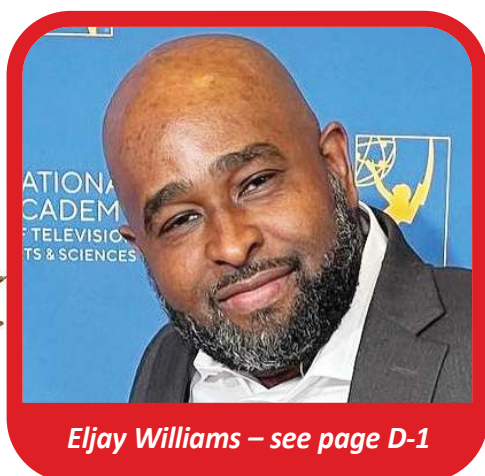




Justin Shaifer – see page A-3



Eljay Williams – see page D-1

# Metro Public Safety Measures are Having a Real Impact

BY DANNY J. BAKWELL, JR. Executive Editor

The need to improve public safety on all aspects of the Metro lines has been a major topic of conversation for several months now.

Several high profile and catastrophic incidents have certainly brought public safety on the city's largest transportation system into the forefront of conversation.

In dealing with these issues, Metro CEO, Stephanie Wiggins has been relentless in ensuring that the organization does everything within its power to create community confidence in riding the Metro system.

"Nothing we are working on is more important than addressing public safety within our Metro System," Wiggins emphasized.

In responding to public safety concerns, Metro has implemented a public safety strategy that focuses on three objectives:

• **Increasing the visible presence of uniformed personnel.** As Wiggins explained, "We are deploying more uniformed personnel throughout the system to deter crime and provide immediate assistance to riders and personnel."

• **Enhancing access control.** "We are improving access control to ensure the system is used solely for its intended purpose. By strengthening our security measures, we aim to prevent unauthorized use and maintain a safe environment for everyone," said the Metro CEO.

• **Strengthening partnerships to address social issues.** "We are continuing to partner with the County, the Cities and Regional Agencies to address social issues such as homelessness, untreated mental illness, and drug addiction. These partnerships are crucial to creating a comprehensive approach to safety," Wiggins noted.

Since implementing this three-phase process,



Metro has strengthened security measures to ensure a safe environment for riders and staff.

Metro has seen significant improvements. The increased visible presence of uniformed personnel has resulted in a decrease in incident reports over the past few weeks. LASD officers participating in the surge did not report any

crimes or arrest in the last week for which data was available, while LAPD reported a sizable increase in trespassing arrest and arrests related to previously issued warrants.

"We appreciate our law enforcement partners con-

tinuing to work with us to increase their visible presence on Metro to keep our riders and employees safe," stated Metro officials in a recent memorandum.

Metro has also taken several physical improvement steps to address

access throughout all of the Metro stations including elevator access repairs and software updates at the El Monte Bus Station.

In addition, Metro took drastic measures to address **{See METRO PUBLIC SAFETY on A-3}**

# Elected Officials Lock Arms to Advocate for Community Hospital Funding

BY LILA BROWN Contributing Writer

The financial threat facing Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Healthcare has been reduced, thanks to state supplemental funding secured after local elected officials sounded the alarm of a possible closure, which would have negatively impacted residents throughout South L.A. and surrounding neighborhoods.

The hospital's executive leadership along with local elected officials gathered at the MLK Community Hospital on July 5 to celebrate the support that helped secure a commitment of \$25 million in the California state budget signed last month by Governor Gavin Newsom.



From left are Senator Steve Bradford, Supervisor Holly Mitchell, Dr. Elaine Batchlor and Assemblymember Mike Gipson.

Assemblymember Mike Gipson, State Senator Steve Bradford, and Supervisor

Holly Mitchell were recognized for their legislative efforts by health system

CEO Dr. Elaine Batchlor, hospital staff members, doctors and nurses, patients, and

community leaders. The County Board of Supervisors committed

funding in January before Gipson, Bradford and Mitchell advocated at the state level to secure \$25 million in the state budget as a temporary measure. This maintains operations while lawmakers seek a sustainable solution.

Funding ensures the hospital will at least remain open for the current fiscal year; however, the community hospital remains in a vulnerable financial position, facing potential insolvency when bridge funding from state and county sources is depleted.

Dr. Batchlor honored and thanked the three elected officials for their efforts as champions.

"You took the baton in a **{See MLK HOSPITAL on B-5}**

## Mitchell Abstains from Vote to Create Ballot Measure to Expand the Board of Supervisors

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

On July 9, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, in a 3-to-2 vote, approved Chair Lindsey Horvath and Supervisor Janice Hahn's motion to put forward a charter amendment on the November 2024 ballot — that, if passed by voters — will expand the Board to nine members and create a new countywide elected Executive Officer position.

Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, who authored a 2023 motion with Chair Horvath for governance reform that passed with unanimous support, calling for an independent review of the County's governance structure that would include data-informed recommendations on the number to expand the Board, abstained from voting and provided



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the following statement:

"I abstained from voting on the motion to present a charter amendment to the public to expand the Board to nine and to create a countywide elected officer position because these sweeping changes were not thoughtfully presented. What we were asked to vote on today lacked a focus on equity and details to support true governance reform.

"When I asked about the

breadth of outreach that led to this motion being presented, there was no proof of true community engagement that included input from Second District residents or residents throughout the County.

There was no data-informed reason for why the number nine was chosen for board seats versus any other number. We have no assessment of the fiscal feasibility of these changes being implemented and what it would potentially cost the County; an honest assessment to the voters is paramount. Questions on who will be able to serve on the Governance Committee remain unanswered despite this committee being tasked with ushering in governance reform for the largest County in the nation," said **{See MITCHELL ABSTAINS on B-5}**

## Kamlager-Dove Leads Call for Presidential Medal of Freedom for Rev. James Lawson

BY LILA BROWN Contributing Writer

Congresswoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove, alongside 12 other members of Congress, sent a letter to President Joe Biden on Thursday, July 11, urging him to posthumously award the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Rev. James Lawson.

Lawson, a pivotal figure in the civil rights movement and a longtime faith leader in Los Angeles, passed away on June 9, at the age of 95.

The letter to Biden reads as follows:

"Dear President Biden, "We write to respectfully request that you posthumously award Reverend James Lawson, a true icon of the civil rights movement, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Reverend Lawson's lifelong commitment

to nonviolent activism and his unwavering dedication to social justice have left an indelible mark on American history. As a key strategist and organizer of the civil rights movement, Reverend Lawson played a pivotal role in advancing the cause of equality and justice for all Americans.

"Born in 1928 in Pennsylvania, Reverend Lawson spent his formative years deeply influenced by his family's commitment to social justice. While studying at Baldwin Wallace College, his convictions were shaped by his Christian faith and the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi on nonviolent resistance. Despite being drafted during the Korean War, Lawson declared himself a conscientious objector due to his beliefs against violence, which led to his imprisonment.



Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove

"This experience solidified his resolve to dedicate his life to social activism, particularly in civil rights. Inspired by the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Lawson found his calling in organizing nonviolent protests and training activists in the principles of **{See REV. JAMES LAWSON on B-5}**

# APGA is an 'Ace' In Diversity For Young Golfers

## Debbie Allen and Norm Nixon Host Community Golf Tournament

BY ZON D'AMOUR  
Contributing Writer

The Advocates Pro Golf Association (APGA) has created a space for more diversity within the game of golf. Founded in 2010, the organization recently held a Pro-Am golf tournament hosted by Emmy, Golden Globe, and Tony Award-winning entertainer Debbie Allen along with her husband, NBA legend and sports commentator Norm Nixon.

When asked why they chose to participate in the event, Nixon said, "I think it's important that our kids have this type of exposure. Many business deals are made on the golf course. But it costs a lot of money to play golf and the youth don't always have access, which are two issues that are extremely difficult to overcome. The APGA provides so many resources to young golfers that are trying to get on the PGA tour through events such as this. I think it's a great organization."

The event took place at the historic Chester Washington Golf Course in Los Angeles, California — one of the first public courses in Southern California to desegregate and allow peo-



Norm Nixon and Debbie Allen host the APGA Pro-Am golf tournament.

ple of all races to play, and a site of advocacy for broader inclusion in golf. Allen, a renowned thespian, choreographer, and director, gave insight into barriers that still have to be overcome in sports that are similar within the arts.

"There are golf courses in this country that don't allow women - so forget Black people or other people of color. Ballet and the world of dance has always been elitist like that. And it's taken many years to break that down with Lauren Anderson and Misty

Copeland becoming prima ballerinas," said Allen.

"It's something that we have to work on, you know, because Black people are the heart and soul of America, that's who we are. So, things still need to change. And with the APGA, this is a great way to do it."

Echoing similar sentiments, Keith Houlemard, CEO of the APGA, told the Sentinel that golf's inaccessibility for many Black and brown youths is steeped in "tradition and circumstance [as well as] a lack of access."

He added, "It's one of the things we seek to break in creating visible events like this and inviting the community out. There's an opportunity for us to develop deeper communities everywhere we go within golf." Houlemard went on to say that it was this social action spirit that made Allen and Nixon the perfect event hosts.

"When they heard about what we do with APGA, they were eager to come out

because sports and the arts go hand in hand. My husband has helped me do everything at The Debbie Allen Dance Academy. After he retired from basketball, he started playing golf and it's something that he loves to do.

"So, I'm happy to be here because I've learned so many things that I didn't know about golf, and I'm intrigued. Now, I don't know if I want to pick up the club, but I'll drive the cart!"

ance, brought together over 70 young golfers in partnership with First Tee and Tee Divas Tee Dudes. There was a golf clinic conducted by APGA Tour Professional Golfers, a mental health session, and a career development session, and scholarships were awarded to winning essay contestants.

Before heading out to the course, Houlemard reiterated the heart of APGA's mission. "Our tournament and our pro players get a ton



Participants in the Juneteenth APGA Pro-Am golf tournament.

and support and we're continuing to have conversations about how we can work together in the future. We've created a family around what we're doing in the golf world with APGA and we're excited that Norm and Debbie are a part of it," he said.

Allen added, "We are such advocates of the arts

The APGA Juneteenth Classic was fiercely competitive with a 61-player field competing in the 5th event of the Cisco Cup Series. Manav Shah clinched the win in a thrilling 3-man playoff by sinking a 24-foot eagle putt.

Additionally, the APGA Foundation youth clinic, presented by Farmers Insur-

of attention. But what our foundation does in communities with the youth, with our junior series and with our player development is the stuff that really builds them up and prepares them for the future. I'm proud of the full scope of what we do with APGA."

To learn more about the APGA visit: [Apgatour.org](http://Apgatour.org).



The Los Angeles Sentinel team tried three Slutty Vegan burgers at the plant-based restaurant's L.A. pop-up on June 28.

## Atlanta's Famous Slutty Vegan Burger Spot Pops Up in L.A. through July 24

BY KIRI WALTON  
Contributing Writer

The wildly popular plant-based burger joint, Slutty Vegan (SV) has made its way here to Los Angeles for a brief pop-up.

SV has taken over the Nomoo New All-American Burgers spot at 7507 Melrose Ave. for its monthlong residency, which ends July 24. Hours are 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. daily.

The pop-up has a menu of several of the Slutty Vegan famed burgers with suggestive names like "Sloppy Toppy," and the "One Night Stand."

Former L.A. resident and SV owner, Pinky Cole-Hayes and is testing the market here because of its massive vegan market. Starting first in Atlanta, Slutty Vegan now has 12 operations across greater Atlanta and in Brooklyn, Harlem, Birmingham and Dallas.

Starting with the Slutty Vegan food truck in 2018, both Slutty Vegan and Coles-Hayes have drawn attention not just for its erotic name, but for making veganism accessible. Many would argue it rivals hamburgers made with real meat.

Members of the Los

Angeles Sentinel team stopped by to try it out. The pop-up shop was vibrant vibrant and lively as one expects from the original location, where people stand in line for hours to get their hands on one of these meatless burgers.

Patrons were greeted by the cashier taking their order with, "Hey-o! We got some sluts in the building!" To which the rest of the kitchen staff calls back, "In da buiiiiild-ing!!" And immediately, the smiles emerged and laughs erupted from the customers.

There were indoor

seating, and outside tables, chairs and benches available.

