funding the State Assembly that we need to make history, not just mark history," the mayor said. "On behalf of the City of Angeles, we say thank you to this angel. This man has shown us what it means to be in a world fighting for

Mitchell, chair of the Board of Supervisors, evoked Jones-Sawyer related

a past encounter with Lawson too, citing how when he first met the minister in 2012, he tried to impress Lawson by announcing that his uncle, Jefferson Thomas, was one of the Little Rock Nine, which refers to



From left, Assemblyman Reggie Jones Sawyer, Supervisor Hilly Mitchell, Senate "You who come together Majority Leader Bob Hertzberg and Senator Steven Bradford attended the ceremony. DAVID

and were supported by Assemblymember Evan Low, chair of the LGBTQ Caucus. On a local level, County Supervisors Holly Mitchell and Hilda Solis, Mayor Eric Garcetti and Councilman Cedillo sponsored resolutions promoting the project. They all shared public salutes during the dedication program.

"There is no American who has done more for peaceful. nonviolent, and social change in this nation than the Rev. James Lawson. Today, we dedicate this building and next, we advocate for the Presidential Medal of Freedom," said Cedillo, who represents the district where the center is located. Illustrating the character of Lawson, Cedillo related that Lawson came to the USC Cancer Center hospital to pray with him and his family as Cedillo's wife was in her final days of life.

Garcetti noted that Lawson not only connects God and labor, but also highlights the way individuals should approach the past, present and future. "We're used to reading history and learning about history, but the Rev. James Lawson has taught us

laughter among the crowd as she shared memories of worshipping under Lawson while he was pastor of Holman UMC. Recalling that "the sound of his voice used to scare me to death," she also credited him with patiently explaining the meaning of "plantation capitalism" after she admitted that she didn't know the definition.

"Rev. Lawson is a visionary. He was a man before his time, but thank God he's a man of our time," said Mitchell, who went on to offer words that she felt reflected Lawson's legacy. "Courage, faith, plantation capitalism, nonviolence, love, compassion forgiveness. When he announced to the church that he would visit James Earl Ray (the convicted assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.) in jail, that's when she learned what forgiveness and grace really looks like in human form," she said.

"I am proud to be your friend. I appreciate the time and patience you gave me to try to understand the concepts you lectured and taught for many years. I appreciate you for investing in humankind all of your adult life."

the famous case where students integrated Central High School in 1957.

"As I was going on about what my uncle went through, Rev. Lawson stopped me and said, 'I knew your grandfather and Deacon Thomas and I talked about civil rights and how your grandfather wanted to get involved in the civil rights movement," Jones-Sawyer said, smiling at the memory because he didn't previously know about the connection.

However, preparation for his family's involvement with the movement, the assemblymember "Rev. Lawson taught nonviolence to those nine kids. He taught them to be courageous and bold. When we see his name [on the building of the center], we should thank God for sending us Rev. Lawson."

Expressing comparable awe, Bradford called Lawson "a civil rights icon, a social justice icon and a person who's been getting in good trouble for 93 years. The actions and words and achievement of Rev. Lawson have contributed to the success and prosperity of not only African Americans that we enjoy today, but to all Americans."

UCLA Chancellor Gene Block emphasized Lawson's relationship with the university in his remarks, mentioning that the school awarded the legendary minister with its highest honor – the UCLA Medal - in 2018.

"For over 60 years, Lawson insisted that humanity's salvation lies in reason and compassion, not violence or exploitation. His vision and valor has mobilized Americans, changed this nation and inspired activists around the globe," declared Block. "As a longtime professor, he has set an example for students and colleagues and motivated new generations to make change where it's needed most. Rev. Lawson, for your work and legacy, UCLA is eternally grateful. We deeply thank you."

program participants were UMC Bishop Grant Hagiya, Rabbi Steven Jacobs, L.A. County Federation of Labor President Ron Assembly Speaker Anthony Reardon, California State Controller Betty Yee, UCLA Dean of Social Sciences Darnell Hunt, Abel Valenzuela of UCLA Institute for Research on Labor and Employment and Kent Wong of the UCLA Labor Center. Also, Ashley Williams, Rebecca

Ortega Valcobero provided musical selections.

Some of the other people who contributed to the naming and funding of the UCLA James Lawson Worker Justice Center were Governor Gavin California Newsom, Senate Pro Tem Toni State Labor Atkins, Federation Secretary/ Treasurer Art Pulaski, L.A. County Democratic Party Chair Gonzalez, former UC Regents Chair John Perez, former SEIU Workers Untied General Manager Cristina Vazquez, and UCLA Labor Center Capital Campaign Director Larry Frank.

At the close of the dedication ceremony, Lawson presented a charge to the crowd, stating, "Economic justice for our 331 million people in the U.S. is perhaps the most daunting, complex issue we face, but if we do not achieve it, if we cannot achieve it, we as a people, will have failed this extraordinary vision of 'we hold these truths to be self-evident – that all are created equal, that all are endowed with certain inalienable rights - life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.' Let us continue the struggle with all we can muster."

Lawson's "Revolutionary Nonviolence – Organizing for Freedom," will be released in February 2022 and includes a foreword renowned activist and professor Angela Davis. The publication features his teaching on nonviolence organizing as well as provides a guide for the next generation of activists to build effective social movements.

Anxiety and Depression During Holiday Season More Common due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Taking Care of Your Mental Health is Critically Important

There's a common belief that everyone is supposed to be happy and in a joyous mood during the Holiday Season as we gather in the company of family and friends.

But, these days with the COVID-19 pandemic and news of the Delta and Omi-

sion and anxiety. For others, they are still weary of gathering with family and friends due to concern over catching or spreading COVID-19. There may be other pressures as families may be divided on how to manage the pandemic. As a result, many are suffering from mental health prob-



Channeling, focusing, breathing, and releasing a practice of healing. FILE

on the health of so many people, good mental health during this special time of the year is anything but normal for many individuals.

"The reality is that the coronavirus pandemic and the economic and social impact it has had on so many families has caused many of us to lose a sense of hope," said Dr. Britany Alexander, a psychiatrist with Kaiser Permanente Southern California. "There are many people experiencing financial challenges after losing their jobs and a sense of uncertainty has added to feelings of depres-

to using drugs and alcohol for temporary comfort."

What that means, according to Dr. Alexander, is that many people feel sad during this holiday season. But it's important to not lose hope, as we have the opportunity to remind ourselves what the holidays are all about, Dr. Alexander noted.

"Sometimes, the simplest act can have the greatest impact on another person's well-being by extending a kind word or a smile," she explained. "In order to do that, however, we cannot forget to take care of ourselves,

especially when it comes to

our mental health." If you feel down, sad or depressed during the holi-

days, Dr. Alexander notes: Take the time to allow yourself to mourn the loss of

your prior expectations. You don't have to set lower expectations – just different ones with a new focus on adapting to your current

situation. Feeling uneasy is normal, considering all the changes and unknowns that we have faced during the past two years due to the pandemic.

We might not be able to give as many presents to our loved ones, like we would normally do, but we can still remind our loved ones how much we care for them and how much they mean to us.

The holidays can be a special time for us if we can avoid added pressures and adjust our expectations for our current circumstances," according to Dr. Alexander noted. It's important to remember our core values and practice gratitude.

"Do what's right for you and remember: good mental health is essential for all of us to enjoy life to the fullest despite any challenges we might face," advised.

Dr. Alexander stressed if your depression or anxiety persists, it's important to seek help from your primary care physician or mental health care provider.



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Illustrating a Beautiful Life with Robert 'Bob' Goe

Honoring the Legacy of Influential Black Artists in American Entertainment

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His daughter, Velda Goe, explained the pain she saw behind her father's eyes as he worked tirelessly to become the best, but his dedication was rarely recognized within the company that he worked for.

The aspiring young artist developed his skills at Los Angeles City College. While crafting greeting cards and lending his skill to different publications, he was joined by fellow animator, Frank Braxton. Velda described their pace in careers were "neck-andneck" at this point.

Braxton and Goe were part of the small group of Black animators that worked under major production companies. Their timestamp in molding modern animation is scarcely under recorded possibly due to the reality of racial stigmas at that time.

Velda said, "He [Goe] went to Los Angeles City College to take art classes, and I imagine that's where he met Frank Braxton because they were both doing the same type of thing."

Moving into a career as a cartoon animator, Goe could have illustrated up to several hundred rough sketches for one storyline. Velda explained the movement to make a character smile took at least 25 separate sheets of paper.

Goe was the animationdirector for a number of major TV series that became iconic pillars in American cartoons, such as "Scooby-Doo," "The Smurfs," "The Jetsons," and "The Flintstones." According to his IMDb profile, Goe holds over 79 credits in the animated entertainment indus-

Goe's contribution to the growth of these shows resulted in notable accolades; he shared the honor in receiving two Day-time Emmy nominations for "The Smurfs," and "The Pup named Scooby-Doo."

He also worked on seasonal movies. Goe contributed to the illustration of "Jetsons: The Movie," "Scooby-Doo and Ghoul School," and "The Jetsons Meet the Flintstones."

Goe participated in some of the nation's earliest memories of cartoon entertainment, which include "Pound Puppies," and "Ri¢hie Ri¢h." Velda recalled his illustrations were published in diverse media platforms, such as newspapers and other editorial spreads like Jet Magazine.

For a period, Goe operated independently; his wife Margaret assisted in his efforts to maintain R. Goe Studios, which was a photography and commercial art space.

As a published artist, Goe was accredited as the



L-R Family Portrait of Parents: Robert and Margaret Goe and children: Sterling, Renee, and Velda Goe COURTESY OF VELDA GOE

animation director for a lot of major shows under Hanna-Barbera Productions. As he climbed upwards in his career with all his energy, Goe also held space for other Black artists in the process, such as his assistant Leo Sullivan who worked closely with Goe.

Goe contributed his talents to the noted animation studio, Hanna-Barbera. Velda depicted the strength Goe exercised as a father and an artist, she said, "He was a fine artist, but he had four children--he was very aware of that responsibil-

Goe went into the commercial art field and found there was an extreme racial bias that created barriers around the art industry. Velda detailed a fog surrounding her father's work, she said, "I think there was frustration because of the unfairness in the industry at that time--well since birth," Velda continued, "Even though he loved it, it was his passion; there was a lot of repressed anger."

Although there was a block around his lateral growth in the art industry, Goe never stopped growing in spirit. Looking at his life, Goe made sure to pour intense focus into creating the greatest memories with his family. He shared some of his best laughs with his four children and wife of 47

Velda recalled the times she spent with her family saying, "My dad was such an adventurous soul, and my mom was home too. When he was in the off-season, he would take care of the kids and my mom would go to work. He would take us hiking around Long Beach Harbor."

described as the "clown" at family gatherings, Velda "When said, we used to have family reunions, my dad was the clown. loved people; we had a lot of social gatherings at our house -- people were always

there."

In addition to the warm laughter filling the Goe residence, Velda shared that they also cared for a few pets, which included a goose named Chucko. Named after the "Chucko the Birthday Clown show," that Goe contributed to, Chucko the goose was trained to come to Goe whenever he called for him.

Velda recounts the days growing up in a household where most days held a different adventure. Goe was dedicated to having a lot of fun. She talked about family dinners and outings and how life was full of wonder. Velda shared a fondness for spending time with her father and having vibrant experiences in her youth.

Goe emerged from his desk after a long day of illustration and exercised his creative muscles through other types of mediums. Velda explained that Goe found sanctuary in cooking extravagant meals, some of which were still flaming as they made their way to the table. Goe found peace in the art of cooking and expressed new levels of creativity in every meal.

Velda said, "He had an intense curiosity about things. He turned himself into a professional photographer--once he had a little bit of free time. He would be in his studio until like three in the morning, developing his films," Velda said.

Goe never took any moment of his life for granted; many forms of artistic expression held extreme value to him. Before passing away, Goe captured his essence within the body of his work. He inspired his family to always do their best by creating a bigger picture that focused on the legacy one leaves behind.

Velda grew up to be an artist and devoted patron to preserving her father's work. She considered the best lesson she learned from her father; to create a specific lane for one's skill and carry out those duties with excellence. Goe spent his life on earth illustrating characters that will be acknowledged for generations to come, teaching the moral of many stories start with dedication and perse-

Webbs Receive Honorary Doctorate Degrees From CSU-San Bernardino

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na. Many people cheered the couple's receipt of the honor, especially in light of their long history of charity towards others.

In 1985, Reginald and René founded Webb Family Services and went on to build a business empire benefitting family members and the local community. According to the company website, the firm's goal is "to foster an environment

of success for our family, our employees, the African-American community, and other communities of limited opportunity."

"Through their company, Reginald and René support various early entrepreneurs and create a community of successful individuals, which in turn helps elevate the quality of people's lives in our region," said CSUSB President Tomás D. Morales. "They are incredibly deserving of

this recognition and we are proud to award them with honorary doctorates."