The Sentinel team tried the Dancehall Queen with sweet jerk plantains, One Night Stand with Slutty Strips vegan bacon and Sloppy Toppy with jalapeños. All burgers come with a side of Slutty Fries and choice of either dragonfruit strawberry lemonade or lemonade for \$20. No modifications are permitted.

Based off the taste of the meatless burgers, one could say Slutty Vegan could achieve great success in a permanent brick-and-mortar in L.A.

## Los Angeles Experiences First Double-Digit Decrease in Homelessness in 9 Years

BY KIRI WALTON  
Contributing Writer

Los Angeles has seen its first decline in homelessness in six years and the first double-digit decrease in nine years.

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) announced the results of the 2024 Homeless

Point-In-Time Count, which hundreds of volunteers conducted across the region in late January of this year. This year's count showed a 17% increase in the amount of people moved off the streets, according to a release from Mayor Karen Bass' office.

Bass declared homelessness an unprecedented emergency in Los Angeles on her

first day in office. She has taken swift and active measures to combat this crisis:

- issued an executive order which has "accelerated affordable housing timelines by 75%."
- launched Inside Safe, which "has cleared some of L.A.'s most entrenched tent and RV encampments in every corner of the city."

• spearheaded an "unprecedented effort to keep renters from losing their homes."

• Partnered with the Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles, Children's Law Center of California and The Right-Way Foundation to help L.A. foster youth at-risk for homelessness (announced Monday, July 8).

"For so many years, the count has shown increases in homelessness, and we have all felt that in our neighborhoods. But we leaned into change. And we have changed the trajectory of this crisis and have moved L.A. in a new direction," said Bass.

"There is nothing we cannot do by taking on the status quo, putting politics aside, and rolling up our sleeves to work together. I want to thank the City Council, the County Board of Supervisors, LAHSA, our state, federal and community partners and our service provider partners for locking arms to confront this crisis with the urgency that it requires. This is not the end, it is the beginning — and we will build on this progress, together."

Officials are hopeful, but cautious and vigilant that the root causes of LA's homelessness crisis continue to persist.

The California Housing Partnership's 2024 Housing Needs Report for Los Ange-



Mayor Karen Bass, right, talks with an unhoused person on the streets of L.A.

les County stated that nearly 500,000 households do not have access to affordable housing. The report goes on to state that L.A. County renters need to earn \$48.04 per hour, or 2.9 times the City of LA's minimum wage, to afford the \$2,498 average rent of a two-bedroom home.

"This year's Homeless Count results give me hope," stated Dr. Va Lecia Adams Kellum, LAHSA CEO, in a release.

"One year is not enough to say we have turned the corner, but the numbers we are seeing are very encouraging. We must continue to work in collaboration on the life-saving efforts that are contributing to positive results."

And those efforts are paying off with more interim and permanent housing placements as the LAHSA rehousing process is starting to move people more quickly from the streets to interim housing. From 2022 to

2023, street to interim housing placements through outreach increased by 47% and the number of people moving from interim housing to permanent housing increased by 25%.

Key Results from the 2024 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

- Los Angeles County:
  - Homelessness estimate decreased by 0.27% to 75,312
  - Unsheltered homelessness decreased by approximately 5.1% to 52,365 compared to 2023
  - Shelter count increased by 12.7% to 22,94
  - Permanent housing placements up 18% to an all-time high of 27,300 in 2023
- City of Los Angeles:
  - Homelessness estimate decreased by 2.2% to 45,252
  - Unsheltered homelessness decreased by 10.4% to 29,275
  - Shelter count increased 17.7%

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# Mr. Fascinate: The Bill Nye of STEM

By MYKO LYRIC  
Contributing Writer

Born on the southside of Chicago, Justin Shaifer - science communicator, TV host, producer,

STEM-ambassador, and creator of Fascinate House in L.A. - remembers being asked what made him light up as a kid.

ward and out of Chicago, to Hampton University on a full ride scholarship as a STEM major. By graduation, Justin was student body president with the highest GPA in the department.

Despite a full-fledged belief that he was going to become an environmental lawyer, the all-too-familiar

that permeates 96% of Black-owned businesses.

A turning point in Justin's career was deciding to become the Bill Nye of STEM. Colloquially known as Bill Nye, The Science Guy, Nye is a famous American science communicator and hosted the PBS science show, "Bill Nye The Science Guy."

and I ended up doing a Ted Talk on 'How to Speak Generation Z' and I told that story. It ended up going viral with half a million views. It was the beginning of my speaking career, and that led me to think of myself as a personality in this STEM space," he said.

This defining moment for his personal brand inspired Justin to hone his speaking talents as science educator "Mr. Fascinate," resulting in over 150 keynote speeches for corporate stakeholders, students, and educators, as well as TV hosting opportunities with multiple networks, including PBS.

While he enjoyed being in front of the camera, he noticed voids that pushed him to move to Los Angeles and create his own media production company, Fascinate Media. His goal was to take control of the narrative and educate in the way he wished he was educated as a younger kid on the southside of Chicago.

"When I was working on these other sets, every person behind the camera was white. They even told me to have more 'urban swagger' [onscreen]. There were no Black-owned media production companies in the science field. And that's why you didn't see a lot of Black talent [as STEM communicators]," recalled Justin.



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Justin Shaifer, a.k.a. "Mr Fascinate"



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Justin on set.

"Talking about fun science facts", he shared in an exclusive interview with the L.A. Sentinel. "That's what made me light up, but I feel like that voice got drowned out after years on the southside. There was a great sense of community, but not great intellectual opportunities."

While he did not perform exceptionally well in high school, his superb test scores propelled Justin for-

quarter-life crisis rattled his inner-knowing and subsequently pulled him in a different direction: entrepreneurship.

In 2017, he found himself in New York City "totally employable with no job" and decided to bet on himself. Seven years later, his successful business and personal brand thrive, employing multiple people and defying the sole-entrepreneurship pseudo-course

"My dream was to excite kids about science and tech," Justin explained. Listed as Forbes 30 Under 30 in Education, this dream was easily within reach for Justin.

"My first job [as an entrepreneur] was an after-school science workshop and educational program for middle school kids and high school STEM programs in the Bronx. I had one kid hack into my quiz,

"It trickles down to the Black community and them not knowing a lot about science. In the back of my mind, I knew I needed my own production company."

Justin's company, Fascinate Media, uses "casual, accessible lingo with high-tech production" as a metaphorical antidote to this issue by elevating approachability and digestibility for the audience.

Some of the topics Justin and his company have broached through speaking opportunities, animated TV, and media include AI and its future in the workforce, winning the war on information through science, phenotypic and genetic explanation for a range of Black characteristics including pigmented skin and curly hair, and myth-debunking. The purpose is to increase the understanding of STEM

topics and get more Black kids interested in pursuing STEM careers.

"We have to get more Black folks in STEM. Without early exposure to these topics and terms, [Black kids] find them more intimidating later in life. Our community needs an overhaul with science. We need this literacy, because this is where the power is...some of these massive, trillion-dollar tech companies are more influential than some politicians in D.C.," he insisted.

"Even in the medical field and just looking at postpartum mortality, we don't have enough Black doctors caring for these mothers. We need Black folks in all of these STEM fields, and that starts with this type of education."

Learn more about Mr. Fascinate, Fascinate Media, and STEM at [www.fascinate.media](http://www.fascinate.media).

## Summer Fun! The Samuel Oschin Air and Space Center

By RODD A. AMOS  
Contributing Writer

Construction is underway to build the Samuel Oschin Air and Space Center (SOASC), the future home of Endeavor, the retired orbiter from NASA's Space Shuttle program and the fifth and final operational Shuttle built.

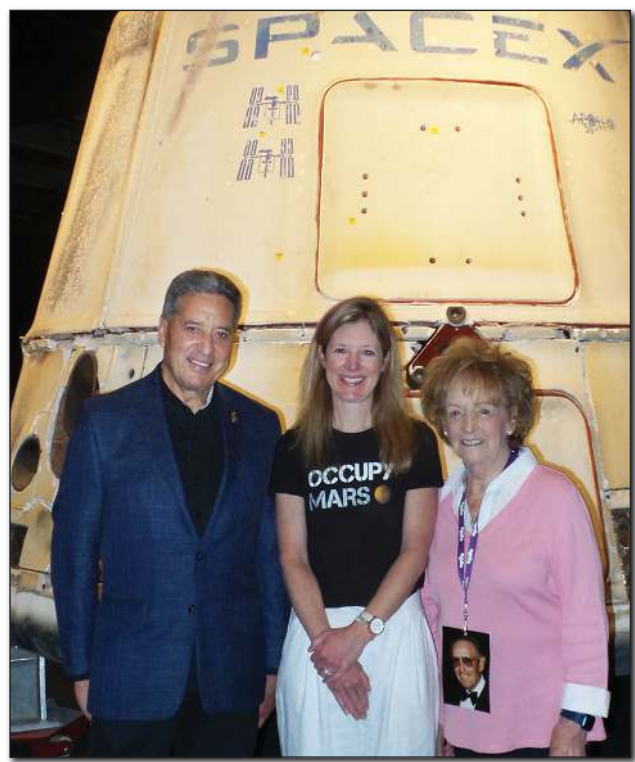
The center will be a 200,000 square foot addition to the California Science Center's (CSC) main building in Exposition Park and will serve as a launchpad for creativity and innovation.

The Work in Progress gallery features 100 exhibits, including hands-on interactive experiences, digital touch screen interactive displays, accessible bilingual graphic displays in both English and Spanish, and viewable Center construction progress through time-lapse imagery.

"This is very exciting," said Lynda Oschin, wife of the late Los Angeles businessman and philanthropist Samuel Oschin, an avid space enthusiast and namesake of the new museum.

"This is my husband's legacy and it's everything he loved. I'm happy and blessed that I was able to do this for him and for everybody," she said.

"Endeavor is the only



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Jeff Rudolph, Jessica Jensen, and Lynda Oschin pose with the Crew Dragon cargo space capsule.

shuttle in launch position in the entire world not going into space," she continued.

"We have all four pieces: the shuttle, the two side rocket boosters, and the big orange tank, which is the fuel tank. We got it from NASA and brought it here through the Panama Canal, up the coast past San Diego, and into Marina del Rey. Terrific stuff," she explained.

Work in Progress highlights include the SpaceX-donated Crew Dragon

cargo space capsule. The 14 ft-by-12 ft, 28,000 lb. spacecraft completed four crewed missions to the International Space Station (ISS) and was first launched into orbit atop a Falcon 9 rocket in May 2020 as part of the Crew Dragon Demo-2 mission.

"I'm so proud the Dragon capsule is here," said Jessica Jensen, Vice President of Customer Operations and Integration at SpaceX. "The Dragon was designed and built by engineers and operated by technicians right here in Hawthorne!"

"Right now, the vehicle looks very charred like a marshmallow on the outside. But inside, it's like 70 or 80 degrees. Very comfortable. I want kids to come here and see it up close," she urged.

The Crew Dragon cargo space capsule was named for "Puff, The Magic Dragon" (the 1963 song by Peter, Paul and Mary), and the Falcon 9 rocket was named after the Millennium Falcon of 'Star Wars' fame.

The Work in Progress gallery contains an interactive video tour of the interior of Endeavour, the Shuttle main engine, a 60 ft. Electron Rocket donated by Rocket Lab—a small orbital-class rocket used to deliver satellites to Earth's

orbit, and over 80 photographs documenting Endeavour's final flight over California and 12-mile, 68-hour journey through the streets of South LA to the CSC.

"Our mission is to stimulate curiosity and inspire science learning in everyone," stated Jeff Rudolph, president and CEO of California Science Center.

"We do it because we think that science is important to understand, and particularly for our young people to be inspired to want to learn more.

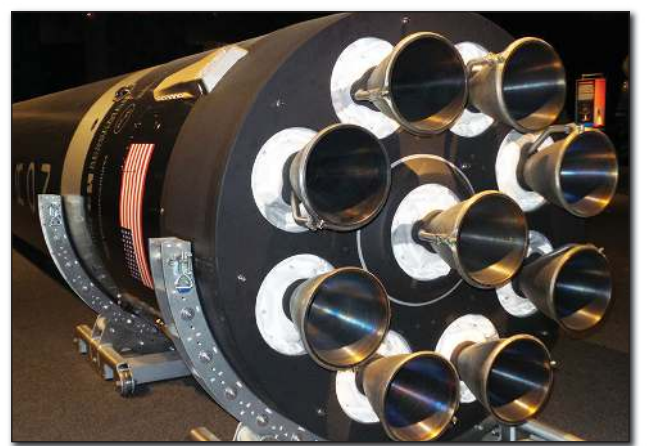
"In the works here is a Boeing 747 Jumbo Jet flight simulator experience. That'll be iconic for our community, especially for kids who've never flown on an airplane. They'll learn

what it's like to fly and how it works!" he said.

Guests can investigate the principles of flight and the exploration of the universe in three major galleries—the Samuel Oschin Shuttle Gallery, the Korean Air Aviation Gallery, and the Kent Kresa Space Gallery.

"Admission is free. Everyone is welcome to come here," Rudolph stated. "Tons of people can be a part of this in the future of spaceflight."

For more information, visit <https://california-sciencecenter.org/give-join/endeavourla-campaign>.



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The Rocket Lab Electron.



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The Space Shuttle's main engine.

## METRO PUBLIC SAFETY

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improvements at the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station. Officials said that these steps will address much of the inappropriate activity that was happening within this facility.

One of the most successful programs that Metro has undertaken over the past several months is its Ambassador program. In the past week alone, Metro Ambassadors have been responsible for providing aid and support to individuals dealing with issues including chest and abdominal pain.

At the Expo/Crenshaw Station, an elderly man expressed to Metro street team members that he was homeless but appeared to exhibit signs of dementia or confusion. The customer shared a phone number with the street team members, who proceeded to contact the sister of the man.

Upon making contact, the sister immediately began crying and shared that the man had been missing for several days. Street team members alerted LAPD, who transported the man to the police station

where he was reunited with his sister.

A system as large as Metro is not without its faults or flaws, but the effort and focus that Metro has put towards addressing public safety concerns is

certainly commendable, said one community member and Metro rider.

"The current results appear to show that Metro's efforts are moving the needle in the right direction," she added.

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# Report: Black Californians Remain Top Hate Crime Victims

By EDWARD HENDERSON  
*California Black Media*

California Attorney General Rob Bonta released the 2023 Hate Crime in California Report on June 29, providing data and resources to support ongoing efforts across the state to combat violence motivated by racial or other biases.

Overall, reported hate crime events in California decreased by 7.1% from 2,120 in 2022 to 1,970 in 2023.

Despite that general downward trend, anti-Black bias incidents in the state remained the most prevalent. Year after year, this disturbing statistic holds true despite a 20.6% decrease from 652 in 2022 to 518 in 2023. The next highest reporting of bias events was 199 Anti-Hispanic or Latino instances.

"The California Department of Justice has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to hate, and will continue working with law enforcement, elected leaders, and community organizations across the state to

keep our communities safe through education, prevention, and enforcement," said Attorney General Robert



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*Anti-Black bias incidents in the state in remained the most prevalent in 2023.*

Bonta in a statement after releasing the report.

"We won't let bigots and bad actors win. We will not let hate prevail," said Bonta.

The report also found that prosecutions inched up by 5% (about 32 percentage points).

According to the Attorney General's report, from 2022 to 2023, the number of hate crimes referred for prosecution increased from 647 in 2022 to 679 in 2023. Of the 679 hate crimes that were referred for prosecution, 463 cases were filed by district attorneys and elected city attorneys for prosecu-

tion. Of the 463 cases that were filed for prosecution, 322 were filed as hate crimes and 141 were filed as unbiased motivated crimes.

Under California law, a hate crime is a criminal act committed in whole or in part because of a victim's actual or perceived disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or association with someone with one or more of these characteristics.

Aside from the information related to Anti-Black hate crimes, other key findings in the 2023 Hate Crime in California Report include:

- Hate crimes fell by 7.1% to 1,970 events.
- Hate crime offenses dropped by 8.9% to 2,359.
- Victims of hate crimes decreased by 6.9% to 2,303.
- Hate crimes due to racial bias went down by 21.6% to 1,017.
- Hate crimes due to religious bias rose by 30% to 394.
- Anti-Islamic bias events increased from 25% to 40%.
- Hate crimes due to sex-

ual orientation bias went up by 4.1% to 405.

- Anti-transgender bias events rose by 10.2% to 65.
- Anti-LGBTQ+ bias events surged by 86.4%.

The disproportionate number of hate incidents recorded in the Attorney General's report lines up with data released by the California Civil Rights Department (CRD).

Responding to a surge in hate crimes and hate incidents, in 2023, Gov. Gavin Newsom's administration launched the "California vs. Hate" initiative, which includes a hotline and online reporting platform for victims.

"CA vs Hate is about recognizing and protecting the incredible diversity of our state and sending a clear message that hate will never be tolerated," said Newsom.

"When California was confronted by an alarming increase in hate, we didn't just sit back and hope it got better," said CRD Director Kevin Kish, celebrating the one-year anniversary of the initiative in May.

"We came together and

launched an array of nation-leading programs to ensure all our communities feel welcome and protected. I'm incredibly proud of our state's resilience and commitment to a California for all," added Kish. "This work is only just beginning, but it would not be possible without the advocacy of our community partners and the foresight of our state's Administration and Legislature."

To combat hate crime offenses and events, Bonta urges local partners and law enforcement to review the resources highlighted in the report and to recommit themselves to leveraging them.

"Everyone has a part to play as we continue to fight prejudice and create safer communities in California," said Bonta.

"I urge everyone to review the data and resources available and recommit to standing united against hate," he continued. "The California Department of Justice has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to hate, and will continue working with law enforcement, elected leaders, and

community organizations across the state to keep our communities safe through education, prevention and enforcement."

If you believe you or someone you know has been the victim of a hate crime, notify local law enforcement and consider taking the following steps:

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# Heat Waves Can Cause Wildfires, Health Problems and Death

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It was more than a simple walk in the park for exercisers pacing and jogging around Warner Center Park in the Woodland Hills neighborhood of Los Angeles around midday on July 4.

The weather was "sweltering," according to one of the parkgoers, an African American man in his 40s who asked to remain anonymous.

"Working out around this time is a way hotter experience than a few weeks ago," the man continued, adding that this summer continues to get progressively hotter.

According to weather experts, Californians should not expect a break in the extreme heat any

time soon, which will force people in most areas of the state to find ways to cope and manage it.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration meteorologist David Lawrence said most of the Golden State is experiencing a heat wave, which began at the beginning of the month, and could get worse in mid-July.

"The longevity of this particular event is what I'm most concerned with," he explained. "We will see daytime high temperatures for many interior areas reaching to 100 to 115 degrees each afternoon. Overnight low temperatures won't provide much relief -- only dipping into the 70s and holding into the lower 80s for some locations."

Lawrence was speaking during a July 2 news briefing focused on the current weather conditions, their dangers, and what Californians need to know to stay safe in the blistering weather this summer.

The online briefing was organized by Listos California, the state's disaster readiness program, and hosted by Ethnic Media Services and California Black Media. State emergency preparedness officials and a frontline responder spoke during the news conference.

California Black Media Executive Director Regina Wilson said heat waves can create dangerous fire conditions and catapult temperatures in inland areas of the state into the triple digits.

"This level of heat could pose a danger to the entire population if proper heat safety is not followed," she said. "As we move into the summer season, hotter and drier conditions mean California will likely face higher risk of wildfires -- wildfire smoke, heat, power outages and dangerous water conditions."

The same day as the press conference, the Thompson Fire began blazing in Northern California's Butte County. At press time, the wildfire had destroyed 25 structures and injured two firefighters. It has been 55% contained.

The French Fire, which sparked up on July 4 in the town of Mariposa in the Sierra Nevada foothills, covered over 1.3



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square miles before firefighters tamed the blaze. That same day, yet another fire, the Sharp fire in Los Angeles's Simi Valley, broke out. It has been 60% contained.

Listos California, the state office in charge of emergency preparedness, has partnered with community groups and offers a resource hub built around an educational campaign to help Californians get ready for disasters related to extreme heat.

Dr. Rita Nguyen, assistant health officer for California and director of population health at the California Department of Public Health, said people underestimate how dangerous heat waves can be.

"Heat waves kills more people directly than any other weather-related hazard," she said. A 69-year-old homeless man in San Jose died on July 3 due the extreme heat.

Nguyen added that the state doesn't have precise data on the number of health emergencies or deaths caused by heat-waves.

She said the people at most risk of experiencing heat-caused health issues include children and infants, senior citizens, pregnant people, people working outdoors or indoors without air conditioning, disabled individuals, unhoused persons, and lower-income people.

"Anyone can be a victim of life-threatening heat-stroke because a lot of it doesn't have to do with absolute temperature," she explained.

"Sometimes, it can be if folks are not acclimated to hot temperatures and there is a fast rise. When the temperature doesn't cool at night and when it is hot for a long period of time, all these things increase the risk of folks having health-related injuries and potential death from heat."

The warning signs of heat illness include confusion, vomiting, passing out, heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, headache, nausea, vomiting, paleness, tiredness, irritability, and dizziness.

Staying hydrated, cool, and informed about the weather forecasts are ways to prevent heat health problems. Nguyen recommended to not drink sugary, caffeinated, or alcoholic drinks, which can dehydrate a person.

California Division of Occupational Safety and Health Program Senior Safety Engineer Charlene Gloriani said, under state law, businesses with employees who work outdoors -- such as agricultural workers -- are required to give plenty of access to free and clean water and shade to prevent heat-related illnesses.

"Shaded areas must not cause exposure to another health or safety hazard," she explained. "When temperatures exceed 95 degrees a buddy system should be in place and employees must be monitored for signs of heat illness. They must also be encouraged to drink water. Cool down rest periods are required every two hours."

Sacramento Fire Department Captain Andrew Ramos noted that people must remember to stay safe while doing activities in waterways such as rivers and lakes when cooling off on hot days.

"We need each and every one of you to be your own safety monitor," Ramos said while suggesting people wear life jackets. "Look and make sure your family members are wearing their life jackets even if they're able to swim."

Get more information on extreme heat and to access resources to help you stay healthy and cool at <https://heatreadyca.com>.

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# A Tribute to Al Hajj Naim Shah, Sr. – A Community Hero

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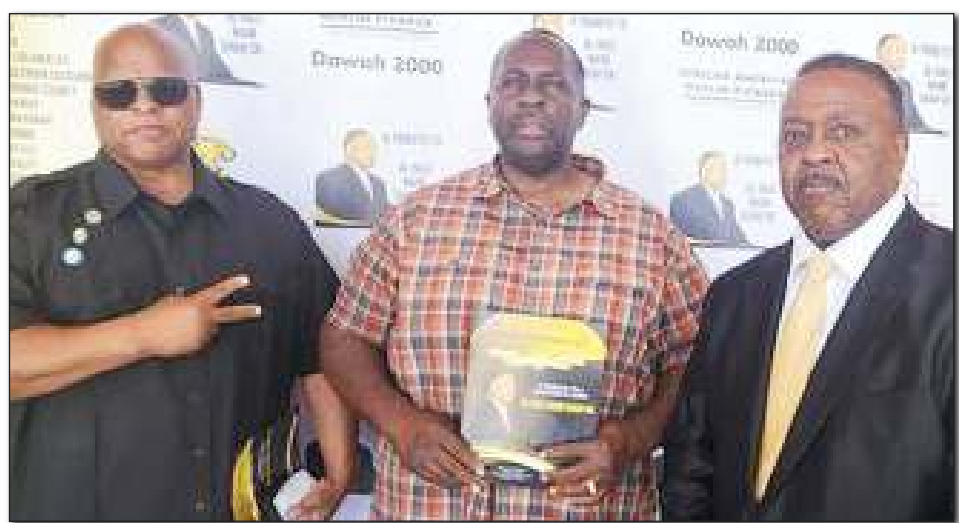
blazing initiatives to reduce gang and gun-related homicides in South L.A. Decades ago, Naim and his brother, Khalid Shah,

organized the Stop the Violence and Increase the Peace Foundation, which continues to present programs to deter gun deaths.

His efforts not only resulted in a dramatic decrease in gang violence in the city, but also leaders across the country have

adopted his strategies to create positive change in their communities.