By all accounts, Reggie and René passed down community values and business principles to their children, which exemplifies the concept of generational wealth. Since purchasing their first two McDonald's franchises in Pomona 36 years ago, Webb Family Enterprises has grown to encompass 16 locations in L.A. County and the Inland Empire.



CSU Trustee Adam Day and CSUSB President Tomás D. Morales look on as Provost McMahan prepares Reginald Webb to receive his Honorary Doctors of Humane Letters degree. president in 1982. He ROBERT WHITEHEAD/CSUSB

The company's top executives consist of daughter, Kiana Webb-Severloh, who serves as president and chief operating officer, and son, Kyle, chief financial officer as well as chief executive officer of Webb Family Investments. Both also own six McDonald's franchises. In addition, Karim, the oldest son, bought a Buffalo Wild Wings in 1997 and currently owns four franchises in Los Angeles and

the South Bay. Reaching beyond their immediate family, Reggie and René acquaint other young people to entrepreneurial possibilities by employing more than 1,100 Southern California residents at their restaurants. The family also operates CEEM – the Cooperative Economic Empowerment Movement - that offers workshops and resources to support Black businesses and increase "wealth, prosperity and educational outcomes in the African American community," as described by Kyle in a 2019 Sentinel interview.

Also, the Webb family has supported Bakewell Media's Taste of Soul Family Festival as leaders in the Black McDonald's Operators Association of Southern California. For the past seven years, Reggie Webb and BMOA were chief sponsors of the TOS

Marsh-Mitchell

Gospel Stage, which featured national gospel artists performing before tens of thousands at the nation's

largest street gathering. "BMOA put on a gospel fest for 24 consecutive years. Lindsay Hughes, an operator here, ran it for 19 years and then, we [brought] the Inspiration [Celebration] Gospel Tour to L.A., and have expanded it every year," Reggie Webb, a former BMOA chair, said in a 2018 Sentinel interview.

In the area of civic involvement, Reggie Webb has served on the University of La Verne board of trustees since 2014, as director emeritus of the Los Angeles County Fair Association since 2012, and as a longtime member of the Ronald McDonald Children Charities.

He is also the recipient of the 365Black Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes an honoree's outstanding achievements in making positive contributions that strengthen the African American commu-

Concern and compassion for others has characterized Reggie Webb throughout his adult life. A U.S. Coast Guard veteran, he joined the civil rights movement after his discharge from the military. He also worked with the Community Action Agency, part of the United States' War on

recruited by McDonald's Corporation in 1973.

Poverty, before being

Promotions followed swiftly; he became director of the National Operations Department in 1978, then manager of the Los Angeles/Southern California region in 1980, and Los Angeles regional vice left McDonald's in 1985 to launch Webb

Family Enterprises.

He has held several elected franchisee leadership positions including chair of the National Black McDonald's Operator Association, chair of the National Leadership Council (representing all McDonald's franchises in the U.S.) and founding chair of the Global Operator Leadership Council (representing all McDonald's franchisees worldwide).

When René Webb was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1985, the family began to work together in support of disease research in addition to their business efforts. They also launched their charitable efforts to give back to the community, which they have increased and expanded over

René Webb has been inducted into the Multiple Sclerosis Society's Hall of Fame in recognition of her contributions. Their additional philanthropic service includes the Learning Centers at Fairplex, Southern California Public Radio, the National Council of Negro Women and Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

Reginald Webb studied political science at California State University, Los Angeles. René Webb graduated from Cal State Los Angeles with an accounting

With COVID Surging, State Mandates Indoor **Mask-Wearing Through Holiday Season**

CITY NEWS SERVICES

Citing a sharp increase in COVID-19 infection rates since Thanksgiving, the state announced Monday that beginning Wednesday, mask-wearing will become mandatory in all indoor public settings across California regardless of vaccination status. The order will not impact Pasadena, where officials ordered have long mandated mask-wearing at indoor public facilities

The mask mandate, mirroring a requirement already in effect in Los Angeles County and select other counties across the state, will remain in place until Jan. 15.

The state will also toughen the restriction for unvaccinated people who attend indoor "megaevents" of 1,000 people or more, requiring them to receive a negative COVID test within one day of the event if it's a rapid antigen test or within two days for a PCR test. The current rules require a test within 72 hours of the event.

State officials will also recommend, but not require, that people who travel to California or return to

tested for COVID within three to five days.

California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly said the rule change is being prompted by what he called a 47% increase in COV-ID-19 case rates across the

the state after traveling be a difference, even a 10% increase in indoor masking can reduce case transmission significantly," he said.

Under current state guidelines - which are followed by many counties including Riverside, Orange and San Diego - masks are only required indoors at



state since Thanksgiving. He said over that time, the statewide rate of daily new cases went from 9.6 per 100,000 residents to more than 14 per 100,000.

Ghaly said state officials also acted in hopes of avoiding the dramatic surge in cases experienced statewide last year during the winter holiday months.

"As we look at the evidence that masks do make

public transit facilities such as airports, healthcare settings, adult and senior care facilities, schools, correctional facilities, homeless shelters, emergency shelters and cooling centers.

The state already technically requires mask-wearing for unvaccinated people at indoor public facilities, but the new rule will impact everyone regardless of vaccine status.

Gov. Newsom to Allow Californians to Sue Gun Manufacturers for Up to \$10,000

By Tanu Henry California Black Media

On Saturday, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced that he will push a bill that would allow Californians to sue gun manufacturers and distributors.

The Governor was registering his opposition to a United States Supreme Court decision handed down Friday that failed to strike down an anti-abortion law in Texas law that took effect in September.

The law restricts abortion by allowing ordinary citizens in Texas to sue individuals or organizations they accuse of assisting women to terminate pregnancies six weeks or more into gestation.

"I am outraged by yester-day's U.S. Supreme Court decision allowing Texas's ban on most abortion services to remain in place, and largely endorsing Texas's scheme to insulate its law from the fundamental protections of Roe v. Wade," Newsom said in a statement.

"But if states can now shield their laws from review by the federal courts that compare assault weapons to Swiss Army knives, then

organizations they accuse of California will use that assisting women to terminate authority to protect people's



lives, where Texas used it to put women in harm's way," the Governor continued. work with state legislators on a bill that would allow private citizens to file lawsuits

Newsom said he has for up to \$10,000 in damages against "anyone who manufactures, distributes, or sells an assault weapon of ghost gun kit or parts in the State of California."

The Supreme Court Justice's 8-1 decision Friday, however, allowed abortion providers to move forward with federal lawsuits against the Texas law.

For now, it remains in effect.

In her dissenting opinion, Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor said the decision opens the door for states to circumvent federal laws they oppose.

"The Court clears the way for States to reprise and perfect Texas' scheme in the future to target the exercise of any right recognized by this Court with which they disagree," she wrote. "What are federal courts to do if, for example, a State effectively prohibits worship by a disfavored religious minority through crushing 'private' litigation burdens amplified by skewed court procedures, but does a better job than Texas of disclaiming all enforcement by state officials?"

LA County to Hold Inquests in Three 2020 Deputy Shooting Deaths

CITY NEWS SERVICE

The Los Angeles County coroner's office will conduct inquests this week into the 2020 fatal shootings of three men by sheriff's deputies.



Dijon Kizzee

Beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, inquests will be held on consecutive days into the shooting deaths of 47-year-old Dana "Malik" Young Jr., 41-year-old Samuel Herrera Jr. and 29-

year-old Dijon Kizzee.

The hearings will be conducted by retired California Court of Appeals Justice Candace Cooper.

On Sept. 28, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to instruct the county coroner to conduct inquests into the 2020 fatal deputy shootings of the three men.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly Mitchell said the point of the inquests was to ensure the investigations into the deaths were



Dana "Malik" Young Jr. with his grand-daughter

appropriately conducted and to give the families of the men killed a clearer sense of what happened.

"We do not know what happened during the course of these investigations and how they were conducted," Mitchell said. The Office of Inspector General was not allowed to monitor every step ... and so concerns remain about their integrity given the lack of true, comprehensive, independent oversight. "There needs to be, at the very least, a review

of the evidence in these cases, which can be provided via an inquest," she said.

County Coroner Dr. Jonathan Lucas has already ruled each death a homicide and in all three cases determined that the cause of death was gunshot wounds.

Lucas told the Civilian Oversight Commission in January that inquests are an inquiry into the circumstances, manner and cause of death and not meant to settle legal issues.

"It's not a trial, it is not an adversarial process ... there is no guilt or innocence that comes out of an inquest ... it is not a quest to find all of the circumstances," the coroner said at the time.

The District Attorney's

Office has all three cases under review to determine whether the shootings were a lawful use of force, according to a DA's spokesman.

Sheriff Alex Villanueva accused Mitchell and Solis of "misleading the public" and "trying to sell the idea that somehow (these men) were unjustly murdered by sheriff's deputies" as part of a political attack. Mitchell countered, "I believe our residents deserve more than rather juvenile name calling," while Solis and other board members said they wished they didn't have to work around the sheriff.

After the Board of Supervisors' Sept. 28 order for the inquests, Villanueva posted a statement on Twitter, saying the official coroner's reports, incident summaries and names of deputies involved had been publicly posted for some time at lasd.org, along with video footage related to Kizzee's shooting. The sheriff said the inquests would amount to "good political theater" but would prove to be a waste of tax dollars and not provide one single shred of new information. "Additionally, these actions may serve to jeopardize any criminal case which could be determined by," the Justice System Integrity Division of the D.A.'s office, the sheriff

warned. Instead, he urged the board to focus on why it takes the D.A.'s office years in some cases to rule on the use of force, saying he has previously called for the district attorney to issue an opinion within 90 days of any case being submitted.

Prior to the sheriff's comments, Supervisor Kathryn Barger said she believes the sheriff undermines his own department by painting a picture that the board is against law enforcement.

"We're not," Barger said.
"We want accountability (in all departments). Accountability is vital in public trust."

Barger pointed to remarks by a cousin of Kizzee, who cried out to the board during public comment, saying her family deserved to know why her cousin was shot 16 times. If the shooting was justified, the sheriff should be willing to cooperate, Barger said.

"For me, the frustration is, if there is nothing there, what are you afraid of?" she said. "We're merely trying to get to

the bottom for the families."

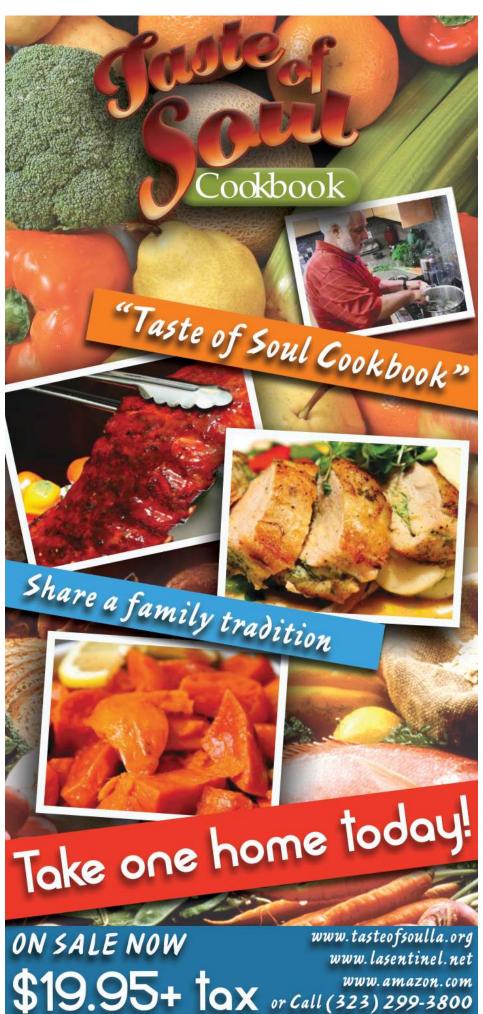
Some members of the Civilian Oversight Commission, a watchdog group charged with overseeing the sheriff's department, have pressed for inquests in all fatal deputy shootings. COC Commissioner Priscilla Ocen said in January that it was important for the public to see that the county is taking the investigations seriously.

Prior to coroner's inquests into the deaths of Andres Guardado Pineda and Fred Williams III -- conducted by Cooper -- county lawyers had expressed hope that deputies would testify publicly to shed more light on what happened.

In both cases, however, the deputies involved in the fatal shootings submitted declarations saying that if called for questioning, they would invoke their Fifth Amendment right not to testify. Cooper did not subsequently call them to appear.

Files reviewed during both of those inquests remain sealed.





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Bella Luxe Gathers Black Women in Elegance, Style, and Commerce







The Little Black Dress affair, gathering beautiful Black women in elegance, style, camaraderie and commerce, was held at the Bella Luxe and hosted by Barbara Mitchell-Goods (wearing the red Kimono gown). E. MESIYAH MCGINNIS / L.A. SENTINEL

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

The Little Black Dress (LBD) affair was held at the Bella Luxe Loft on Center Drive, in Los Angeles on Saturday, December 11. The Los Angeles Sentinel's photo journalist, E. Mesiyah McGinnis, attended the illustrious boutique affair, a gathering of beautiful Black women in elegance, style, camaraderie and commerce. We asked the host, Barbara Mitchell-Goods her thoughts on the event and its importance in the Black community.