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# Patrice Lumumba Answering the Invitation of History: Leadership For Liberation and a Mission of Martyrdom

The real and most meaningful measure of a man and woman is not their capacity to accommodate, adjust to evil, injustice and unfreedom, and find a comfortable place in oppression; rather it is to find themselves in the ranks of resistance regardless of how overwhelming the odds and the balance of forces against them. And Nana Patrice Lumumba, in this his 99th birth year, July 2, 1925, stands firmly and rightly in the ranks of these honored self-giving and self-sacrificing soldiers and servants of our people.

Nana Lumumba, a founding father of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and its first Prime Minister, was a nationalist who worked to build a national unity beyond “tribalism” and factionalism, and narrow notions of class and ethnic interests, becoming a founding member and the leader of the Mouvement National Congolais, the Congolese National Movement (MNC), the party of independence.

He stressed that the Congo’s vast wealth belonged to the people and must be regained and used to improve their lives and enhance their future. He was also a dedicated pan-Africanist who constantly consulted Nana Kwame Nkrumah, founding father and President of Ghana, and the paradigmatic pan-Africanist, and argued the indivisibility of African freedom and the indispensability of African unity to harness African human and material resources and direct them toward the liberation, upliftment and development of the people. Also, he stressed the importance of a sankofa retrieval of the best of African values to ground the liberation struggle and build a new society worthy of the name African.

Daring to be truly independent, he incurred the hatred of the Belgian colonialists and other imperialists including the US which

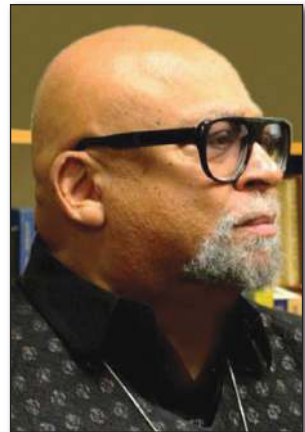
with Belgium fomented and supported a coup against him and assassinated him along with two of his ministers, Nana Joseph Okito, VP of the Senate and Nana Maurice Mpolo, Commander of the Army. African Americans, Africans on the continent and around the world, as well as freedom-loving and struggling peoples on every continent, rose up in demonstrations against the brutal act. African Americans demonstrated at the UN outside and inside and interrupted the Security Council meeting February 15, 1961. African American intellectuals and writers spoke and wrote about the meaning of Nana Lumumba to all African people and to African liberation and condemned the US for its CIA participation with Belgians and Congolese betrayers of the liberation struggle.

This reversal of independence and the continuing savage suppression, exploitation and oppression of the Congolese people and robbery of their resources under various guises points back here and offers a lesson on the awesome costs of liberation and the self-giving soldiering, sacrifice and service exemplified by Nana Patrice Lumumba in offering his life and death to the people and the liberation struggle.

Thus, when Nana Haji Malcolm condemns the US and Belgium and praises him for his audacious and uncompromising stand, he was expressing ultimate praise and appreciation of Nana Lumumba as both a man and martyr at the time in which the pain of his sacrifice was still present and profoundly felt. He is speaking also of Nana Lumumba as a martyr, who without cowering or compromise, offered his life and death in the liberation struggle of his people. Haji Malcolm’s effusive praise of him speaks to the virtues of critical consciousness, moral, emotional and mental courage, and an

active commitment to righteous and relentless struggle.

And this is made more evident and important in a



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context in which history offers both an invitation to leadership for liberation and a mission of martyrdom given the balance of forces arrayed against him as a liberation leader and against the independence of his people oppressed and in resistance. Haji Malcolm understood this well for he, himself, offered and accepted this dual invitation of history, giving his life and death to the liberation struggle of his people.

To understand and appreciate the Congolese liberation struggle, the people’s choice of their leader in the liberation struggle and his view of them, the past and the future, it would be valuable to revisit his Independence Speech (translations from the French mine) which was for the imperialists further evidence that, as Nana Lumumba told them in his speech, “We, who have suffered in body and heart from colonial oppression, tell you out loud that from now on, all that is finished.”

He begins addressing both “the men and women of the Congo”, including all in the liberation struggle, calling them all “combatants

for independence who are today victorious” who “have fought relentlessly” and together to achieve this historical moment and victory.

And understanding the importance of memory-keeping, he tells them from the outset that it is a great and sacred achievement in their history that they must remember and “keep unalterably engraved in your hearts,” and “teach its significance with pride to your children so that they in turn will relate it to their children and grandchildren the glorious history of our struggle for freedom.”

Continuing, Nana Lumumba tells the people of the Congo that although they are to be proud of their achievement and liberation, they must not forget the awesome cost to them and that their independence was not really granted but won through righteous and relentless struggle. He states that in spite of the ceremony for conceding independence on June 30, 1960, “No Congolese worthy of the name can ever forget that it is through struggle that it was won, a daily struggle, a fervent and idealistic struggle, a struggle in which we were not sparing in either our strengths, our deprivations, our suffering or our blood”. Moreover, he stated “this struggle which was made of tears, fire and blood, ... was a struggle, noble and just, a struggle indispensable to putting an end to the humiliating enslavement imposed on us by force.”

Nana Lumumba, then enumerates some of the forms of brutal injustice, oppression and exploitation imposed on the Congolese people for 80 years that cannot and must not be forgot-

ten. These included forced labor, humiliation and degradation, land seizure, segregation (apartheid) laws and practices, political and religious persecution, mass shootings, tortuous political imprisonment, forced exile, denial of self-governance and freedom, and system-imposed suffering of great and gruesome magnitude.

However, Nana Lumumba understands well that even as we remember, know and honor the past, we must engage and improve the present and imagine and dare to forge a whole new future for our people. He, thus, proposed a Congolese path forward that is linked to pan-African initiatives for the liberation and cooperation of the whole of Africa. He defines it as the beginning of “a new struggle, an awe-inspiring struggle that will lead our country to peace, prosperity and greatness.”

He calls on the Congolese people to work and struggle together to “establish social justice and ensure that each one receives just remuneration for their work ... to show the world what Black people can do when they work in freedom, ... and to make the Congo a center of radiance for all of Africa.”

Furthermore, he tells the people that together they can and will ensure that their richness in resources benefit them and their children; that laws will be revised from their racist forms and new laws will be made that “will be just and noble.”

In addition, all the freedoms and rights provided for in the Declaration of Human Rights will be enjoyed by the people, discrimination will be suppressed, and each person will be given “the rightful

place that their human dignity, work and dedication to the country deserves.”

And finally, he rejects the colonial peace of injustice, imposition and oppression and states that “we will establish not a peace of guns and bayonets, but a peace of the heart and of good will.”

He ends with a call to the men, women and children of the Congo for unity, cooperation, sacrifice and service to ensure “the success of this great undertaking,” and with a reaffirmation of his commitment to pan-Africanism and an independent and unified Africa. In his last letter to his wife, Nana Pauline Opango Lumumba, Mama wa Taifa (Mother of the Nation), co-combatant and companion in love and struggle, who was among the first members to join and help build the national liberation movement, he reaffirms his commitment to Congolese and African freedom.

He likewise reaffirms his refusal to bend or break under the cruelties and torture inflicted on him, his “unwavering faith” in his people and his country and in their inevitable liberation, and they’re boldly writing, along with all other Africans, a new history of Africa and humankind.

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## President Biden, Talk to the Voters

President Joe Biden missed a great opportunity on June 27. Two days after the disastrous debacle also known as a debate, tens of thousands of people thronged to Washington D.C. Mass Poor People’s and Low Wage Workers Assembly and Moral March on Washington and to the Polls.

He wasn’t invited to speak at the March, but I bet if he’d asked Rev. William Barber and Rev. Liz Theoharis if he could drop by they would have been happy to have him. Why? The co-chairs of the Assembly and Moral March are hoping to galvanize voters to participate in democracy and vote on November 5.

They say that there are tens of millions of registered voters who don’t plan to participate in our democracy! Why? They say nobody talks to them.

I don’t know if President Biden could have stood the nearly 100-degree heat. I surely didn’t. I covered the March from my air-conditioned home, watching the live stream from my laptop, making occasional phone calls to people on the ground. But that Low Wage Worker’s Assembly is exactly the kind of event President Biden needs to attend.

Granted, time is short – just a few weeks until the Democratic National Convention. Granted the President has shown that he has limited energy, but he can counter all the chatter by just talking to the people. Town halls, church visits,

appearances at any of the innumerable outdoor events that a synonymous with summer.



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Vice President Kamala Harris has been “out there” doing her usual superlative job at the Essence Festival in New Orleans and in other places. Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA) showed out too, noting that at 85, she is older than the President. All this focus on age makes me think of Dr. Dorothy Irene Height who was 98 when

she made her transition.

Until nearly the end, she went to the National Council of Negro Women office daily, fashionably clad in business suits and her trademark matching hats. I wonder what she would say about President Biden and the chatter about his age. I’m sure she would point out that age never slowed her down (though it slowed some of her younger aides).

President Biden is the only one who can remove himself from the top of the ticket, and he does not seem inclined to do so. But he cannot continue as he is, fending off countless attacks about his age. But he can certainly counter the attacks by talking to the people, not just the media, not just his wife and son.

President Biden must also focus on Project 2025, the Trump plan to limit our rights and to take over government. The former Pres-

ident says he does not know anything about the destructive Project 2025, but many of his closest allies contributed to the 900-page attack on decency and government that was organized by the Heritage Foundation. The 45th President can say anything he wants, but his fingerprints are all over the putrid document. President Biden must focus on Trumps plans to run our government, and the immunity the Supreme Court has given him in a recent decision.

President Biden, you have often described yourself as a man of the people. So talk to the people. Listen to them. There are millions of low wage workers who may not vote for you unless you work for it. Get to work, Brother President, get to work!

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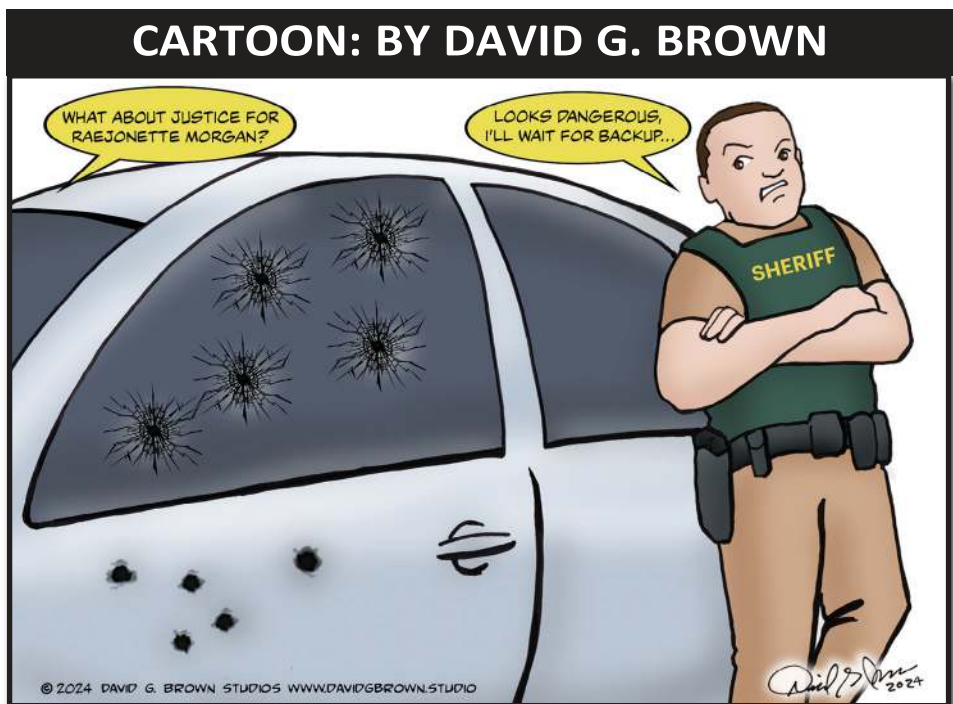
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## Are You Prime?

I recently read a book that talked a lot about the importance of being prime. When I think of the word prime, the first thing that comes to my mind is Amazon Prime and how as a member you get free shipping and even access to Prime cable television. I also think about the athlete and coach Deion Sanders because his nickname, Prime Time. What both have in common is they are considered among the best in their field. If we want to be among the best or at least be our

best, being prime is one of the important factors. To be prime means "of first importance or the main thing." When I was a little girl, my father used to always say that it is important to keep the main thing the main thing. To be prime means to be excellent or of the best quality, such as the best cut of meat. Anyway we look at it, to be prime is worth stretching for and putting in the time. When we think of the word "prime" other exam-



ples include when someone is in the prime of their life. This usually refers to when we are our sharpest mentally, physically, spiritually, and emotionally. In today's world, age can have little to do with it because it is also about our mindset. We used to think that someone was in their prime when they were between 20 - 40 years of age, but not so much anymore. It also depends on what you are trying to accomplish. When we say someone is a "prime exam-

ple," we are referring to someone who exemplifies the best qualities for a particular situation and their ideas and behaviors are excellent. Overall, being prime means we are in optimal condition suited for a particular achievement we are searching to accomplish. The book I read emphasized the importance of us working on our habits and how our habits can make all the difference in the world on our outcome. When we establish the habit of staying in shape we do not have to get in shape. This in reference to more than just our physical. When we create good habits, they will help us develop into our best selves instead of waiting to the last minute to get something accomplish or achieving a particular task. This made me stop and ask myself do I think I am prime? The answer is no because I know although I

have the potential of being better, I have not been putting in the time to be my best self. I always show up and do what I must do, but I can focus a little more on doing the things that need to be done today for the results I would like to have tomorrow.

P = Personal Commitment  
R = Reset if you must  
I = Invest what is required  
M = Motivate yourself to become your best  
E = Everything will come together as planned  
To be prime you must make a personal commitment to do and be your best. It may require you resetting a few buttons to get back on track, but stepping back is not stopping. Becoming prime will require a personal investment of your time, finances, resources, and energy. Stay motivated and everything you desire can be accomplished. The

key is to get to a place where you do things automatically to the point where you do not even think about it anymore, you just do it. Something as simple as making your bed every morning can get you into the habit of keeping your surroundings tidy. Putting workout gear and sneakers by your bed can motivate you to start the day going for a walk or run. Having your devotional materials laid out the night before helps to increase the probability that you will stop and say a word of prayer before you go to work. Yes, you can become prime if you desire. It is up to you. Let us do it together. Healing Without Hate: It's a choice. It's a lifestyle. Pass it on. Visit [www.WendyGladney.com](http://www.WendyGladney.com) and [www.forgivingforliving.org](http://www.forgivingforliving.org) to learn more. Wendy is a life strategist, coach, consultant, author, and speaker.

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## "The Seed"

Everything has a beginning. When you see beauty or mediocrity or excellence or imperfection, we can know factually that everything has a beginning and there is thought before action. Perhaps the thought is quick. Other times the thought is more thought and more thought. So, you see and envision possibilities and beginnings. You can see a building, an apartment house, a home-

less person's meek abode, a billionaire home, or whatever. Know that these are outward demonstrations and evidence of thoughts previously occurred. You will remember some of the indications of Daniel, some of his prophecies. What did he have that some of us have, and some do not have. Some of us have and some of us hold on to it, while others let it go to the



wind. What are we talking about? Do you recall the parable of the sower? How the sower sowed seeds? Some of the seeds were thrown to the ground. Some of the seeds were thrown into the bushes (so to speak). Some of the seeds were planted with great care and were properly cared for, nurtured, watered in that rich soil and prospered. The mustard seed in particular is profiled biblically. The mus-

tard seed is a little seed, but it grows into a huge plant that birds and others can feast upon. Do you recall the faith of Daniel? Remember when King Nebuchadnezzar had the most frightening dream in Daniel chapters 2 and 3. It was about time frames of things were to come. None of his "Wise Men" could interpret the dream. Here is my point. Daniel had been endowed with great divine vision gifts to interpret dreams. The king was enraged that his "sorcerers, diviners and officials" couldn't interpret the dream. Daniel was called and interpreted the dream, which described what things would come to pass, future events, those things which were to happen at the end of days (Daniel 2:28). Let's ask the question,

"How did Daniel manage to bring forth such dramatic prophecies?" Daniel had been raised in a household that was firm in the faith of Jehovah. Daniel, having been entrenched in the law, the prophets and writings, he did not depart from the faith. It was that faith which kept him whole. It was that faith that he held on to and would not forsake it. He was greatly rewarded for giving his interpretation of the dream (Daniel 2:48). He was made governor of the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect of the Wise Men of Babylon. The king also appointed Daniel's friends to administer the province of Babylon while Daniel himself was at the king's court. High positions and promotions and great success brings its other side too. One big one is jealousy.

Those around who became knowledgeable of the success set out to damage, persecute and sought the demise of Daniel and the friends. Faith heals. Thanks for reading! Jeanette Grattan Parker is the founder-superintendent of Today's Fresh Start Charter School, 4514 Crenshaw Boulevard, L.A. 90043, 323-293-9826, [www.todaysfreshstart.org](http://www.todaysfreshstart.org). (Ask Dr. Jeanette TM) "Inquiring Minds Want to Know." All articles are copyright. All rights reserved © Errors? Or Questions? Please let me know. Join Sundays for music and message at 11:30 a.m. by calling (712) 775-8971, code 266751. Don't stop praying and hoping. References: The Holy Bible, StudyLight.org. "Today is another great day to do good and be successful."

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# MLK HOSPITAL

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year everyone said was just too hard. You brought support and funding from the county. You carried a request to the state on our behalf in the face of a budget deficit. And when the state suggested a lower amount, you said, that's not enough," said Batchlor, who described the monetary victory as a hard-fought milestone that could not have been achieved without their support on behalf of MLKCH.

Last month, she co-authored a new federal report exposing little progress towards health care equity titled, "Ending Unequal Treatment: Strategies to Achieve Equitable Health Care and Optimal Health for All," from the National Academy of Medicine stating it is time to turn data into action.

The report found that the nation's current health care

system, by its very design, delivers different outcomes for different populations and is highly influenced by external societal forces inextricably linked to disparate individual and population outcomes. According to Batchlor,

"The United States must renew its commitment to ending health care inequity and specifically to eliminating the structural obstacles to care than many disadvantaged communities still face.

"The recommendations in unequal treatment address how we can achieve health-care equity across the nation. They carry a sense of urgency. I want you to know we feel that urgency in our work here at MLKCH in South LA. Our hospital is not at the finish line. We have critical work ahead to ensure that MLKCH will survive and thrive. Now we have the support to give us

confidence," she concluded.

In November 2023, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors passed Mitchell's motion directing the County's Chief Executive Office (CEO) and the Department of Health Services to identify options to help financially stabilize MLKCH's operations. The CEO identified various relief options that would have no net County cost, including using unallocated Measure B funding.

In January, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion authored by Mitchell that invested a total of \$20 million dollars of Los Angeles County's unallocated Measure B funding over the next four years to help support the hospital's operational needs. The motion authorized the County's Department of Health Services to allocate \$8 million in one-time Measure B

funding to be released to MLKCH and an additional \$4 million up until the fiscal year 2026-2027.

Mitchell, being the first African American to serve as chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, persuaded her former colleagues in the state's legislature on the hospital's importance and critical need for fiscal stability.

"We have not talked enough about this hospital's future. The future is also recognizing the new players who have come on the scene and are locking arms," she said while being honored.

"It's a new generation of people in positions of power and authority that we have to bring into the fold to honor and recognize the history. We are going to work to introduce them to the amazing work [MLKCH] is doing every day so they can continue to lock arms with me, my colleagues and former colleagues in the legislature to make sure the future is as

bright as the past that brought us here."

MLKCH serves a patient population that faces disproportionately high chronic illness and unmet needs. Before it was built, the County projected that the MLKCH emergency room would receive roughly 25,000 to 30,000 visits a year. Last year alone, the hospital had 100,000 emergency room visits.

MLKCH reported that nearly all the patients visiting the emergency room are covered by Medi-Cal, but current Medi-Cal rates do not compensate the hospital for the actual cost of care. The hospital estimates that it will run out of funding in December 2024 and is seeking other state and federal funding options.

The hospital continues to meet the high demand with excellence in service. MLKCH has earned a rare 5-star rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, for two years in a

row and recently earned an "A" from Leapfrog - an independent national non-profit that measures quality and patient safety.

The funding for MLKCH was also contained in SB 108 (Wiener), one of the state's budget bills. The Director of Finance can increase funding for the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital by up to \$25 million, including federal matching funds, if the Legislature passes a law allowing it. Any increase must be approved 30 days after notifying the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

Critical work is ongoing by legislators and leaders to ensure a more permanent solution for the hospital's future. Legislative supporters continued to point out that the process for structural changes is a marathon, not a sprint suggesting more work is needed to close the funding methodology loophole required to sustain the hospital for future generations.

# REV. JAMES LAWSON

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nonviolent resistance, becoming a key strategist and educator within the movement.

"From his instrumental involvement in the Nashville, TN sit-in movement to his leadership in the Memphis, TN sanitation workers' strike, Reverend Lawson's courage and moral clarity have inspired generations of activists and advocates. His teachings on non-

violent resistance not only shaped the course of the civil rights movement but also influenced movements for social change around the world. In addition to being an apostle of nonviolent protest, Reverend Lawson was a prominent faith leader in Los Angeles, where he pastored the Holman Methodist Church for 25 years.

"Reverend Lawson's

contributions to the advancement of civil rights and human dignity are immeasurable, and it is only fitting that his remarkable legacy be honored with the highest civilian honor bestowed by our nation, the Presidential Medal of Freedom. By recognizing Reverend Lawson's extraordinary achievements, we not only pay tribute to his lifelong commitment to justice

but also reaffirm our nation's values of equality, freedom, and dignity for all.

"Reverend Lawson's tireless advocacy for civil rights and social justice are clear reasons why he deserves the honor of posthumously receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Such a gesture would honor Reverend Lawson's remarkable life in the wake of his death on June 9th, 2024, at the age of 95 and serve as an ongoing commitment to his life's pursuit of justice and equality for all.

"Thank you for your consideration of Reverend James Lawson for the Presidential Medal of Freedom. We trust that you will give due consideration to this request to honor Reverend

Lawson's extraordinary legacy."

Lawson's extensive work in the civil rights movement includes his role as a key strategist and educator in nonviolent resistance. Influenced by the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Lawson was instrumental in organizing nonviolent protests, including the Nashville sit-in movement and the Memphis sanitation workers' strike.

In addition to his national influence, Lawson served 25 years as the pastor of Holman United Methodist Church in L.A. where he continued his advocacy for social justice and civil rights.

"Reverend James Lawson left a tremendous impact on not only our South L.A.

community, but our nation as a whole," said Kamlager-Dove.

"Rev. Lawson deserves to be celebrated for his immeasurable contributions to the advancement of civil rights and social justice. I can't think of a distinction more deserved or fitting than the Presidential Medal of Freedom to honor his lifelong commitment to building a nation where everyone can be treated equally and justly."

The letter is co-signed by Representatives Alma Adams, Joyce Beatty, Emanuel Cleaver, James E. Clyburn, Steve Cohen, Adriano Espaillat, Sheila Jackson Lee, Henry Johnson, Ro Khanna, Bennie Thompson, Ritchie Torres, and Nikema Williams, highlighting the widespread support for this recognition.



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**CLOSED APPLICANT WAITING LIST**

All potential applicants are notified per the Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Handbook 4350.3 Rev.-1, Change 4 and the Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan approved for the below referenced properties, that the applicant waiting list has reached the number of applicants required to close the waiting list. Therefore, effective **Monday, July 15, 2024 at 5 pm** we will no longer accept applications for residency for the following property:

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Hawthorne, CA 90250 – T 310.676.6694 – Email [terrace@TELACU.com](mailto:terrace@TELACU.com)

TELACU Rio Alto (202 PRAC) – 545 Bloomington Ave.  
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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: WALTER HAMILTON CASE NO. 24STPB07002**

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of WALTER HAMILTON. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by PAULETTE BAILEY in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that PAULETTE BAILEY 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. (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: 07/22/24 at 8:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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# Kendrick Lamar's 'Not Like Us' Video a Love Letter to Compton & Black L.A.

By KIRI WALTON  
 Contributing Writer

and 17-time GRAMMY Award winning rap artist Kendrick Lamar made history with his "The Pop

Out" show on Juneteenth, he was said to have united L.A.