"The affair was inspired by a conversation with my friend, Menette Young, about how elegantly Black women carried themselves in the 1940s, 50s and 60s; how they were always so tastefully and beautifully attired. This look was reflected in movies, entertainment, and housewives. Since the holidays were approaching, Menette and I decided we would have an event where ladies had a wonderful excuse to dress up.

Every year, we bring a new aspect to the LBD affair. This year, my Kimono collection was launched. The ladies had a marvelous time participating in an impromptu photoshoot featuring the Kimonos! Custom cocktails with fun names such as the Kimono Cocktail and the LBD Cocktail were created by Nia from Live Moore Events.

This year we also featured a select group of vendors: Yes Please, Teas - Bath and Body by Saundra - Black Business Women Rock by Natalyn Randle - and Oolala Toffee. We also had two amazing artists, Henry Goods and Darrell Moore, showcasing their truly stunning work on paper and canvas.

Bella Luxe Loft Boutique offers a gorgeous array of curated clothing, sparkling jewelry, fragrant candles, and unique gifts such as embellished journals, rhinestone bibles, decadent bracelet French-milled stacks, soaps and so much more.

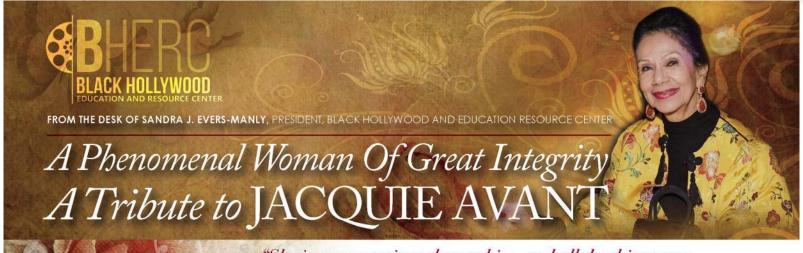
Bella Luxe Loft is also a sensational location to host events such as parties, showers, book signings, small weddings, meetings, and art exhibitions.

The world takes what Black women do; we set the pace and don't get credit for that. Gathering these beautiful Black women together at this chic boutique is a testament to our Black woman magic. I love creating beauty, being surrounded by beauty and seeing the essence in people. That is what Bella Luxe means, Beautiful Luxury." - Barbara Mitchell-Goods

For more information about Bella Luxe Loft, contact on Instagram @Bellaluxeloftla



Attendees celebratina a Kimono Christmas e. Mesiyah McGinnis / L.A. SENTINEL



"She is more precious than rubies, and all the things you may desire cannot compare with her."—Prov.—NIV

have met many different individuals over the years. To say that the journey has been easy is an understatement. But it has been one that has provided me with a vast number of choices and opportunities to connect with extraordinary people. Jacquie Avant was one of those kinds of people you hope to meet and have the privilege and honor to know. She was a treasure to all who knew her, beyond gracious, and a supernatural "Phenomenal Woman."

Like so many others, I am devastated at the tragic and horrific news of her loss of life. Jacquie, a woman of warmth and grace, touched many lives over her lifetime. In a world that would take this precious jewel from us so tragically, she was a quiet storm with all of the power and purpose of great magnitude. Jacquie used her strength to build up, not destroy, a leader who could uplift people and bring joy. She gave unselfishly with unwavering commitment and would lovingly welcome and not turn away anyone regardless of whether she knew you or not.

Jacquie Avant worked quietly as a giant in our community and across this nation, giving back in many ways. With her head held high, never afraid to meet life's challenges or lead with conviction and charm.

She was stylish and well-coiffed, beautifully styled in the tradition of our elders of yester-year. Our community and others consider her and her husband Clarence as our version of Royals, kind, loving, and caring. Regal in every way, steadfast and trustworthy while remaining humble. Together they gave so much to improve the human condition. In addition, they were constantly sharing their time, treasure, talent, and love with everyone!

Jacquie shared her generous and humble spirit with all who met her, pouring a wealth of love and humanity into our spirit, helping us to rise and stay lifted. Her kindness and clear example of solid womanhood are imprinted forever in our hearts, soul, and minda woman of profound character and humility. Our heart aches profoundly by the unimaginable loss of this bright, warming light.

As we all struggle to comprehend this horrible tragedy, we are so grateful to have known the great Jacquie Avant. The memories, the impact of her legacy, and her intrinsic imprint is emboldened and pressed into our hearts. Jacquie Avant, a fantastic human being loved and respected. A "Phenomenal Woman of great Character." A woman much like the one described in Proverbs 31: 20-25-31:

"She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting,

but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." - Proverbs 31:20,25-31

Our hearts, prayers, and condolences go out to the entire Avant family, especially Clarence, Nicole, Alex, and everyone who loved and knew Jacquie and was impacted by her loving work in the community. We will cherish her memory and honor her legacy. So let's stay lifted in the name of Jacquie Avant!

With a devastated but grateful heart,

Sandra J. Even-Manh



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The Holidays are Upon Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Come Celebrate the Winter Wonderland!

Plaza Partnership and Los Angeles City Council District 8 Councilman Marqueece Harris-Dawson are happy to host the Winter Wonderland at Baldwin Hills Crenshaw. The mall will be buzzing as community members far and wide gather to enjoy holiday festivities at Baldwin Hills Crenshaw. There will be lots to keep smiles on the faces of everyone in the family - kids and adults alike.

Grammy Award winner Howard Hewett, singer Samuel Tejada and the Crenshaw High School Choir will perform holiday classics, and nity artists and performers to entertain visitors. The kids will enjoy:

- Sledding on real snow;
- Train rides;
- Photos with Black Santa and his live reindeer;
- A Toy giveaways for kids 12 and under (Advanced registration is required in order to receive a

Date: Saturday, December 18, 2021

> Time: 3-7pm Location: Upper deck in the years to come.

parking lot via the Stocker entrance

We hope to see you there! Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Partnership (BHC Partnership) is comprised of Harridge Development Group, Access Industries, Inc. and SilverPeak. The partnership is committed to realizing the community's city council approved vision for the mall. The Winter Wonderland is a free family-friendly event hosted at the mall annually, which the community has come to look forward to. The BHC Partnership is honored to take part in this event and looks forward to many more



Covered California Joins African American Health Experts to Assess Impacts of COVID-19 on Black Californians

Urging Them to Get Vaccinations and Boosters and Enroll in Low-Cost Health Plans

WHAT: In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Covered California is partnering with African American health experts from across the state to assess the impacts of the virus on Black Californians, encouraging them to take action during the crisis to get COVID vaccinations and boosters and affordable, quality health coverage to stay healthy. African Americans and other people of color continue to be hard hit by the COVID-19 virus, with infection and death rates that are still dispro-

portionately high and vac-

cination rates that are still low. New data will also be shared and on the increased costs people face if they need emergency room care or are admitted to a hospital without health insurance.

The American Rescue Plan provides savings through at least 2022 and helps consumers in nearly every income bracket by paying for an average of 90 percent of their monthly health insurance premiums. In addition, many of the 1.1 million remaining uninsured in California could be eligible for unprecedented financial assistance to get

comprehensive, brandname health coverage, including preventive and mental health care, for less than \$10 monthly - and frequently for \$0 per month.

WHO: Peter V. Lee, executive director, Covered California

Dr. Alice Hm Chen, chief medical officer, Covered California Emergency department physicians

Dr. Curley L. Bonds, chief medical officer, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

Dr. Justin Britton, emergency medicine, Kaiser Permanente Fontana and Ontario Medical Centers

Dr. Kim Rhoads, associate professor of Epidemiology & Biostatistics and Director of Office of Community Engagement, UCSF

WHEN: Tuesday, Dec. 14

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **PST**

WHERE: Credentialed media only. Please register for the event at: https://us02web.zoom.us/ r10ewdSaqQxSNMxGK-

You will receive a confirmation email once regis-

About Covered Califor-

Covered California is the state's health insurance marketplace, where Californians can find affordable, high-quality insurance from top insurance companies. Covered California is the only place where individuals who qualify can get financial assistance on a sliding scale to reduce premium costs. Consumers webinar/register/WN AS- can then compare health insurance plans and choose the plan that works best for their health needs and

income, some consumers may qualify for the lowcost or no-cost Medi-Cal program.

Covered California is an independent part of the state government whose job is to make the health insurance marketplace work for California's consumers. It is overseen by a five-member board appointed by the governor and the Legislature.

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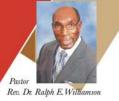


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BETHANY BALDWIN CDC AIDS 700+ AT THANKFUL THURSDAY GIVEAWAY

By Cora Jackson-Fossett Religion Editor

The lines were long, but the crowd waited patiently to receive one week's allotment of groceries at the Thankful Thursday Giveaway hosted by Bethany Baldwin Community Development Corporation.

Seven hundred thirty families were served during the daylong event, which was held on the campus of Bethany Baptist Church of West Los Angeles on Saturday, December 11.

According to BBCDC Executive Director Rod Miles, the number of families equates to approximately 2,900 individuals.

"We actually had over 1,000 people register for the event, but more came out. To each family, we gave a week's supply of a variety of non-perishable items such as laundry detergent, dishwashing soap, shampoo, strawberry jam, peanut butter, flour, salt, mushroom soup and more," said Miles, who expressed appreciation to L.A. Regional Food Bank and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints for providing the groceries.

Describing the activity as "a pretty successful weekend," Miles explained the reasoning behind the name, Thankful Thursday, when the giveaways actually occur on a Saturday. The answer lies in the history of the program, which initially launched in 2020 to assist families impacted by the pandemic.

"We were trying to help out parents and address food insecurity. We started distributing to 40 families a week, then it increased



Donna Burks presents a gift card to a young man and his family attending the drivethrough giveaway event.

to 60 families," recalled Miles.

"We started calling it Thankful Thursday because that's the day we distributed it when we first started last summer. In the fall of 2020, we switched to Saturday, but the name, Thankful Thursday, stuck," he said with a laugh.

Regardless of the name, it was the free food items that drew crowds to the drive-through giveaway. A few pedestrians even walked up, pulling along wheeled carts to ferry the food home. Also, some of the families with children received gift cards as well.

Since the program's inception, BBCDC has shared groceries with 700-800 families at each event. The nonprofit also works with L.A. City Council District 10 and L.A. County's 2nd Supervisorial District to obtain items and identify individuals or families needing assistance.

"Recently, we began partnering with Kedren Vaccines and Charles Drew



Bobby Lyles carries donations from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, who joined with BBCDC to sponsor the food distribution.



Mary Evans unpacks rice to place in the Grab-N-Go care kits, which also contain nonperishable items such as shampoo and laundry detergent.



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LAPD Officer Rocha assisted at the food giveaway by hauling boxes to the team compiling the care kits for the community.



Dr. Tracey Veal joined BBCDC **Executive Director Rod Miles at the** Thankful Thursday giveaway.



Residents of Baldwin Village and the greater Crenshaw community came out to receive free groceries and other items at the daylong food distribution held on the campus of Bethany Baptist Church of West Los Angeles on December 11.

University to accompany their staff when they go to schools to offer vaccinations to the community.

"The BBCDC team goes along to distribute food kits and at Locke High School, we were able to feed 50 families," shared Miles. "We'll continue the distribution in 2022."

Also on the agenda for next year is the reboot of the organization's summer

camp, which was closed down by the pandemic. The camp, conducted in partnership with UCLA, features a STEM curriculum where middle school students take classes in science, technology, engineering and math instructed by university graduates earning credits towards teacher's credentials.

"We also plan to start our after-school summer

enrichment program, which will offer classes in coding and robotics that will continue into the 2022-23 school year. The Bethany congregation is 100% supportive and we hope that students in our Bethany Christian Bible College Johnson, felt strongly about will participate or lend their talents, too," Miles said.

"Since it doesn't look like COVID is going away soon, we want to make sure that Bethany and BBCDC are good resources for people living in Baldwin Village and the greater Crenshaw community," he insisted.

"Our organizing pastor, the late Rev. Dr. Rocellia that. He always said, 'The church should be a 24/7 operation to meet the needs of the people. The lights should always be on."

Words of the Week presents "FAITH UPfront with Pastor Kelvin Sauls"

JESUS WAS BORN FOR SUCH TIMES AS THESE

By Pastor Kevin Sauls Contributing Writer

Amazement once again has been activated as I listen to and look at how such times as these are being accused of hijacking "tis the season to be jolly.'

We have degraded the season into a short-lived "high in happiness and retail compassion" that continues to fuel a system designed for exploitation and marginalization - a system that Jesus came to disrupt and abolish! Truth be told, Christmas needs libera-

Jesus was born for such times as these. An examination of the times in which Jesus was born, will provide insight and eyesight to how God is still with us during this tumultuous season enveloped by tragedy and trauma.