When Compton native



From left are Massiah Henning, his aunt Jahbrielle Henning, Amaris Armstead, her mother Tasha Armstead, and "Not Like Us" co-director Dave Free.



Kendrick Lamar on the set of "Not Like Us."

JAHBRIELLE HENNING

he dropped the video for "Not Like Us," a diss track following up ones where he laid out his hate for a certain Canadian artist, but the visuals showed an abundance of love for Compton and Black Los Angeles.

From featuring the Compton Courthouse, Compton's beloved Tam's Burgers, Nickerson Gardens, his own family, Tommy the Clown, countless Black Angelenos and so many more, the video made several references to

his feud with rapper Drake while still giving flowers to his roots and to US.

Local photographers Jahbrielle Henning and Luis Ontiveros captured some of the magic at one of the scenes during the "Not Like Us" video shoot.

# Serena Williams at ESSENCE Fest: 'You Had to Be Fabulous Growing Up in Compton'

By KIRI WALTON  
 Contributing Writer

Serena Williams, the "Greatest of All Time" (G.O.A.T.) who has won 39 major titles in tennis, spoke on a stage at the 30th Annual Essence Festival of Culture on July 6 about her new beauty line, Wyn Beauty.

During her session, which was part of the BeautyCon activation of the festival, the tennis legend was asked her thoughts on fellow Compton native Kendrick Lamar's megahit, "Not Like Us," which mentions her by name.

"I love that song. It's

like the hit of the summer," Williams said, later sharing that she "absolutely is crip-walking to that song."

Compton is home to some of the biggest names in the rap game, but it was also where the Williams sisters got their start and learned the game of tennis.

"Growing up in Compton was such a special time," Williams said, recalling that it was the time when Dr. Dre, Eazy-E, and even nearby Snoop Dogg were really gaining popularity.

In addition to being one of the greatest athletes of all time, Williams has certainly become a beauty and fash-



Serena Williams introduced her new beauty brand at the Essence Festival.

MALIK MORRIS-PERRY/KREATIVE KAPTUREZ

ion icon in her own right. Williams says that Wyn, her new beauty line with 10 products, and now available in Ulta stores, is the inclusive beauty brand she's always wanted. When it comes to being fabulous, she attributes it to her Compton roots.

"You kind of had to be fabulous growing up in Compton. There were so many amazing things coming out of Compton. Can everyone be like us?" she said, with a little laugh.

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# RELIGION

## Pastor James Thomas Marks 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Holy Revival Church

BY CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT  
Religion Editor

On July 13, the Rev. James Thomas, Sr. will celebrate his fifth anniversary as pastor of Holy Revival Baptist Church in Compton – a momentous occasion that God prepared him for decades in advance.

Interestingly, Thomas insists, “I never even wanted to be a pastor,” but clearly God had other plans for him, and it all started with his longtime membership at Academy Cathedral Church in Inglewood where he lent his talents to several areas.

“I was there for 42 years and did everything at Academy - from cleaning the church to preaching on Sundays and I never knew that God was preparing me to be a pastor,” recalled Thomas.

And then in 2013, the Spirit of the Lord directed him to start a telephone prayer line. Thomas called it the 7 A.M. Prayer Movement.

“God said, ‘I want you to be on the line, and

pray and minister to people seven days a week. So, I have ministered to people all over the country, and even outside the country every day since October 2013,” he said.

Thomas remembered that many members of the faith community, particularly preachers, were not supportive of him launching the 7 A.M. Prayer Movement and even questioned Thomas’ motives in starting the phone ministry.

“A lot of people said that God wasn’t in it and God didn’t call me to do that. Others said that I was keeping people out of the church. But then, when the pandemic hit [in 2020] and the churches were closed, I had preachers calling to ask me, ‘How do you do this thing over the phone that you’re doing?’

“But, God knew the pandemic was coming, and he prepared me, so when the pandemic came, I had been ministering by phone doing it for six years. People trusted me and supported my ministry,” noted the pastor.



Pastor James Thomas, Sr.

Also, the year before in 2019, Thomas had reluctantly accepted the pastoral position at Holy Revival even though he had said, “I wasn’t interested in being a pastor.” But his name was submitted to the congregation, and he was overwhelmingly voted in. As the spiritual leader, Thomas focused on rebuilding Holy Revival.

“The church was in desperate need of re-

pair. God blessed us to raise over \$20,000 during the pandemic to do the repairs. People just listened online and on the 7 A.M. Prayer Movement, and they gave. I don’t know how we could have done it, but God orches-

trated that,” he declared.

As pastor, one of Thomas’ major emphases is on building “men and women using the Word of God.” He is also determined to improve the lives of people in the community through Holy Revival’s outreach programs like their Food Ministry where groceries are distributed every week.

Because his church is located in a Black and Latino neighborhood, he added a Tuesday morning bilingual service in addition to the Sunday worship service at 11 a.m. He said that his goal is for “Holy Revival to be known as the church that changed Compton.”

“I would like the Holy Revival to be known for making a difference by serving Black people, Mexican people, and white people, and that people’s lives are changing because they are connected to Holy Revival,” said the pastor.

As for the future, Pastor Thomas has several initiatives planned to include opening a shelter for women and operating a school to train youth and adults to be productive members of society. He also hopes to expand the church’s food ministry to aid more people in L.A. County.

In preparation to achieve these goals, the pastor will be guided by his favorite scripture -Romans 8:28 – “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.”

“I feel like God has placed me in Compton to make a huge difference,” he said. “We’re not a mega-church, but we want to do mega-things and help everybody.”

*Holy Revival Baptist Church is located at 2028 E. El Segundo Blvd., in Compton.*



Pastor Thomas ministers at the bilingual worship service each Tuesday at 10 a.m.



Holy Revival Church distributes free food to the community on Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

## Holiday Magic Comes to the Big Screen with ‘A Christmas Prayer’

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

The highly anticipated film, under the working title “A Christmas Prayer,” is poised to enchant audiences during the winter holidays.

The story follows an attorney’s quest for clarity about her lost father after a life-changing accident on Christmas Eve during her childhood. As she prays for answers, she hopes to either uncover the truth about his disappearance or find peace and embrace the family that adopted her.

Executive Producer and NBA player Richaun Holmes presents Dr. Lydecia A. Holmes’ “A Christmas Prayer.” Created, written, and executive produced by Dr. Holmes, a seasoned stage play writer with over 15 years of suc-

cess in the Chicago area, the film marks her debut as a movie creator and writer.

She collaborates with her son Richaun, and husband, Executive Producer Dr. Richard D. Holmes, Sr., pastor of Morning View Word Church in Chicago and author of “Enjoying The Receiving Process.” Also, Executive Producer Sonya Vaughn, vice president/executive producer for Five Timz Productions, brings her television production experience to the project.

“A Christmas Prayer” is directed by Rasheeda Garner, a graduate of UCLA and the USC Stark Producing Program. She was acclaimed for her work on OWN’s “Baking Christmas” and Netflix’s “Fatal Affair.” Co-Producers Felicity Lu-Hill and Joshua

Marc Allen also contribute to the film.

“This film is a dream come true,” says Lydecia A. Holmes. “It’s a story about faith, family, and forgiveness, and I believe it will resonate deeply with anyone who has ever faced the unknown and found strength in love.”

The film boasts a stellar cast, including Tim Reid and Eric Roberts alongside a remarkable ensemble of rising stars. NBA player Richaun Holmes makes his acting debut in a supporting role.

“‘A Christmas Prayer’ is a testament to the power of perseverance and the magic that can happen when talented people come together with a shared vision,” said Garner about the film, which will release in the 2024 holiday season.



From left are cast members Tim Reid, Timothy Pandolfi, Corinne Shor, Kimberly Russell, Richaun Holmes, Murray Gray, Flynn Hayward, and Michael King.



Rasheeda Garner, Sonya Vaughn, Dr. Lydecia A. Holmes, and Dr. Richard D. Holmes, Sr. review a scene from “A Christmas Prayer.”

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# Josiah Hankerson Named Bank of America 2024 Student Leader for Los Angeles

STAFF REPORT

Josiah Hankerson of Compton was one of the five high school students from across greater Los Angeles selected as Student Leaders® (#BofAStudentLeaders) by Bank of America. With this selection, Hankerson and his fellow students will participate in an eight-week paid summer internship.

This is the 20th year Bank of America has offered this competitive paid high school intern program in Los Angeles, with

150 local students having been selected as Student Leaders since the program began in 2004.

Hankerson, who interned at West Angeles Community Development Corporation (West Angeles CDC) learned about local community needs while developing leadership and workplace skills and earning competitive wages. The students also received financial education coaching from Bank of America's Better Money Habits curriculum.

A rising senior at Ver-

bum Dei Jesuit High School, Hankerson grew up in Compton and Watts. He was raised by his community-focused grandmother, which inspired him to work towards empowering young people through leadership and advocacy work and sparked his interest in Civil Rights Law.

Among Hankerson's accomplishments are serving as vice president of the Associated Student Body, tutoring students as part of being an officer with the National Honor Society, along with being vice cap-

tain of his school's cross-country track and field teams, student ambassador for LA Voice, and a participant in the Kino Border Initiative to promote learning about fair immigration policies.

"By providing career and leadership development opportunities to Los Angeles teens for 20 years, we continue to help develop the next generation of skilled workforce that is essential to region's long-term economic growth," said Raul A. Anaya, president, Bank of America Los

Angeles. "These students are truly exceptional, and the opportunity for them to work with highly impactful local nonprofits along with learning valuable financial education can collectively prepare them for future success."

Later this summer, the Student Leaders will travel to Washington D.C. for a week-long, all expenses paid, national leadership summit focused on the power of cross-sector collaboration and community advocacy. Student Leaders from across the nation will



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Josiah Hankerson

discuss the importance of civic engagement and meet with members of Congress.

The Student Leaders program annually recognizes 300 or more community-focused juniors and seniors from across the U.S.

# Cedars-Sinai Names Next President and CEO

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Cedars-Sinai has named Peter L. Slavin, MD, as the next president and CEO of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and president and CEO of Cedars-Sinai Health System, effective Oct. 1.

Slavin, one of the nation's premier leaders in academic medicine, succeeds Thomas M. Priselac, who is retiring after 30 years as president and CEO and 45 total years of total service to Cedars-Sinai.

"We express our profound gratitude to Tom Priselac for his remarkable leadership in building Cedars-Sinai into an internationally recognized name in healthcare, and we warmly welcome Dr. Slavin to the Cedars-Sinai family," said David Kaplan, chair of the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center board of directors.

"We wish Dr. Slavin



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Peter L. Slavin, MD

every success in strengthening Cedars-Sinai's mission to serve as a beacon of healing for our patients and community."

Slavin served as president of Massachusetts General, one of the largest hospitals in the U.S., from 2003 to 2021. During his tenure, he successfully led major growth in the hospital's clinical care mission, research funding, scientific impact, workforce development and fundraising.

He said his proudest moments at Mass General often came from the most difficult circumstances, including the COVID-19 pandemic, when physicians, nurses and other staff met the test of the unknown with resilience and resolve. He points with equal pride to the hospital earning the highest national awards for community health and equity, particularly the American Hospital Association's inaugural Equity of Care Award in 2014.

"I am humbled to follow in Tom Priselac's footsteps," Slavin said. "He has been one of my heroes as I've watched Cedars-Sinai's progress over the years from 2,700 miles away. It is an incredible honor to join Cedars-Sinai and to do my part to build on the organization's growth and success."

Dr. Slavin also has been an influential voice for hos-

pitals on the national stage, chairing the board of the Association of American Medical Colleges and becoming an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and the American Academy of Arts & Sciences.

"With his deep experience in academic medicine, Dr. Slavin is perfectly suited to lead Cedars-Sinai's ongoing effort to serve the Los Angeles region," said Lawrence B. Platt, chair of the Cedars-Sinai Health System board of directors. "We truly appreciate a leader of his caliber."

Slavin graduated from Harvard College with a bachelor's degree in biochemical sciences and earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School. In 1984, he began his training in internal medicine at Mass General, launching a nearly 40-year relationship with the hospi-

tal. While on staff at Mass General, he earned an MBA from Harvard Business School and developed the hospital's first quality and utilization management program.

In 1994, he was appointed Mass General's senior vice president and chief medical officer. Three years later, he was recruited to serve as the first president of the newly merged Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. He returned to Boston in 1999 to serve as chair and CEO of the Massachusetts General Physicians Organization, which included more than 1,700 physicians.

In 2003, he was appointed president of Mass General, the third oldest hospital in the country and the largest Harvard teaching hospital, with more than 900 inpatient beds and the largest hospital-based research program in the U.S.

During his tenure, Slavin taught internal medicine at Mass General and served as a professor of healthcare policy at Harvard Medical School. He stepped down as Mass General president in 2021 to pursue his interests in healthcare investment, advising and consulting.

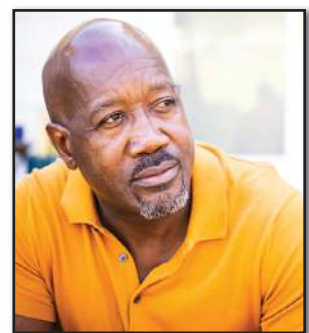
In joining Cedars-Sinai, Slavin said he is returning to his true calling—serving patients and the community. He joins an organization focused squarely on both as it expands access to healthcare closer to where people live across the region and internationally.

"Dr. Slavin is the ideal individual to lead Cedars-Sinai," Priselac said. "He is guided by conscience, heart, vision and ingenuity, and he understands the challenges of complex organizations like Cedars-Sinai. We are in excellent hands with him."

# Hate Crimes Can – and do – Have Long-Lasting Negative Impacts on Mental Health

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With July recognized as National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, Kaiser Permanente is raising awareness about mental health issues facing underrepresented groups, including the Black community, and the importance of seeking timely treatment when needed.



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Racially based traumatic stress inflicts significant psychological and emotional harm on many within the Black community.

"The tragic death of George Floyd drew attention to the pervasive and lasting impact of racial-based traumatic stress on the mental, emotional and physical well-being of individuals in the Black community," said Chidi Njoku, director of Psychiatry and Addiction Medicine at Kaiser Permanente South Bay Medical Center.

According to Njoku, racially based traumatic stress inflicts significant psychological and emotional harm on many within the Black community. Constant exposure to racially based discrimination and other dysfunctional behaviors

motivated by unconscious bias creates a chronic state of vigilance and hypervigilance. This prolonged stress can lead to anxiety disorders, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and other mental health challenges. The burden of constantly navigating racially charged environments can take a severe toll on the overall well-being of individuals and communities.

The impact of racial trauma extends beyond mental and emotional health, Njoku noted. Research demonstrates a correlation between experiences of racial discrimination and various physical health problems, including hypertension, cardiovascular disease and overall diminished physical health. The constant strain on the mind and body resulting from racial-based traumatic stress contributes to health disparities and reduced quality of life within the Black community.

According to PEW Charitable Trusts, racism is a contributor to a public health crisis. It noted Black women are up to four times more likely to die of pregnancy-related complications than White women. Black men are more than twice as likely to be killed by police as white men. The average life expectancy of Black Americans is four years lower than the rest of the U.S. population.

"It is our social responsibility to pay attention to the impact of racial-based traumatic stress," Njoku said.

"The path to healing begins with acknowledging the existence of racial trauma and providing safe spaces for individuals to share their experiences. Culturally sensitive mental health services tailored to address racial trauma are crucial for promoting healing and resilience. Additionally, implementing systemic changes such as addressing institutional racism and promoting inclusivity can help prevent future racial trauma."

It's important to seek help when facing mental health challenges – including those caused by racial trauma, Njoku said. If left untreated, these symptoms can worsen and cause severe problems to your overall health. A lack of trust or belief in mental health has historically been a barrier to people in the Black community. In response to this reality there has been significant work to increase access to providers that represent that community and raise cultural sensitivity of providers that are not of the Black community so as to create more inclusive spaces for those in need of treatment.

### Knowing when to seek help

Njoku encourages members of the Black community to seek help if they're experiencing any of the Race-Based Trauma symptoms at a level that's affecting their ability to be effective in their life. These include work or school performance not going well. When it comes

to mental health, individuals should prioritize themselves and not listen to the stigmas or any other detractors that would discourage them from getting needed support.

"If you're too anxious or depressed to advocate for yourself, it's okay to lean on someone you trust for support to get the help you need," Njoku noted.

"Remember: As scary as it may feel, one of the most courageous things you can do is take the time to invest in yourself by seeking help."

## Simon Burris: Africana Diaspora Black History Month II Crossword

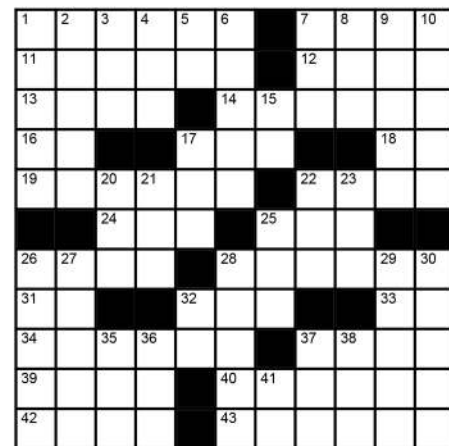
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### Across

- 1. \*\* McDaniel; first African American [A/A] Academy Award winner (1940)
- 7. \*\*Civil Rights icon Martin Luther \_\_\_\_
- 11. Aged pork cut (2 wds.)
- 12. Region
- 13. \*\*Condoleezza \_\_\_\_; first A/A woman Secretary of State (2005)
- 14. \*\* \_\_\_\_ Anderson; legendary singer/activist
- 16. Opposite of SW
- 17. Relaxed
- 18. Left Guard (abbr.)
- 19. Makes law
- 22. November voting day, briefly
- 24. \* \_\_\_\_ Charles; iconic musician
- 25. Refusals
- 26. Atom \_\_\_\_
- 28. \*\* \_\_\_\_ Harris; first A/A & female U.S. vice president
- 31. Blood type
- 32. \*\*Jackie Robinson's ball club
- 33. "God \_\_\_\_ love" (1 John 4:8)
- 34. \_\_\_\_ roll (bread)
- 37. \*\*"Beloved" author Morrison
- 39. Pull off
- 40. \*\*First National Youth Poet Gorman
- 42. Seattle event
- 43. \*\*Underground Railroad leader

### Down

- 1. \*\*Legendary singer and activist Lena
- 2. Foreign
- 3. Tulsa Democrat Center, for short
- 4. \*\* \_\_\_\_ Help" Viola Davis film (2011)
- 5. Cedar Rapids, \_\_\_\_
- 6. Girl names
- 7. \* \_\_\_\_ L. Malone; famed basketballer
- 8. \_\_\_\_ SH (Celtic)
- 9. \*\*Author Zora \_\_\_\_ Hurston



- 10. Crime groups
- 15. \* \_\_\_\_ "Last" Etta James classic
- 17. Pig's pen
- 20. Branch
- 21. \*\*First name in jazz Calloway
- 22. \*\* \_\_\_\_ Bradley; Los Angeles' first A/A mayor
- 23. IN/CO/ME, briefly
- 25. \*\*Slave revolt leader, martyr \_\_\_\_ Turner (1831)
- 26. \*\*First A/A woman superstar Joshephine (1920s)
- 27. \*\*First A/A U.S. president
- 28. Gold unit
- 29. Girl's name
- 30. Japanese or Korean
- 32. "Ask, and it shall \_\_\_\_ given you" (Matt. 7:7)
- 35. \*3, to Afro-Roman emperor Severus (193 AD - 211 AD)
- 36. Station (abbr.)
- 37. Label
- 38. ABAND\_\_\_\_ ENT (being forsaken)
- 41. \*\* \_\_\_\_ hammad Ali

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Eljay Williams Produces Award-Winning Sports Entertainment TV



BY KEITH L. UNDERWOOD  
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Leroy “Eljay” Williams is a four-time nominated, Emmy Award-winning, senior sports editor and producer for the TNT Sports division. He is also a director.

Before college, Williams, and his siblings were always involved with sports in his hometown of Youngstown, Ohio. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a bachelor’s in film studies.

Shortly after college, he said he moved to Atlanta, Georgia hoping the entertainment industry “would

said Williams. “I’ve been locked in with that ever since.”

Williams said he never dreamed of working in sports or using his educational background in film towards pursuing a career in it. Also, a long-time disc jockey, he said his skills modifying original content easily transcended into television editing.

“Youngstown, Ohio — we didn’t have any dreams bigger than sports or being a rapper,” said Williams. “Playing sports? Yes. Working in sports? I never thought about that.”

He continued, “My dreams of becoming a director was because I grew up watching movies, but those two [sports and film] coming together — I didn’t see it. Eventually,



Eljay Williams at the National Sports Emmys in New York City.

ings of entertainment is what it takes to thrive in sports media and there are many ignored opportunities the average person doesn’t even take into consideration.

“Everybody sees what’s on the camera,” said Williams. “You want to be Shaq. You want to be the person that’s being seen. There’s so many other jobs behind the camera that we never really know about.”

Williams advises his mentees to know what they want, but to also be open to other opportunities without losing sight of their ultimate goals. He said before he even starts to instruct his

mentees on the technical aspects of production, he first wants to know more about their goals.

When producing one of his projects like the Emmy-nominated, “The Inside Story,” Williams said his average day entails meeting with other producers, editors, graphics and audio staff and with the television executives.

Williams said they all come together to hone in on the vision for the production, and it’s a collaborative effort, but the executives get the final decision on what the audience sees.

Of course, Williams said he is a part of the deci-

sion-making process, too, and he greatly enjoys that part of the process. But he said he really likes getting involved with the routine and practical aspects as well.

“That’s more important to me,” said Williams. “I like that part of it [decision making], but just going in and being creative — taking somebody else’s vision at times and bringing it to fruition is satisfying in itself.”

In addition to being open to all aspects of televi-

the average, everyday person. Some are hyper-focused on their careers, and he never sees them as stars but as coworkers.

“I go in — we have a job to do, and we do the job,” said Williams.

Williams said telling stories in sports entertainment can be tough, especially when the stories are under an umbrella like the NBA, where confidentiality legalities sometimes require omitting sensitive parts of the story.

“They have so many



Eljay Williams at the 2023 NBA Finals in Denver, Colorado at the podium for a mock press conference.

come to him.”  
“It didn’t get there fast enough, so I had to go with what I knew. Go with my love and it was sports,”

when it did happen, I was like, ‘Is this happening?’”

Williams said learning many aspects of the behind-the-scenes work-



Eljay Williams working on his Emmy-nominated four-part docuseries “The Inside Edition.”

sion production, Williams said it is also important to network. He remembered networking being key to him never having to interview for any job he has had in entertainment.

When it comes to the sports stars, Williams said most of them are just like

image protective types of things that you can’t show about the story,” said Williams.

“So, it challenges you to tell stories about these figures in light of that and still make it interesting, and still push as much boundaries as you can.”

## Cameroonian Chantal Nchako Shines in ‘Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F’

BY MAGRIRA  
Contributing Writer

Multi-talented Cameroonian actress Chantal Nchako stars in “Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F” currently playing on Netflix.

Nchako first gained recognition for her breakout leading role in the SXSW Grand Jury Prize-winning short film “BEAST,” a performance that also earned her the Best Actress award at the Queen Palm International Film Festival.

A graduate of USC where she attended on a full scholarship, Nchako was awarded the Ava Greenwald Memorial Scholarship for outstanding MFA Actor upon graduation. She became the first USC MFA student accepted into the Williamstown Theatre Festival’s Professional Training Program where she played the lead role of Ella in Sam Shepard’s “Curse of a Starving Class.”

Nchako’s talents caught the eye of several casting directors during her time in Williamstown, leading to roles on “Madam Secretary” and major films like “Distant Tales” and “Our Deadly Vows,” both streaming on Amazon Prime.

Beyond acting, Nchako is the founder and designer of Choobiz, a luxury, handcrafted vegan and cruelty-free shoe line made in Italy.



Chantal Nchako

She is fluent in English, French, and Italian, and serves as a resident faculty member at Silva Arte e Danza, a musical theatre academy in Siracusa, Italy.

Here is what Cameroonian actress Chantal Nchako “Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F” had to share about working in Hollywood and living in Italy.

**L.A. Sentinel:** It’s often said that growing up in an African home (in the

U.S.) is very different than growing up in an African American home. Do you agree or disagree? If so, why?