In response to an imperial mandate, Joseph, who had migrated about 100 miles from his home to care and provide for his family, undertakes an involuntary and treacherous journey back to Bethlehem. Presumably a peasant who had lost his land due to debt caused by Roman expansion, the now second career carpenter or woodworker had to reimagine life for his family in an oppressive and coer-



cive police state.

Systemic oppression, discrimination and marginalization are the pandemic that Jesus was born into. His experience of political uncertainty, economic inequity and family instability is ours. His circumstances of homelessness and brokenness are also ours. Jesus was born for such times as these!

An atmosphere of upheaval, social discontent and resistance to the aristocratic legislators and enforcers was palpable. The birth of Jesus was not a path to escapism through assimilation. On the contrary, as Mary's Magnificat reflects, the birth of Jesus was a proclamation for activism towards liberation.

Occupied by an additional layer of sexism and patriarchy, Mary's song continues to provide a clarion call for moral, social, and spiritual revolution for more just, fairer, safer and inclusive societies.

So, as we continue through this tumultuous season enveloped by tragedy and trauma, lyrics from a Luther Vandross song come to mind, "...don't be discouraged, don't be dismayed. There's hope for all in this world. 'Cause this is Christmas...Say a little prayer for the world. God teach us love."

You might think that your Creator doesn't hear. Remember, God's ear is not too hard to hear. God's hand is not too weak to help and heal. Immanuel's hand is not too short to reach and restore. God is with us. God is with you. God is in you.

For Christmas to truly be meaningful and impactful, courageously become its complete message for such times as these.

Through disposition and action, would you join

me in upgrading to a lifelong season of commitment to bring joy to the world through reflecting God's love, hope and compassion with intentional, authentic and liberatory action?

In the spirit of Nguzo

Saba! Born and raised in South Africa, Pastor Kelvin Sauls is a trans-national faith-rooted community organizer, liberatory movement builder, organizational strategist and catalytic thought leader. He is a senior fellow with the Atlantic Institute in Racial Equity and is the co-founder of the Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI) in the United States and Beloved Community Coalition (BeCoCo) in South Africa. He lives in Los Angeles, where he hosts his podcast, "Faith Without Borders.



•DR. MAULANA KARENGA• Kwanzaa's Meaning in the Midst of Pandemic: A Central Site of Reaffirmation and Resistance

we celebrate the good in and of the world. We celebrate the good of family, community and culture; the good hoped for and harvested, achieved and enjoyed, worked for, witnessed and brought to fruition. Moreover, we celebrate the good of life and love, of health, happiness and wholeness, and the good of the earth and the heavens and all in them. This we do in the best of times and even in the worst of times. And Kwanzaa, as a time of remembrance, reflection and recommitment calls for our commitment to reaffirmation of the good and resistance to all that seeks and tends to prevent, diminish or destroy it.

Clearly, such a commitment to reaffirmation and resistance is valuable and useful in times like these, in the midst of a pandemic that has been so disruptive and disastrous to our lives. Indeed, it is added injury to the pathology of continuing oppression which marks, mars, overtaxes and too often takes our lives. Still, we cannot and must not despair or let ourselves be undone or defeated. And Kwanzaa's insistence on celebrating the good in spite of the dangerous, difficult and demanding times in which we now live our lives, do our work, and wage our struggles offers us an essential foundation and way forward.

These troubled and troubling times of the pandemic called COVID-19 has clearly taken a terrible toll on our lives as a people, and indeed the world. But it has not undone or defeated us. In spite of vaccine inequity, vaccine misinformation and mistrust and no small measure of vaccine rejection for various reasons and

varied forms and places, we still radiate that legendary resilience, resourcefulness and adaptive vitality we are known for globally. But we know and have daily attention-demanding evidence that all does not come without costs. For still we suffer greatly, even though we wear our wounds well and take our losses without losing hope or faith in a future of expansive good gained in righteous and relentless struggle.

Indeed, we are no novices or strangers to the disease, disaster and death dealing of evil, a deeply rooted and widely spread radical social evil. Whether we talk of the Holocaust of enslavement, the racist savagery of segregation, actual and anticipated deadly police violence or inadequate and inequitable health care that increases our chances for disease and death, we have known and know evil in its various forms and times. And we, as a people, have not only survived these hellish nightmares, but we have prevailed, developed and dared to continue hoping and working and building and achieving and striving and struggling to bring and sustain good in the world.

So, let us reaffirm the good by reaffirming the goodness, sacredness and beauty of ourselves as persons and peoples. Kwanzaa teaches us, it is about reaching back, remembering and raising up the models and mirrors of excellence in our own lives and the lives of our people. It means being self-conscious, self-determining and rooted in the best and most beautiful of our own culture. It means putting aside the pathological language and imagery taught, peddled, pushed



and podcast by the oppressor, breaking through the catechism of impossibilities assigned us and achieving goodness against all odds, all naysayers and no-doers.

Indeed, we must constantly conceive and craft new ways to share love, beauty, life necessities, and other goods with each other, regardless of times and circumstances. And we must constantly expand our capacity to care, to share, to be other-directed while not sacrificing rightful selfcare. For physicians must be rightfully concerned with their own health as they offer pathways of healing and wholeness to us. And the caretakers of loved ones and others must also rightfully take care of themselves so that they can better take care of others and enjoy their work and lives in good and meaningful

Here the issue of Africanness is central. For to reaffirm ourselves in the most rightful, relevant and rewarding ways, we must be clear about our primary identity as a people, as Africans, Black people, regardless of other identities we might have and feel strongly about. For our Blackness, our Africanness, our peoplehood, our community is our common ground.

The Honorable John

Convers, who represented

Detroit in Congress from

1965 until 2017, introduced

HR 40 every congressio-

nal session from 1989.

He worked to get cospon-

sors for the legislation for

nearly thirty years, but not

even the entire Congres-

sional Black Caucus would

cosponsor. Upon his retire-

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Indeed, in our other identities we can identity and find common ground with many others. But in our Blackness, our Africanness, we only share that identity and common ground with each other.

And I say this realizing the claims of Black complexity and openness to many interpretations. But the designation and definition Black presupposes and posits a oneness, a unity of identity rooted in a particular history and culture; a singling out for oppression and a righteous and relentless resistance to it. Indeed, it is Black people who constantly question and contend about their Blackness; others don't find it applicable or useful. Kwanzaa is above all a celebration of Black people, a reaffirmation of their excellence and achievement, their soulfulness and sacredness. So, the question is not who can celebrate Kwanzaa, but who can celebrate Black people in all their excellence. achievement, soulfulness, sacredness and their struggle to be themselves and free themselves, and with self-consciously contribute to initiating a

new history of humankind. In the context of oppression and the unfinished fight and struggle to be ourselves and free ourselves from domination, deprivation and degradation, reaffirmation of ourselves and each other is, itself, an act of resistance. In fact, it is a radically transformative act, especially when self-consciously linked to the overarching Movement. One of the things that distinguished Us and our comprehensive philosophy of Kawaida from other self-defined radical and revolutionary

groups in the Sixties is that we strived and struggled for a radical transformation, not only of society and the world, but of self, society and the world. With Nana Frantz Fanon, we took the position that a new history of humankind requires a new man and woman to imagine and make it. Moreover, he taught "An authentic national liberation exists only to the precise degree to which each person has irreversibly begun his own

liberation." Thus, reaffirmation of our Africanness and humanity in thought, feelings, speech and practice is a liberating act, an act of resistance to the anti-African and anti-Black systemic racism that would deny our humanity and right to be ourselves and free ourselves. Here the practice of the Nguzo Saba (The Seven Principles) becomes a central site and source of both reaffirmation and resistance.

To practice Umoja (Unity) is ultimately to unite in principle and actions that reaffirm our oneness and shared commitment to the good, to African and human good, and the well-being of the world. To practice Kujchagulia (Self-determination) is to reject oppression and insist in word and struggle on our right and responsibility to be ourselves and to free ourselves. To practice Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility) is to resist attempts to divide us and to work and struggle together in liberating ways to build the good world we all want and deserve.

To practice Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics) is to reaffirm everyone's right to a life of dignity and decency and to struggle

shared and common good of the world. To practice Nia (Purpose) is to embrace the righteous vocation of the liberation and upraising of our people and opening the way for their flourishing and coming into the fullness of themselves. To practice Kuumba (Creativity) is to struggle against destructive tendencies wherever we find them and to practice serudj ta, the Maatian ethical imperative to repair, renew and remake the world, making it more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

And to practice the principle of Imani (Faith)) is to believe in ourselves and our people, in the goodness of life, of rightful relationships with the world and all in it, and in the righteousness and victory of our struggle. Here the personal and collective are linked in radically transformative initiatives to bring an inclusive, shared and sustained good in the world. And this is the essential meaning and motivation of reaffirmation and resistance.

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of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA), the number of cosponsors approaches two hundred members of Congress. With 218, the legislation could pass in Congress.

Full disclosure. I serve as a NAARC commissioner, as does Kamm Howard, the co-chair of N'COBRA. With a Senate dominat-

ed by conservative Democrats and obstructionist Republicans, when HR 40 passes in Congress, it is unlikely to pass in the Senate. However, it is essential to acknowledge the enormous progress the reparations movement has experienced since Conyers first introduced HR 40. Then, if you mentioned reparations in some circles, including those dominated by African Americans, you'd be rewarded with an eye roll and a "reality" check. Movements don't happen overnight, though, and the reparations movement is rising, thanks to the tireless work of committed activists, who have persistently raised the

Robin Rue Simmons, a former Alderman in Evanston, Illinois, shepherded reparations legislation in that city and helped design a program that will use money from legal cannabis sales to fund reparations. The program emerges from documentation of the ways local legislation widened the wealth gap between 1919 and 1969 and explicitly targets Evanston residents and their descendants for the initial round of

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Chauvin pleads guilty to federal charge in Floyd's death

Former Minneapolis police Officer Derek Chauvin pleaded guilty Wednesday to a federal charge of violating George Floyd's civil rights, averting a trial but likely extending the time he is already spending behind bars on a state conviction.

Chauvin, who is white, was convicted this spring of state murder and manslaughter charges for pinning his knee against Floyd's neck during a May 25, 2020, arrest as the Black man said he couldn't breathe Chauvin was sentenced to 22 1/2 years in

The federal charge alleged that Chauvin deprived Floyd of his rights by kneeling on his neck as he was handcuffed and not resisting.

Chauvin appeared in person Wednesday for the change of plea hearing in an orange short-sleeve prison shirt and was led into and out of the court in handcuffs. He said "Guilty, your honor" to confirm his pleas in Floyd's death and an unrelated 2017 case, and acknowledged that he was guilty of the acts alleged.

With parole and presuming good behavior, Chauvin is expected to actually serve about 15 years of his state sentence behind bars. Any federal sentence would run at the same time as the state sentence, and defendants serve about 85 percent of federal sentences presuming good behavior.

That means if the judge gives Chauvin the maximum 25 years requested, he would likely serve about six years and three months beyond his state sentence.

Judge Paul Magnuson didn't set a date for sen-

Three other former officers — Thomas Lane, J. Kueng and Tou Thao were indicted on federal charges alongside Chauvin earlier this year. They are still on course for trial early next year on those charges, with a state trial still to

Floyd's arrest and death, which a bystander captured on cellphone video, sparked mass protests nationwide calling for an end to racial inequality and police mistreatment of Black people.

As part of the plea deal, Chauvin also pleaded guilty to violating the rights of a then-14-year-old boy during a 2017 arrest in which he held the boy by the throat, hit him in the head with a flashlight and held his knee on the boy's neck and upper back while he was prone, handcuffed and not resisting.

Several members of Floyd's family were present, as was the then-teenager involved in the 2017 arrest, according to a pool reporter. As they left the courtroom, Floyd's brother Philonise said to Chauvin's 2017 victim: "It's a good day for justice."

support Chauvin, including family members. He waved and smiled at them as he entered and left the courtroom, according to the pool

George Floyd's nephew, Brandon Williams, afterward called Chauvin a "monster" who should have been arrested in the 2017 incident.

"Had he been held accountable for what he did in 2917 to that minor, George Floyd will still be here," Williams said. "Today he had a chance to blow kisses and give air hugs to his family. We can't do that."

An attorney for Floyd's family, Jeff Storms, said they planned to head to Minneapolis later in the day to support the family of Daunte Wright, a 20-year-old Black man who was fatally shot during a traffic stop in the midst of Chauvin's state trial. The police officer in that case, Kim Potter, is on trial on manslaughter charges.

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To bring federal charges in deaths involving police, prosecutors must believe an officer acted under the "color of law," or government authority, and willfully deprived someone of Nine people appeared to their constitutional rights.



Former Minneapolis police Officer Derek Chauvin AP PHOTO

That's a high legal standard. An accident, bad judgment or simple negligence on the officer's part isn't enough to support federal charges. Prosecutors have to prove the officer knew what he was doing was wrong in that moment but did it anyway.