**Chantal Nchako:** I’m neutral on this question. My family represents a true mix of cultures with roots from various places. We’re like a mini-United Nations when we gather. One notable difference I’ve noticed is that African children tend to stay home well after the age of 18 due to

ample familial support, fostering a sense of protection and love.

**LAS:** What does it mean to be Cameroonian?

**CN:** Being Cameroonian means having a culture and heritage for support. Unlike the individualistic American culture, Cameroonian culture is collective, emphasizing community support and love in times of need. In America, high wealth and social status are prized, while in Cameroon, family and community hold utmost importance, promoting harmony and unity. Italy also prioritizes collective values within its culture.

**LAS:** What is the phonetic spelling of your name?

**CN:** Shaun-TAL (Chantal) Ng-chako (Nchako)

**LAS:** You are currently being seen all over the world in “Beverly Hills Cop: Axel F” (Netflix). Can you describe your character?

**CN:** My role will be my breakout moment. I’ve played dramatic roles, but everyone says I have a knack for comedy. Being part of this iconic franchise, alongside an actor I’ve long admired, is thrilling. My character, a parking enforcement officer, shares a scene with Eddie Murphy’s character Axel Foley, showcasing my comedic talent. It’s a significant opportunity for me!

**LAS:** Let’s talk about diversification. You are also the founder and designer of Choobiz, a luxury, handcrafted vegan and cruelty-free shoe line made in Italy. How did that start and where is it going?

**CN:** I launched my shoe line during the pandemic, and it’s thriving. With two styles currently available, I envision expanding the collection over time. Choobiz is an exclusive brand, and I intend to maintain that exclusivity. The Choobiz collection is currently available at Choobiz LLC.

**LAS:** What’s it like to live and work in Italy?

**CN:** Italy offers a relaxed lifestyle in a collective culture. The quality of life is vibrant and stress-free, with fresh, healthy food readily available. It’s simply a joy to live and work there. My students at the Silva Arte e Danza Musical Theatre Academy are very talented, and they challenge me to be a better artist. This month, I will

also be teaching a 4-day workshop there.

**LAS:** You are fluent in English, French, and Italian. Which language do you use more to create?

**CN:** I don’t dwell on it much. Since I use English, French, and Italian daily, switching between them is automatic. It’s part of my routine to adapt my language depending on the person I’m interacting with. Having a talent for languages means I use different parts of my brain to learn, so I don’t translate before speaking.

**LAS:** Equestrian? Horses. Where did you learn to ride? What country?

**CN:** Early involvement at an equestrian club fostered my love for riding. I joined the Equestrian Club of Douala with my family when I was four years old. I participated in various activities and spent time feeding and grooming the horses to build a bond before riding them. So, I’ve continued riding ever since my childhood.



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Isaac Jean-Paul is the world record holder for the men's high jump T13.

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK  
Sports Editor

Isaac Jean-Paul has his hopes set on winning gold in the 2024 Paris Para-

## Paralympian Isaac Jean-Paul's Long Jump to Paris

lympics. The Paralympic bronze medalist has been on a historic run since he began competing in adaptive sports in 2017.

Competing in track and field has shown Jean-Paul the importance of perseverance.

"Mentally and spiritually, track has done a lot of work on me," he said. "My proudest moment spiritually is never giving up and understanding what it means to believe, not just as the sentiment but as the foundation of all possibilities."

Jean-Paul has juvenile retinoschisis, which leaves him with 20 percent of his

vision. This places him in the T13 category for the visually impaired in adaptive sports competitions.

Jean-Paul is the world record holder for the men's high jump T13 after his 2.17m performance in the Para Athletics Championships in 2017.

"I broke the world record not once, not twice, but three times at one event, at the Paralympic World Championships," he said.

The men's high jump T13 will not be in the 2024 Paris Games; Jean-Paul will be focusing on the long jump T13 and the 100m T13.

In the 2020 Tokyo

games, Jean-Paul competed in the men's long jump T13 and the men's 100m T13. He earned a bronze medal in the long jump.

"In the midst of competing, I actually threw my goggles in the crowd out of frustration because everything was going wrong," Jean-Paul said. "With the grace of God at my very last jump, I was able to win the bronze medal by two centimeters."

The Paralympic Trials take place in Miramar, Florida from July 18-20. Jean-Paul has been training with West Los Angeles College track and field coach Tim Bowman to prepare.

"I think training with him is going to change a lot of things," Jean-Paul said. "I'm not saying what he can do for me as an athlete because I feel like everything is already there but bringing out a different part of me, teaching me different things."

After his historic run in the Para Athletics Championships in 2017, Jean-Paul learned about and started attending the Angel City Games. Growing up, Jean-Paul never met a para-athlete. By competing in track at The Games, he became a role model to the younger participants.

"Prior to this event, I

always as an athlete, I aspire to be like Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant," Jean-Paul said. "When I was able to jump at Angel City Games, I became the Michael Jordan, the Kobe Bryant for them."

Jean-Paul is also working on a children's book called "Maya's Marvelous Day at The Games."

"It's a story about my experience as a Paralympian and a father teaching my daughter about individuals with disabilities and her first experience is the Paralympic Games," Jean-Paul said. "It's a multi-series book and I'm excited for that to come out."

## Los Angeles Sparks Sign Lease Extension with Crypto.com Arena

BY LILA BROWN  
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The Los Angeles Sparks announced on July 9 the signing of a five-year extension with AEG, the owners of Crypto.com Arena, to



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The Los Angeles Sparks will host their home games at the Crypto.com Arena through 2029.

continue playing its home games at the state-of-the-art arena through 2029. The agreement prolongs a productive partnership between the team and the iconic downtown Los Angeles venue.

The Sparks, founded in

1996 as one of the WNBA's original eight teams, have called the arena home since 2001 and during that time have seen three league championships, six players win Most Valuable Player awards, two Rookie of the

Crypto.com Arena, too, is synonymous with greatness, as the longtime home of the 17-time NBA Champion Los Angeles Lakers and two-time Stanley Cup Champion Los Angeles Kings. The Los Angeles Clippers also called Crypto.com Arena home from 1999 through the 2023-2024 season. The premier venue holds a capacity of 19,079 for basketball games, frequently hosts the Grammy Awards and major concerts, and will serve as the gymnastics host for the 2028 Summer Olympics.

"We are thrilled that Sparks fans will continue to have an elite venue in the heart of downtown L.A. to call home," said Sparks Managing Partner and Governor Eric Holoman. "Our players deserve a state-of-the-art facility where they can compete at the highest level, and Crypto.com Arena is just that. AEG has

Year trophies, two Coach of the Year honors, and defining moments such as the first dunk in WNBA history by Lisa Leslie.

The Los Angeles Sparks are also one of three original franchises in the Women's National Basketball Associ-

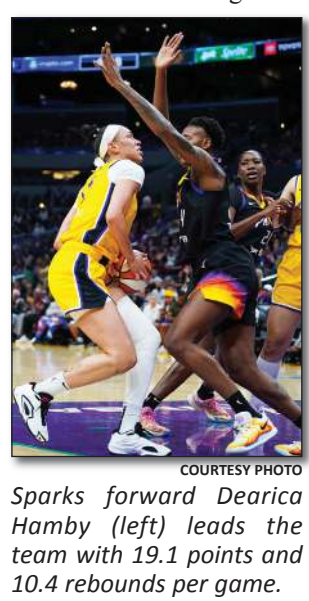
ation (WNBA). The Sparks have won three WNBA Championships (2001, 2002, 2016), and have qualified for the playoffs in 20 of their 27 seasons.

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impressively innovated the arena over the years, and I look forward to the space's evolution as our organiza-

tion continues to grow. We've made a lot of history in this building, and I'm excited to witness more defining moments in the future."



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Sparks forward Dearica Hamby (left) leads the team with 19.1 points and 10.4 rebounds per game.

"It's an incredible honor for Crypto.com Arena to continue to be the home of the Los Angeles Sparks," said Lee Zeidman, President of Crypto.com Arena, Peacock Theater and L.A. LIVE. "This powerhouse

organization deserves a world-class venue for hometown games, and we're excited to be championing these inspiring athletes and inviting in their ever-growing fanbase through the 2029 season."

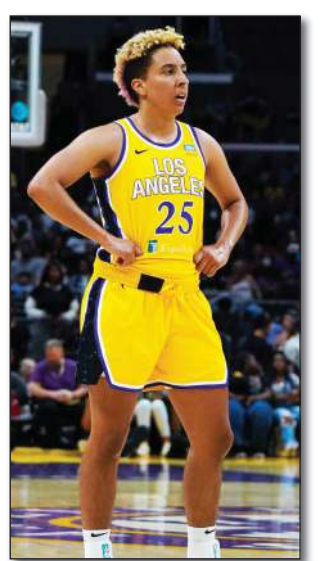
"Today is an exciting day for the Sparks and the Los Angeles community," said Sparks President Christine Monjer. "AEG's continued commitment and investment in our organization is impactful at a pivotal, exciting time for the franchise and the league. Knowing that our players have a long-term home at Crypto.com Arena provides a monumental boost for them and our coaches, allowing them to focus on producing championship-level basketball."

Hosting 200-plus events a year, the arena's reputation for world-class amenities, features, and a commitment to quality of service and the guest experience is second to none. These include comfortable seating, state-of-the-art sound and lighting systems, concession stands offering a

variety of food and beverages, and merchandise stores where fans can purchase team-related memorabilia. Crypto.com Arena is not only a great venue for sports and entertainment, but it also holds a special place in the hearts of the local community. The arena has witnessed many historic moments, unforgettable performances, and become an iconic landmark in Los Angeles.

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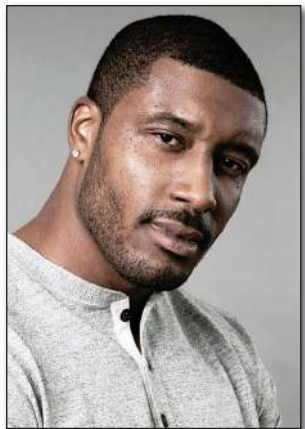
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## Craig Smith Creates Books to Inspire Youth

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK  
Sports Editor

Former NBA player Craig Smith encourages youth to make their dreams



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Craig Smith played for the Los Angeles Clippers from 2009 to 2011.

come true with his children's books "Craig and His Magical Basketball" and "Coloring with Craig: The Rhinos Basketball Adventures." Through his books, Smith urges youth to develop a sense of "purpose, drive, passion and work ethic" at an early age.

"I thought it was cool to be able to use the nickname that I have, which is 'The Rhino,' given to me by Kevin McHale, so I felt like I had a character,"

Smith said about the former book. "I did have a really good story because it was a true story about how my mom taught me how to play basketball."

Smith learned basketball from his mother, Linda Christian; he noted how she was his first mentor in the sport.

"She loved the game so much and she saw something in me at a special age where she wanted to show me this game," Smith said. "When she did, it changed my life ... I'm forever grateful for her."

As the 36th overall pick in the 2006 NBA Draft, Smith played for the Minnesota Timberwolves along with the Los Angeles Clippers and the Portland Trailblazers.

Smith uses lessons and experiences he went through playing basketball overseas. After seven seasons with the NBA, Smith played for Hapoel Jerusalem, the Hong Kong Bulls, and Ironi Nes Ziona of Israel.

During his time overseas, Smith wrote a blog about his experiences. He also got a chance to interact with youth in different

countries.

"We had to do certain events and different things," Smith said. "It's given me more perspective on things."

Along with having basketball-related pictures, his book "Coloring with Craig" features motivational phrases and advice for youth. Smith added his tips to also help youth improve their reading skills.

"We all have something special within us we just have to find it!" Smith stated. "It's been awesome creating this book to help kids tap into their creativity."

Being an ambassador for the Los Angeles Clippers exposed Smith to

youth and the issues that they face.

"I have this big platform to be able to showcase and let kids know I care and I know you guys are so freaking intelligent," Smith said. "I need to push you to the door, I want you to see the door so you can open it and the endless possibilities come you guys' way."

Smith mentioned how he plans on writing more books in the future. He enjoys using his creativity to help others. He also enjoys being around other authors.

"It's a whole new world, this author space is totally different and it's

exciting because it's new and I get to meet all these other wonderful authors," Smith said. "There was a lady who came up to me

and said I helped inspire her last year to make her book and she came out with the book the next year."



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