According to evidence in the state case against Chauvin, Kueng and Lane helped restrain the 46-yearold Floyd as he was on the ground — Kueng knelt on Floyd's back and Lane held down Floyd's legs. Thao held back bystanders and kept them from intervening during the 9 1/2-minute re-

All four former officers were charged broadly in federal court with depriving Floyd of his rights while acting under government

authority.

In the 2017 case involving the then-14-year-old boy, Chauvin is charged with depriving the boy, who was handcuffed and not resisting, of his right to be free of unreasonable force when he held him by the throat, hit him in the head with a flashlight and held his knee on the boy's neck and upper back while he was in a prone position.

According to a police report from that 2017 encounter, Chauvin wrote that the teen resisted arrest and after the teen, whom he described as 6-foot-2 and about 240 pounds, was handcuffed, Chauvin "used body weight to pin" him to the floor. The boy was bleeding from the ear and needed two stitches.

That encounter was one

of several mentioned in state court filings that prosecutors said showed Chauvin had used neck or head and upper body restraints seven times before dating back to 2014, including four times state prosecutors said he went too far and held the restraints "beyond the point when such force was needed under the circumstances."

The other three former officers are still expected to go to trial on federal charges in January, and they face state trial on aiding and abetting counts in March.

This story has been corrected throughout to show that Chauvin plea in Floyd's death was to a single charge, with a second count dis-

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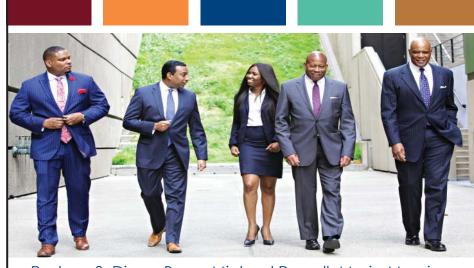
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Do You Create, Critique, or Criticize?

I was in the event business for many years, and I was fortunate to have been part of wonderful events. One of the ways I was able to grow my business was by asking and accepting feedback. I wanted to hear from my clients, employees, and attendees so I could gather information to adjust and improve my current and future actions and behaviors. During this process I discovered most

people did not create new or different ways I could enhance my business, most of them either critiqued or criticized what I was doing. I found some of the feedback was helpful because it was an opinion that had both positive and negative aspects. Much of the feedback was criticizing and it felt personal, and I had to figure out how to grow from it. Fortunately, I did not let this feedback define

who I was, and I took what I needed and used it as jet fuel for personal and professional growth. I learned never give something or someone the power to influence your self-esteem if you do you are vulnerable to be emotionally damaged. Be open to learn but do not get off course.

When we do not like something, or someone why do we tend to critique or criticize them instead of

trying to either see things from their perspective or help change the situation and create something better or more beautiful? It is important for us to try and create things instead of knocking them down. We also must understand the difference between constructive criticism when someone really cares, and they want to provide us with information to become better, versus those that may be haters and cannot support what we do. Dealing with critical people is uncomfortable and can trigger doubts about our own self-worth if you let it. Being constantly criticized can turn into a form of emotional abuse. Learn boundaries.

We must believe in and love ourselves first to support others. When we understand our potential and the greater good of helping and serving others, we will change how we look at life and others. When we focus on creating positivity in life, we will reap positive outcomes. I am a Christian and my faith causes me to trust that God is in control. I also believe that we play a role in how we approach life. There is truth to the law of attraction. We all can attract positive or negative things into our life. We have the ability to create the life we really want, and we can help others on their journey as well. Sometimes to get what we desire we may have to change how we think and help others change how they think and see life. Having a paradigm shift does not mean changing your core values.

Here is a question we can ask ourselves as well as asking others: Are you finding fault and tearing down others or lifting them up and helping them become their best self? If you look for the bad in someone you will find it and the flip side is, if you look for the good in someone you will also find that. If a person makes a mistake, do not treat it like a crime and make them feel like a criminal. Mistakes are necessary tools of wisdom and growth. Something my dear grandmother taught me was, the people who are the hardest to love are the ones who need it the most. Those who criticize are oftentimes hurting inside and not at peace with themselves, and the only way they feel good is if they are making someone feel bad. Remember hurt people hurt people. Rather than dismissing them let us pray for them. Why you ask? Because they need the prayers, and we need the practice.

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'Born Again..What! How?? Part 1

Who would not want a second chance? Who would not want "favor?"

Some can turn their lives around with just a second dramatic chance.

I know that Mary wasn't asking for a second chance. But it seems she showed no doubt. Seeemingly wanted to just know "How?" She had no reference point for how she would be with child with "no husband" She said, "How shall this be, since I have no husband." She had no sexual experience. That may sound strange in today's society and based on how many pre-married people get together, it's unlike the old ways (but not for everyone). Some families do follow a moral protocol before sexual relations and marriage. Mary's character was entrenched in "the law," calm, not doubting and submissive to Gabriel's message and attitude. Remember. Gabriel said toward the end of

sation, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid (bondmaid) of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." (Luke 1:34-38) And the angel departed from her." That's what the Lord wants; that is, to be submissive to His will, our Lord and saviour. He wants to bring you in to Him via the pathway of love. He doesn't want to roughhouse you and wrangle and wrestle with you to bring you into His invita-

tion to "come on into His house." Just believe. Have faith. Believe even though you may not understand everything. Faith and faith alone in Jesus grants salvation. However, He will do whatever is necessary to get your attention and grant salvation to you. Sometimes, the pathway isn't pleasant. It depends oftentimes just how obedient you are. Gabriel was explicit in delivering his message to Mary. These four statements were a part of Gabriel's message to Mary. (Luke 1:32)

- 1.) "You shall conceive in your womb and bear a son"
- 2.) "You shall call His name JESUS"
- 3.) "He shall be great and will be called "the Son of the Highest" the Son of the Most High"
- 4.) He shall reign and give him the throne of His son David" (who is in the regal line and this was promised to him.

God did all these miraculous things to bring His Son into this world to be "God with us." This good in them; but correct is the incarnation. God in them also. We don't need

the flesh. God decided that his human creation needed the saviour because we were just going way off the script. And many are still bypassing the script (the Bible) altogether. It's not working now and it's not going to work. Get on board. ""For with God nothing shall be impossible." The Lord said that to Sarah and Abraham too. They were way past child bearing age, but the Lord saw fit for them to have the child He had promised them. He has a mission to accomplish and will not be stopped. AND Jesus is coming back. The adversary will make attempts to stop what the Lord wants to bring about, but the Lord is determined to do what He wants to do. Stay faithful. Stay prayed up. Don't let your children "go to the devil." Don't be afraid of your children. They may think they know more than you, but don't give up" on them. Pray them into obedience. Speak good into their lives. Speak prosperity into their lives. See the

"no more" criminals. We "got enough of them (too many)" Going around shoot'n and killing up people..too many using drugs and vaping. Society tries to fool everybody. Don't believe the lies. Those flavored addictive vapes, marijuana, cocaine, fentanyl, meth, etc. and other drugs are baaad. Get on board with Jesus. He's the only sure vaccine. Thanks for reading! Jeanette Grattan Parker is Founder-Superintendent Today's Fresh Start Charter School 4514 Crenshaw Boulevard, LA 90043 323-293-9826 www. todaysfreshstart.org (Ask Dr. Jeanette TM) Inquiring Minds Want To Know-All articles are copyright. All rights reserved @ Askdrjeanetteparker.successontheway@gmail.com . www. todaysfreshstart.org 323-293-9826. 4514 Crenshaw BL, LA 90043 Reference: Bible: The Holy Bible. Errors? Let me know. Dial in Sundays for music & message: 11:30am {1-712-775-8971—code 266751}

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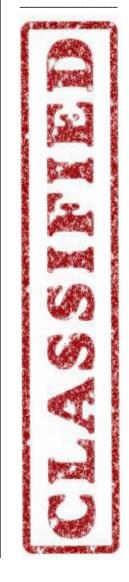
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,
that for the past three years, there remained unclaimed with the Police Department of the City of Los Angeles monies held in the account known as the "UNCLAIMED MONIES SEIZED INCIDENTAL TO ARREST TRUST FUND" which were seized between October 3, 2013 and October 1, 2018. The amount of the unclaimed monies is:

\$546,628.83 Claims for return of these monies held must be filed with the City of Los Angeles Office of the City Clerk, Room 395 City Hall, 200, North Spring Street, Los Angeles, CA Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 BEFORE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022.

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WILL BECOME PROPERTY
OF THE CITY OF LOS
ANGELES ON FEBRUARY
14, 2022
DATED: NOVEMBER 10,
2021 DIANA MANGOGUE. 2021 DIANA MANGIOGLU CITY TREASURER OFFICE OF FINANCE CITY OF LOS ANGELES (Must be published twice per

government code: Thursday, DECEMBER 16, 2021 and Thursday, DECEMBER 23, 2021) 12/16, 12/23/21 12/287# CNS-3534287# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 21TRCP00427 Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Samantha Inez Craddock for Change of INTERESTED

PERSONS: Petitioner Samantha Inez Craddock filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Samantha Inez Craddock to Samantha Inez Lee

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. name should not be granted.
Any person objecting to the
name changes described
above must file a written
objection that includes the
reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a

hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: Jan 14, 2022, Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept.: M, Room: --The address of the court is 825 Maple Ave., Torrance, CA

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following inewspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Sentinel Date: Dec 02 2021 Deirdre Hill

Judge of the Superior Court 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/21 CNS-3536929# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 21STCP03894 Superior Court of California

Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: David Brian Chielens for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: David Brian Petitioner David Brian Chielens filed a petition with this court for a decree

changing names as follows: David Brian Chielens to David DeSantos The Court orders that all

persons interested in this 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 Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a

gram hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 01/24/2022,
Dept.: 74, Time: 10:00 AM, Dept.: 74, Room:

The address of the court is 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 A copy of this Order to Show shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel Date: 11/29/2021

Michelle Williams Court
Judge of the Superior Court
12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/21
CNS-3536178#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 21CMCP00147 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles

Petition of: Denis Alexander Xinico Salazar for Change of Name ALL INTERESTED

PERSONS: Petitioner Denis Alexander Xinico Salazar filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Denis Alexander Xini

Salazar to Alexander Dennis Xinico Salazar 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 name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear

at the hearing to show cause

why the petition should not be

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granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 1/20/2022, Time: 8:30

am, Dept.: A, Room: 904
The address of the court is
200 West Compton Blvd,
Compton, CA 90220
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel Date: Nov 15, 2022 Thomas D. Long

Judge of the Superior Court 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16/21 CNS-3533284# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2021247521 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: D & A REALTY, 833 W. 55TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037 County of LOS

Registered owner(s): WAYNE DAVIS, 833 W. 55TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037

This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant(s) started doing

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/ WAYN

WAYNE DAVIS, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/10/2021.

NOTICE-In accordance with NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement

must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal State another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Original Filing 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/21 CNS-3536945# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2021247679 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALPHA OMEGA FINANCIAL, W. 55TH STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037 County of LOS ANGELES Registered owner(s):

STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90037 This business is conducted by

an Individual The registrant(s) started doing

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

WAYNE DAVIS, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/10/2021.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the

Affidavit of Identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal State or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Original Filing 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/21 CNS-3536939# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2021259401 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: PLANT BAE, 1026 SOUTH BROAWAY #613, LOS ANGELES, CA 90015 County of LOS ANGELES Mailing Address: 1621 LA FAYETTE ROAD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90019 ANGELES, CA 500 12 Registered owner(s):

ZA WINTON, 162 FAYETTE ROAD, ANGELES, CA 90019 LOS ROBAIR SHERROD, SOUTH BROAWAY 1026 #613, LOS ANGELES, CA 90015 This business is conducted by a General Partnership

The registrant(s) started doing

s on 10/2021 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

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exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). S/ ZA WINTON, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/30/2021. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County

Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the

Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

Original Filing 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/21 CNS-3536933# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021253605 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LIVE ED FREE, 4519
ENSENADA DRIVE,
WOODLAND HILLS, CA
91364 County of LOS
ANGELES
Aggistred owner(s):

ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
TARA NICOLE DUBOSE,
4519 ENSENADA DRIVE,
WOODLAND HILLS, CA

This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 10/2021.

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/ TARA NICOLE DUBOSE,

OWNER OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/19/2021.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section statement pursuant to 2 - 17913 other than a change the residence address of registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

Original Filing 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/21 CNS-3536470# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021257197

following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. SIGNIFICANT OTHER,
FAMILY & INDIVIDUAL
THERAPY, 2. SOFI THERAPY, 2. SOFI THERAPY, 107 W. FAIRVIEW BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302 County of LOS

ANGELES Registered owner(s): DR. BETTYE FORD, DR. BETTYE FORD, PSYCHOLOGIST, INC., 107 W. FAIRVIEW BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302; State of Incorporation: CA This business is conducted by

a Corporation registrant(s) started doing business on 10/2021. 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 (#4.000). (\$1,000)).

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FORD, PSYCHOLOGIST, INC.
S/ BETTYE FORD,
PRESIDENT

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/24/2021 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk except as provided Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement

must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

Original Filing 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/21 CNS-3536421# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021252829 following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

1. DIGITALMNSTR, 2.
DIGITAL MNSTR, 3. MNSTR CONSULTING, 4. MNSTR HEALTH, 1553 1/2 3RD AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90019 County of LOS ANGELES Registered owner(s): MNSTR LLC, 1553 1/2 3RD

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90019; State of Incorporation: CA AVE. LOS ANGELES. CA

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This business is conducted by a limited liability company
The registrant(s) started doing business on N/Á.

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)). MNSTR LLC S/ YONG JAMES WONG, MANAGER

statement was filed the County Clerk of Angeles County on 11/18/2021. NOTICE-In accordance with

Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk except as provided. Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

Original Filing 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23/21 CNS-3534913# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2021253005 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ADULT SCOUTS PINS, 3705
W. PICO BLVD #984, LOS
ANGELES, CA 90019 County of LOS ANGELES Registered owner(s):
INDIRA LEBLANC, 3705
W. PICO BLVD #984, LOS

ANGELES, CA, CA 90047 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant(s) started doing

business on 06/2021. 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/ INDIRA LEBLANC,

OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/18/2021.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1 2014 the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the

Affidavit of Identity form The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal. State. or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

Original Filing 12/9, 12/16, 12/23, 12/30/21 CNS-3534888#

LOS ANGELES SENTINEL **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**

NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021251712 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: WRITE ON! PUBLISHING, 5231 ANGELES VISTA BL, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043 County of LOS ANGELES

Registered owner(s): REGINA NELSON, 5231 ANGELES VISTA BL, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043 This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant(s) started doing business on 11/2021 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/ REGINA NELSON, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on

11/17/2021. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement

must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Original Filing 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23/21

CNS-3534873# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021246876 The following person(s)

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(are) doing business as: Universal Hospitalists, PC, 10430 Wilshire Blvd #803, Los Angeles, CA 900 County of LOS ANGELES Registered owner(s):

Universal Hospitalists Ghalchi, PC, 10430 Wilshire Blvd #803, Los Angeles, CA 90024; State of Incorporation:

This business is conducted by a Corporation

a Corporation
The registrant(s) started doing
business on 09/2021.
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)).
Universal Hospitalists

Ghalchi, PC S/ Daniel Ghalchi, Secretary This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/09/2021.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of

another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Original Filing 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16/21 CNS-3533220# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2021234433 following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BANTU BOYZ, 1701 SOUTH
FIGUEROA #1043, LOS
ANGELES, CA 90015 County
of LOS ANGELES

Registered owner(s): JULIEN TSHIKUNA, 425 NORTH ALVARADO STREET APT #109, LOS ANGELES, CA 90026 BILEKO AZIZA WISSA JR., 4338 BERRYMAN AVENUE APT #2, LOS ANGELES, CA

90066 PATRICK GLORY

PATRICK
DIELUBANZA, 1249 WEST
39TH PLACE APT 313, LOS
ANGELES, CA 90037
This business is conducted by
a General Partnership

The registrant(s) started doing business on 03/2019.
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/ PATRICK GLORY DIELUBANZA, GENERAL PARTNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 10/27/2021.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section in Subdivision (b) or occur. 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the

Affidavit of Identity form The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal. State. or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

Original Filing 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16/21 CNS-3533218# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021239722 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: wondertrunk & co., 12130, MILLENNIUM DRIVE, Los

Angeles, CA 90094 County of LOS ANGELES Registered owner(s): AOT INTERNATIONAL LTD. WHICH WILL DO BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA AS AOTI LTD., 12130, MILLENNIUM DRIVE, Los Angeles, CA 90094; State of Incorporation:

This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant(s) started doing 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)). AOT INTERNATIONAL LTD.

WHICH WILL DO BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA AS AOTI LTD. Marie Pilaud, Vice President

statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 11/02/2021. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name

Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change

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in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize

the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).

Original Filing 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16/21 CNS-3533217# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021255432

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

Tamales y Menu
Gomarca, 605 W 62nd Menudo Gomarca, 605 W 62nd St., Los Angeles, CA 90044, County of Los Angeles; Mailing Address: 605 W 82nd St, Los Angeles, CA 90044 Registered owner(s): Marcial Gonzalez Candido, 605 W 62nd St, Los Angeles, CA 90047

CA 90017 This business is conducted

by: an Individual
The registrant commenced
to transact business under the fictitious business name names listed above on

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 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars 1,000)). / Marcial Gonzalez Candido,

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on November 22, 2021 NOTICE-In accordance with

Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the

Affidavit of Identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights another under Federal, Sta or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Original 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16/21

CNS-3533213# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021255478 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Tamales Mexico, 3 W Lucas St, Los Angeles, CA 90017,

County of Los Angeles Registered owner(s): Alberto Padua Casarrubias, 603 W 62 St, Los Angeles, CA 90044 Hermelinda Marcial Gonzalez,

3 W Lucas St., Los Angeles,

CA 90017

This business is conducted by: a Married Couple transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on

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

Hermelinda Gonzalez, Wife This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los

Angeles on November 22, 2021 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021236362 The following person(s) is

CNS-3533210# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

(are) doing business as: Legacy Programs, 20510 Leapwood Ave #33B, Carson, CA 90746 County of LOS ANGELES Registered owner(s): 20510 Sonia Dawson. Leapwood Ave #33B, Carson, CA 90746

Tina Schmerber, 16125 Hart

Street #113, Van Nuys, CA

This business is conducted by Co-Partners
The registrant(s) started doing business on 10/2021.

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/ Tina Schmerber, General

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statement was filed the County Clerk of Angeles County on 10/28/2021

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk except as provided Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY (LACMTA)
INVITATION FOR BID

LACMTA will receive Bids/ Proposals for C76536C1214-2 D line - Tunnel Intrusion **Detection System**at the Receptionist Desk Vendor/Contract Management Department, One Gate Plaza, Los Angeles,

All Bids must be submitted to LACMTA, and be filed at the reception desk, 9th floor, V/CM Department, on or V/CM Department, on before Pacific Time on 05-2022, 2pm , , at which time bids will be opened and publicly read. Bids received after the above date and time may be rejected and returned unopened. Each Bid must be sealed and marked Bid No. C76536C1214-2.

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REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY IFB No. SP572-22 RAILROAD WASTE REMOVAL SERVICES The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) is seeking bids to provide Railroad Waste Removal Services. IFB documents may be obtained at https://metrolinktrains https://metrolinktrains com/doing-business

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com/doing-business (free registration). Electronic bids are due at 2:00 p.m. (PT) on January 12, 2022. For further information contact: Brian Jacob, Senior Contract Administrator at 213.452.0316 or email jacobb@scrra.net.

12/16/21 CNS-3536174# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) INVITATION FOR BID

LACMTA will receive Bids/ Proposals for DR83728 - CNG - SEMI -TRUCKat the 9th Floor Receptionist Desk, Vendor/Contract Management Department, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

A Pre-Rid conference will be held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, 9:00 a.m., at One 28, 2021, 9:00 a.m., at One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Palisades: Room 08-98. All Bids must be submitted to LACMTA, and be filed at the reception desk, 9th floor, V/CM Department, on or before 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time on **Monday, January**17, 2022, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read. Bids received after the above date and time may be rejected and returned unopened. Each Bid must be sealed and marked **Bid No.**

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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER **ESTATE OF: ROOSEVELT AND NELLIE M. JOHNSON** CASE NO. 21STPB09548

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ROOSEVELT AND NELLIE M. JOHNSON. PETITION

PROBATE has been filed by ROOSEVELT JOHNSON JR. AND MOSEL JOHNSON the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. PETITION

PROBATE requests that ROOSEVELT JOHNSON JR. AND MOSEL JOHNSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the

estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act.

La County Launches New Phase Of "Delete The Divide" Campaign To Enroll Residents To Get \$50/Month Off Internet Bill

The upcoming deadline to enroll for Federal Emergency Benefits is Dec. 31, 2021

Los Angeles County is launching a new phase of its "Delete the Divide" campaign today to encourage residents to learn if they may qualify for up to \$50 a month off their internet bill. An estimated 822,000 County households may be eligible, including households with at least one person already participating in one of these programs: Cal-Fresh, Medi-Cal, SSI, Lifeline or students with a Pell Grant. Qualified households are encouraged to apply before December 31, 2021 to receive the maximum benefits before the program evolves next year.

To apply for EBB, LA County residents can either call 866-696-8748 or apply online at https://www. internetforallnow.org/ap-

The initiative promotes the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB), a federally funded program for consumers with low-income that will show up as a discount on their Internet bills. The U.S. Congress and President Joe Biden established this benefit because of the COVID-19 pandemic emergency, and they recently made the benefit permanent. The federally funded



Left to right, Jamel Thomas, program administrator, Delete the Divide, Christine Juarez, program administrator, DTD, Selwyn Hollins, director, Internal Service Department (ISD), Felicia Divinity, program administrator, DTD, Mark Colton, director,

benefit will help households get online, save money and gain access to County digital services to obtain critical safety net resources such as housing, food assistance, and telehealth.

"If we, as a County, are ever going to truly realize digital equity, now is the time. So many of our opportunities and resources are accessible online, and yet, so many of our residents and small businesses do not have access - especially those in Black and Latino communities," Los

Angeles Board of Supervisors Chair Hilda L. Solis said. She noted that she is proud of the investments that the Board has approved to expand infrastructure in order to provide low-income LA County residents with affordable, sustainable internet service.

The "Delete the Divide" campaign is administered by LA County's Internal Services Department (ISD) which is responsible to ensure the County's efforts to get all residents affordable broadband are aligned and coordinated. To reach communities that are impacted right now, the County is partnering with the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF). CETF developed a marketing and public awareness initiative that has been tailored for the County's Delete the Divide mission to get in the marketplace right away, including print materials, TV and Radio in multiple languages (English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese).

CETF has a history of funding community organizations to help residents understand affordable Internet offers and the FCC Broadband Benefit program. CETF grantees have assisted more than 250,000 households in California with getting affordable Internet.

"More than 365,000 Los Angeles County households do not have any Internet access at home and for the most part these are largely homes of people of color. The fifty dollars in assistance is a quick, short-term solution to help County residents get online. We're also working on long-term solutions that help delete the digital divide altogether and this is a great step toward that overall goal," said Selwyn Hollins, Director, Los Angeles County Internal Services

Department. "We're encouraging everyone to get the message out about how to get free or lower cost Internet service. The pandemic has shown us that having reliable Internet service is essential and should be available and affordable to everyone," said CETF President and CEO Sunne Wright McPeak.

About Delete the Divide Delete The Divide is an initiative led by the County of Los Angeles to empower youth, young adults and small businesses in underserved communities who are adversely impacted by the digital divide. Learn more at: www.deletethedivide.org.

About California Emerging Technology Fund

The mission of CETF is to close the Digital Divide in California by institutionalizing digital inclusion, including expanding telehealth and distance learning opportunities. CETF is a statewide non-profit foundation with the mission to close the Digital Divide in California. CETF provides grants to non-profit community-based organizations (CBOs) to assist lowincome households adopt affordable broadband and become digitally proficient, leads and manages School-2Home to successfully integrate technology into teaching and learning with deep parent engagement to close the Achievement Gap in middle schools in lowincome neighborhoods, and promotes Digital Inclusion in public policy to achieve Digital Equity.

In Memory of Zena Ayo

Ms. Ayo, singer, song writer, author, concert artist, humanitarian and former youth director of the Inglewood Philharmonic Association spent most of her life in California working for the betterment of children. At the age of 16, she received a scholarship in music, but her interest was divided between music and children. At the age of 19, she became a foster parent to a 14-year-old child. This led to more involve-





ment with youth. She also studied music at the Eubanks Conservatory of Music and with private teachers in New York, Oakland, California, and Samuel S. Franks of Germany.

Due to Ms. Ayo's unique relationship with the youth, her ability to successfully achieve and bring out the best in a child, her services were solicited by the Los Angeles Unified School District. She worked for four years at Loren Miller Elementary School and received the Volunteer Teacher of the Year Award. Ms. Ayo was also nominated for the Valley Forge National Award for her work with children. She also worked three years at Normandie Christian School with a special program. Professional educators of Los Angeles honored Ms. Ayo,

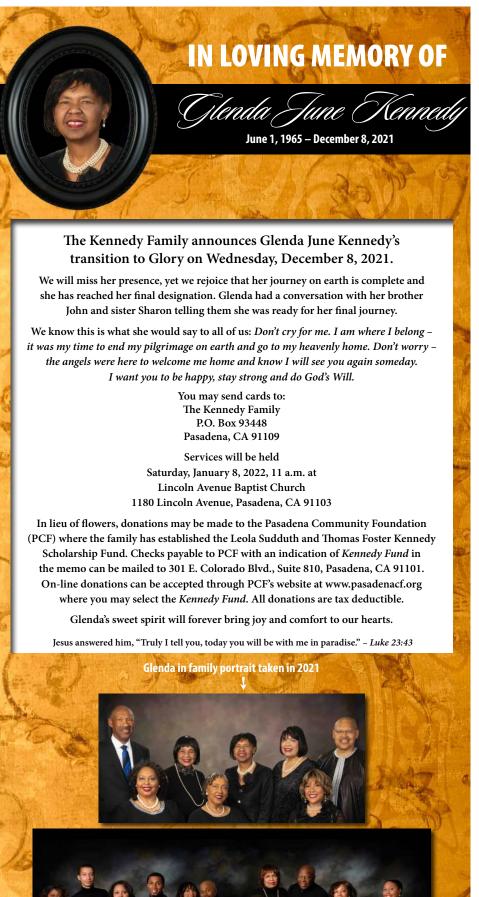
stating "so long as our country has patriots such as Ms. Ayo who are willing to give time and talent to guiding our youth, God is blessing America."

Ayo had the foresight that parents needed to spend more time with their children. After traveling abroad with the 'Light Opera' she was more than convinced that families needed to be strengthened, as they were falling apart. She, along with a group of children, went to the City Council office to introduce 'City Family Week' and 'National Family Week.' In 1979, the City Council approved the Proclamation of 'city Family Week' in November. She wrote to two Presidents seeking National Family Week to no avail. However, in 1984, President Reagan signed the Proclamation of National Family Week as the third week in November. President Clinton reinforced the Proclamation in 1996.

Ms. Ayo states: "We celebrate Miss Universe, Miss this and Miss that, but never much about Mr. and Mrs. Family." Ms. Ayo sang

the National Anthem many times but was always disturbed with the lyrics and created a new version for children! She was seeking to have the words legally accepted. She has opened for ball games for the LA Dodgers several times and was recently asked to re-

Credits for musical appearances include Show Boat, Carousel, Finnian's Rainbow, The Whole Town's Talking, and costarring with Al Freeman in Lost in the Stars. Ms. Ayo also performed at the following concerts and venues: The Pasadena Auditorium, the Dorothy Chandler Music Center, The Ahamson Theatre, Oakland Auditorium, Shrine Auditorium, Sports Arena, Los Angeles Convention Center, the Los Angeles Press Club, and the Inglewood Philharmonic Orchestra.



Glenda in family portrait taken in 2000 🕇

Public Notices

(This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 01/06/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. In Pro Per Petitioners ROOSEVELT JOHNSON JR. 314 SOUTH PANNES AVE. COMPTON CA 90221 MOSEL JOHNSON 8823 JOHN AVE. LOS ANGELES CA 90002 CNS-3535864# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL



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Janet Rollé Named CEO and Executive Director of American Ballet Theatre

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The American Ballet Theatre announced that Janet Rollé will become the new CEO and Executive Director at American Ballet Theatre. Her appointment which was announced by Board Chariman Andrew Barth will become effective January 3, 2022. Rollé joins ABT from Parkwood Entertainment, having served as General Manager since 2016.

Parkwood Entertainment, the media and management company founded by entertainer and entrepreneur Beyoncé. Rollé led all business operations for the company which houses departments in music, film, video, live performances and concert production, artist management, business development, marketing, digital, creative, philanthropy, and publicity. Her role included oversight of strategic partnerships, legal and business affairs, marketing, finance, human resources, archive, and information technology for all Parkwood businesses and artists. She was Associate Producer

of Beyoncé's history-making performance at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, the Emmy Award®-nominated Homecoming: A Film By Beyoncé (2019), which documents the Coachella performance, and the OTR II Tour. She was an Executive Producer of the Emmy®-winning film "Black Is King."

Rollé previously served as Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer at CNN Worldwide, leading a staff of 110 and overseeing the promotion of all CNN brands and programming. Rollé was the first Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer of BET Networks and has also served in senior positions at AOL, MTV Networks, and HBO. She serves on the board of directors of BuzzFeed, Inc. and Hallmark Cards, Inc. In addition, Rollé was previa Presidential Appointee and member of the Nominating Committee of the United States Tennis Association.

"After a thorough search, Janet emerged as the right leader to usher in ABT's next chapter," said Andrew Barth, Chairman of ABT's Board of Governing Trustees. "Her extensive

ABT into the next decade, all while respecting Ballet Theatre's history and legacy. I am confident that



Janet Rollé

experience as a business leader and marketing strategist, combined with her lifelong passion for dance, perfectly positions her to lead our organization. She is brimming with ideas to lead

Janet's accomplished background in business operations and development, strategic partnerships, and brand management will be a tremendous asset."

"When my dear Mom,

an immigrant from Jamaica, took me to my first dance class at the age of eight at the YMCA in Mount Vernon, New York, she set me on the path that would provide the foundation of my career. Through dance, I learned how to be a professional, the value of discipline and technique, and my love for the creative process. These lessons have always been at the core of my professional life and work. It is therefore a singular privilege to be entrusted by the Board to preserve and extend the legacy of American Ballet Theatre, and to ensure its future prosperity, cultural impact, and relevance. To come full circle and be in a position to give back to the art that has given me so much is a source of unbridled and immense joy," said Rollé.

"I am honored to welcome Janet on board to lead ABT into the future," said Kevin McKenzie, ABT Artistic Director. "Over the past several years, our Company has renewed its commitment to strengthening the foundation of what ABT has always stood for -

artistic excellence, expanding audience engagement and growth, and cultivating a team of teachers, innovators, and visionaries who will represent ABT for generations to come. Janet's experience as an executive, with a background in dance, as well as her management of the multi-layered business of one of the most successful recording artists in history, bodes well for ABT's continued success."

Rollé received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance from the State University of New York at Purchaseand an MBA from Columbia University Graduate School of Business. She was named "10 Who Made Their Mark" and a "Woman to Watch" by Advertising Age magazine. She is the recipient of the Institute for Caribbean Studies Trailblazer Award and the Pat Tobin Media Professional Award from the National Association of Black Journalists. She was conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from The University of the West

It's Kwanzaa Time at Lula Washington Dance Theatre!

By E. Mesiyah McGinnis Staff Writer

The Lula Washington Dance Theatre will present its annual Kwanzaa dance concert on Crenshaw Blvd.

with celebrations this year with a twist. The concert will be outside!!

Because of COVIDbased precautions, Lula Washington Dance Theatre's Kwanzaa performances will



E. MESIYAH MCGINNIS / LWDT ARCHIVIST-IN-RESIDENCE Haniyyah Muhammad, LWDT alumni leaps through the air in Lula Washington's Harambe Suite as she performs the "Unity Cup Queen."

be held on the dance company's new outdoor stage for the first time.

The Kwanzaa performances will thrill audiences with three days of high velocity dancing and drumming, mixing African dance, Modern dance, and cultural dance forms, including African-themed ballet, all in unforgettable numbers! The dance school's students, company's youth, and adult dancers will perform together in the show.

Critics have said Lula Washington's Kwanzaa is one of the "best dance shows in Los Angeles." The performances happen Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 28, 29, and 30. Doors open at 6 p.m. each day and the performance starts at 7 p.m. nightly.

"We're providing heat lamps and heat blowers, so our performers and audience members can be nice and toasty despite the evening coolness," said Tamica Washington-Miller, associate director of LWDT. Nevertheless, LWDT Artistic Director Lula Washington

Tickets are on sale now 24 hours a day at https://www.brownpa-

3773 Crenshaw BLVD., L.A. CA 90016. LWDT observes all Los Angeles



LWDT students perform a mix of African Dance Ballet and Modern dance as they perform the "Unity Cup Princess" Dance in Lula Washinaton's HARAMBE suite. All LWDT students learn Ballet, Modern, Jaa and African dance and more as part of their dance and cultural development.

added, "Bring your coats, your hats, your ear muffs, your blankets and boots" to make sure you are warm. This is a family celebration, so feel free to bring your children also."

pertickets.com/event/5316423

The performances will be held on our COVIDconscious performance stage, located outside, within the LWDT parking lot at County Health Department COVID protocols.

Get your tickets now! Seating is limited! For info, www.lulawashington.org or call 323 292-5852.

U.S. Supreme Court Asked to Flip Decision and Put Bill Cosby Back in Jail

By Lauren Victoria Burke NNPA Newswire Contributor

Kevin Steele, the prosecutor who put legendary actor and comedian Bill Cosby, 84, in jail in 2018, has filed an appeal to the United States Supreme Court to reinstate Cosby's conviction.

Cosby was released on June 30 after the Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruled that former prosecutor Bruce Castor's decision not to prosecute in 2005 should have prevented Cosby from being charged in 2015.

"Unwilling to accept its epic loss in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the Montgomery County District Attorney has now filed a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the United States Supreme Court. In short, the Montgomery County D.A. asks the United States Supreme Court to throw the Constitution out the window, as it did, to satisfy the #metoo mob," Cosby's spokesman Andrew Wyatt said in reaction on Novem-

"There is no merit to the DA's request which centers on the unique facts of the Cosby case and has no impact on important federal questions of law. The United States Supreme Court does not typically interfere with the rulings of a State's high court unless it conflicts with the decisions of other state high

courts or our federal court

of appeals. This is a pathetic last-ditch effort that will not prevail. The Mont-

Supreme Court decision in at his home in a Philadelthe case that would later be phia in 2004. Steele called overturned was brought the Pennsylvania Supreme



The Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruling, which was 6-1, found that Cosby relied on his deal with Castor that he would not prosecute.

gomery's County's DA's fixation with Mr. Cosby is troubling to say the least," Wyatt added.

The Pennsylvania

forward by Andrea Constand, a former Temple University employee, who alleged that Cosby drugged and sexually assaulted her Court's June 30 decision on Cosby, "a dangerous precedent."

"A prosecution announcement not to file charges should not trigger due process protections against future criminal proceedings because circumstances could change, including new incriminating statements by the accused," Steele argued.

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Warriors' Stephen Curry Breaks the NBA Career 3-Point Record

By Brian Mahoney AP News

Stephen Curry has shot his way to the top of the NBA record book for 3pointers.

Curry hit his 2,974th 3pointer Tuesday night in the first quarter of the Golden State Warriors' game against the New York Knicks, breaking the record set by Ray Allen.

Curry hit the shot from the right wing with 7:33 remaining, waving his arms toward the sky as he jogged backward down court. The Warriors then committed a foul and quickly called timeout to let the celebration begin.

Curry went and embraced his father, Dell Curry, who was seated along a baseline, while Bob McKillop, his coach at Davidson, stood in the stands and beamed alongside Larry Riley, who drafted Curry for the Warriors.

Then came a hug from Warriors teammate Draymond Green among others and, finally, Curry trotted back across the court for a long embrace and a few congratulatory words from Allen.

Curry is often considered the league's greatest shooter, and the numbers back him up. He already owns two of the top three seasons for 3-pointers —

including the only season with 400 3s — and now has the career record Allen had held since passing Reggie Miller in 2011.

biggest, most popular stars in the game.

"I think fans are attracted to him just because of his humility and his story

phia and then 5 for 15 in Indiana. But with his ability to go from slumping to surging in a hurry, Kerr predicted a breakout would

came on his next shot and was vintage Curry. He gave the ball up and eventually raced back to the outside, getting the ball back and

before him.

"He's the best shooter I've ever seen, and I think it's clear he is the best catch-and-shoot player," former Dallas superstar Dirk Nowitzki said. "But where he's so good is off the dribble, and I think that's something that he added, the quick 3 off the dribble. It's one motion and

None of Curry's stardom was guaranteed when he entered the league in 2009 as the No. 7 pick from Davidson, far from one of the basketball powerhouses that usually produce the top players.

his shot is gone."

But with perhaps an unmatched combination of dribbling and shooting accuracy, he led a long-distance revolution that has turned the 3-pointer from an afterthought in NBA offenses into a weapon. He has led the league in 3pointers six times and is well on his way to a seventh for a resurgent Warriors team that again has the league's best record.

And Curry could put the record well out of reach at his current pace: He entered the night making 5.4 3pointers per game this season, best of his career.

Curry, 33, is in his 789th game, with perhaps a few more seasons at the top. At the same point in his career, Allen had 1,918 3s.



Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry reacts after scoring a 3-point basket during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the New York Knicks, Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2021, at Madison Square Garden in New York. Curry hit his 2,974th 3-pointer Tuesday night in the first quarter, breaking the record set by Ray Allen.

The record came at Madison Square Garden, where Curry had one of his early-career highlights on Feb. 27, 2013, when he made 11 3-pointers and scored 54 points. He's gone on to win two MVP awards and three championships while becoming one of the going 3 for 14 in Philadel-

and how hard he's had to work, so from that standpoint it transcends sports somewhat," Golden State coach Steve Kerr said before the game.

Curry had been far from his best beyond the arc to start this road trip,

be coming soon.

It came quickly Tuesday. Curry hit from straightaway on his first attempt, and fans around the arena stood as he was dribbling the ball across center court on the next possession. He launched an ugly attempt that he missed.

The record-breaker

seemingly launching it in the same motion before a defender could get out to

It's that quick shot whether after catching it or on the dribble — and the ability to release from so far behind the arc that's made him a shooter unlike any

NFL Plants Trees in Watts to Celebrate Super Bowl LVI

By Amanda Scurlock Sports Writer

The NFL and the Los Angeles Super Bowl Committee continue to improve the environment by teaming up with TreePeople and Verizon to plant over 25 trees in Watts. Dozens of volunteers planted Lemon Bottlebrush trees along Hickory Street between east 105th and 107 streets.

Trees are needed in urban areas to absorb pollutants, provide shade, and cool the area. Adding trees also can improve the mental well-being of the residents. TreePeople is an organization that makes neighborhoods greener.

"TreePeople has been around for over 40 years and we have dedicated those years to expanding the urban canopy," said

TreePeople associate manager LizBeth Gonzalez. "There's areas in the city of Los Angeles that lack urban canopy, so our goal is to fill every empty parkway."

Verizon's partnership with the NFL and TreePeople shed light on the environmental goals the cell phone company has.

"By 2030, we will plant a total of 20 million trees across the country," said Verizon consumer sales director Ana Aguilar. "Since we've been partners with the NFL, we've planted 7.8 million across the country."

Verizon will also plant 5,600 trees in Southern California to celebrate 56 years of the Super Bowl. Aguilar, who grew up five miles away from Watts, was excited to serve in her own com-



Representatives from the Los Angeles Super Bowl Committee, NFL Green, Verizon, and TreePeople pose with the Super Bowl Golden Shovel.



Volunteers worked together to plant Lemon Bottlebrush trees in a neighborhood in

munity. NFL Green Director Jack Groh helped plant a tree. When a group of TreePeople volunteers are done planting a tree, they hold hands around the tree and give it a name. The tree

Jack helped plant was

named Lucy. NFL Green associate director Susan Groh noted how the league wants to leave a "lasting green legacy."

"Being in the community makes all the difference," she said. "We know our event will be here and then gone but we want to make sure when we come back 10 years from now, there's still a tangible benefit from this."

While the trees will provide shade and other health benefits to the residents in the area, it also provided benefits to the volunteers. UCLA graduate student Aliyah Lee found planting trees as an impactful break from her studies.

"I just wanted to give back," Lee said. "I come from this neighborhood, and I've always complained about how there's not enough greenery around here and I figured I should probably start doing something instead of complaining all the time."

This greening project is less about beautification and more about improving the well being of the Watts

"We only have a five percent shade canopy here in Watts. Beverly Hills has a 25 percent shade canopy," said TreePeople community organizer for Watts Deborah Stephens-Browder. "The pollution that has been set by the industries around us, it is hardening the soil, it is polluting the soil."

NFL Green will continue to host projects up until the Super Bowl on February 13. This includes a "Green Week" that will consist of at least four events happening two weeks before the Super Bowl.

Jennifer Hudson, Christina Aguilera Headline AHF's 2021 World AIDS Day Concert

By Betti Halsell Staff Writer

The AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) hosted a star-studded concert at The Forum in Los Angeles on December 1. Iconic singers such as Jennifer Hudson and Christina Aguilera headlined the event alongside Debbie Allen's Dance Academy (DADA). Hosting the event was entertainer Randy Rainbow.

At the AHF World's AIDS Day event, U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders was virtually honored with the Lifetime Achievement award. Within a pre-recorded video, Sanders stated, "Let me thank the AIDS Healthcare Foundation for the very kind award they've bestowed on me."

He continued, "I appreciate it very much. Let me also join you today in commemorating World AIDS Day and in doing everything we can together to rid the world of this terrible disease. Let me conclude by thanking my wife Jane for accepting this award for me and for all the great and important work she has done over the years in so many areas."

Those exclusively invited to this event included the Emmy awardingwinning Debbie Allen, NBA legend Norm Nixon, Jenifer Lewis (ABC Blackish), Vanessa Bell Calloway (Coming to America/Coming 2 America) and EMMY-winner Lynn Whitfield (Greenleaf), among

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www.businesswire.com, Weinstien elaborated on the importance of awareness. He stated, "We have another incredibly powerful tool to prevent HIV infection: any person who is HIVpositive, whose virus is undetectable, is 96 percent non-infectious to others,"

Weinstein continued"Yet in the United States only 40 percent of HIV-positive people are even seeing a doctor for their HIV and only 30 percent are undetectable. If

ment, and had their viral load under control, there would be no new HIV infections."

Allen reflected with her own narrative and how this virus affected her students as well as previous cast members she worked within past productions. She stated, "We know that if any community was hit hardest by AIDS, it was the art community, the dance

"I buried half my boys from Fame. My kids are here to celebrate life and celebrate the joy of what

them. Everybody's talking about COVID, but they need to not forget that AIDS is prevalent in killing millions of people every year," Allen said.

The red-carpet entrance enticed celebrities to consider the critical role their influence plays in bringing awareness to any cause. Everyone there had a moment to reflect on what World's Aids Day stood for. AHF released a statement upon invitation, outlining the need for L.A.'s revitalization in celebrating World's AIDS Day.

As the world's largest AIDS organization hosted in 45 countries, AHF wanted to return to Los Angeles with a special concert to revive the celebration of World AIDS Day, that formally acknowledged each year on December 1

The concert held at The Forum held significant meaning. The event shed light on the anniversary of the "first recognition" made by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) about the crisis of AIDS in 1981, and the start of the AHF organization 35 years ago.

Looking to be an enchanting evening of advocacy and celebration, AHF highlighted featured performances from Jennifer Hudson and Christina Aguilera, every seat was prepared to be filled for this one-of-a-kind show.

Hudson performed her song from Oscar-winning film, Dreamgirls, "And I Am Telling You I'm Not Going," and ended her set with her version of Arethra Franklin's "Hallelujah." Aguilera followed suit to mind-blowing performances, she belted her timeless songs, "Ain't No Other Man," "Lady Marmalade," and "Beautiful."

Forbes Magazine captured the following quote from Aguilera while she was on stage,

"Today is such a special day. I'm so honored to be here for World AIDS Day with all of you. I am so inspired by all the amazing work that the AIDS Healthcare Foundation is doing.

Incredible, massive, so important. We are fighters and we're in this all togeth-

AHF also recognized the current health the world is facing with the COVID-19 pandemic. The organization stated the following within the press release, "While still navigating the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, AHF will also acknowledge progress made in the longstanding fight against HIV/AIDS and continue to raise awareness about the significant work globally still to be done.

The press release continued to state the following, "AHF's 2021 World AIDS Day concert will also raise funds to benefit the Debbie Allen Dance Academy (DADA). AHF has raised a significant portion of funds with generous donations from Wells Fargo, City National Bank, Goldman Sachs and the Brotherhood Crusade."

AHF works as a global nonprofit organization, building a strong foundation that brings medicine and much-needed support to over 1.6 million people in 45 countries around the world. As of today, they are "the largest provider of HIV/AIDS medical care in the world."

To get more details about their mission, one visit www.aidshealth.org, connect with AHF via social media; www.facebook.com/aidshealth Twitter: @aidshealthcare,

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'Godfather of Hip-Hop Journalism' Greg Tate Dies at 64

By Stacy M. Brown NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent

Greg Tate, renowned godfather of hiphop journalism, has died.

The music and culture writer, who excelled as a musician, was 64.

"This hurts," radio host and music journalist Errol Nazareth exclaimed on Twitter. "I worshipped his writing. His book, 'Flyboy in The Buttermilk,' hugely impacted how I approached writing about music. And 'Everything but the Burden: What White People Are Taking from Black Culture' essential, is

Nazareth wrote.

retweeted Nazareth's post.

"Hurts indeed," Chuck wrote in response. "Greg Tate, a giant just like you, Errol.'

In Tate's widely popular "Flyboy in The Buttermilk," he wrote about Ice-T, Miles Davis, Public Enemy, and others. In one of his many prolific pieces, Tate dissect-

ed the power of Chuck D. "Those who dismiss Chuck D as a bull [crap] artist because he's loud, pro-Black, and proud will likely miss out on gifts for blues pathos and Black comedy,' wrote in a 1988 piece on

Public Enemy's "It Takes a Public Enemy founder Nation of Millions to Hold Us Back."

"When he's on, his rhymes can stun-gun your heart and militarize your funny bone," Tate proclaimed.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, Tate wrote for The Village Voice from 1987 to 2003.

He received global acclaim for his writings on culture and politics, featured in the New York Times, Washington Post, Rolling Stone, VIBE, and many other publications.

He interviewed a who's who of celebrities including Richard Pryor, Erykah Badu, Ice Cube, Jill Scott, and

His pen went beyond

An active member of the Black Rock Coalition and the leader of the Burnt Sugar ensemble, Greg Tate leaves an astounding legacy.

politics and music, writing for prominent museums like The Whitney and the Muse-

um of Modern Art. Of course, Tate also proved himself as a great

His books included "What

White People Are Taking

from Black Culture," "Flyboy

In The Buttermilk," and "The

100 Best Hip Hop Lyrics.'

Hsu, author of "A Floating Chinaman" and "Stay True.' "A giant, a good and bighearted person, the realest one," Hsu continued.

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Added Columbia Journalism Professor and New Yorker writer Jelani Cobb: "Hard to explain the impact that 'Flyboy in the Buttermilk had on a whole generation of young writers and critics who read every page of it like scripture. It's still a clinic on literary brilliance."

Pasadena's Bryce Young Wins 87th Heisman Trophy Winner

First Quarterback in Alabama History to Win Award

By Danny J. Bakewell, Jr. Executive Editor

On Saturday, December 11, 2021, Southern California native and Pasadena resident, Bryce Young became the 87th recipient of the coveted Heisman Trophy. Young, who was a standout quarterback at Mater Dei High School before taking his talents to the vaunted Alabama Crimson Tide, is the 3rd Heisman Trophy winner from Mater Dei, following behind Matt Leinert (2004) and John Huarte (1964), but he is the first African American in Mater Dei's history to win the coveted award.

Young, by all accounts from everyone who knows him is a very kind and humble young man. As he stepped to the podium to receive the award, he began his speech by thanking his "Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," and then his parents, Craig and Julie, and the rest of his family, his teammates, and his coach-

Young, who led Alabama to victory in the SEC Championship earlier this month, won the Heisman by the seventh-largest margin in the trophy's history. He is the first Alabama quarterback to win the

"For me, I've always been someone who's been labeled as not the prototype," Young said during his Heisman speech. "Being an African American quarterback and being quote-unquote undersized and noting being that prototype, I've always been ruled out and counted out.

"People, a lot of times, have told me that I wasn't going to be able to make it. For me, it's always been about not really proving them wrong but proving to myself what I can accomplish. I always push myself to work the hardest, and I try my best to do all I can to maximize what I can do. Through the people around me and the grace of God, I've been able to make it here. I'm truly grateful for that," Young stated during his Heisman speech.

Young acknowledged his hometown of Pasadena. As a youth, young participated in a number of local Pasadena youth leagues, including the Brotherhood Sports Program, as well as the Basketball Training Institute which is held at the Boys and Girls Club on Fair Oaks Avenue. In acknowledging his hometown in his speech, the 2021 Heisman winner stated, "I'd like to thank my city, Pasadena, for molding me into the young man I am, and for the community for always showing support," Young

Along with the Heis-

man Trophy earlier in the week, Young was named The Associated Press Player of the Year. He also took home the Maxwell Award (player of the year) and the Davey O'Brien Award (Best Quarterback).

Young follows former Alabama receiver, DeVonta Smith, who took home last year's Heisman Trophy. The Crimson Tide is just the fifth program to produce consecutive winners, joining Oklahoma (Baker Mayfield 2017, Kyler Murray 2018), Ohio State (Archie Griffin 1974-75), Army (Doc Blanchard 1945, Glenn Davis 1946) and Yale (Larry Kelley 1936, Clint Frank 1937). Southern California had back-to-back winners with Matt Leinhart and Reggie Bush in 2004 and 2005 respectively, but Bush's award was vacated for violating NCAA rules.

Young ran away with



Alabama quarterback, Bryce Young, center, poses for a photograph with his mother Julie, left, and father Craig, right, after winning the Heisman Trophy on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021, in New York.

this year's award, receiving 2,311 total voting points and 78 first-place votes. Michigan defensive end, Aiden Hutchinson was second with 954 votes, followed by Pittsburgh quarterback Kenny Pickett with 631, and Ohio State quarterback, C.J. Stroud with 399. Alabama outside linebacker Will Anderson Jr.

finished fifth in the voting with 325 points but had the third most first-place votes with 31.

Young passed for 4,322 yard and 43 TDs this season leading the Crimson Tide to the top spot in the College Football Playoffs (CFP).

At just 20-years-old, Young is Alabama's fourth Heisman winner.



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