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COVID – Delta Variant On Rise Throughout Black Community

BY DANNY J. BAKEWELL, JR. Executive Editor

Los Angeles County has issued a recent warning that COVID-19 cases, and in particular the Delta variant, throughout the county are on the rise. African Americans in particular are suffering the effects of the virus more than other communities at an alarming rate and are encouraged to get vaccinated.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Healthcare has recently provided data showing members of the African American Community are suffering more than any other community from the effects of COVID-19 and are encouraging unvaccinated Californians to get vaccinated.

When asked, why should we be concerned about the Delta variant? MLK and healthcare officials said, "The virus is highly contagious and that it spreads quickly and can cause a more severe illness



Public health researchers say Black and Brown communities are being hospitalized with the Delta variant where low vaccination rates exist. AP PHOTO

than previous strands of the virus."

Public Health researchers are finding that people infected with the Delta variant are almost twice as

likely to be hospitalized as those who are infected with the Alpha variant. The unvaccinated population is at an even greater risk.

For the first time in

months, cases are on the rise; more people are going to the hospital and it is those within the Black and Brown communities, and

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Biden Nominates Garcetti as Ambassador to India



Mayor Eric Garcetti AP PHOTO

BY CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT Staff Writer

President Joe Biden has nominated Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti as the U.S. ambassador to the Republic of India. The White House made the announcement on July 9, following weeks of speculation in the local media about the potential appointment.

If confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Garcetti would serve a country where he has some ties. He has visited India multiple times and speaks some Hindi and Urdu. Also, the mayor lived and conducted fieldwork on nationalism, ethnicity, and human

rights in Southeast Asia and Northeast Africa.

"Today, the President announced that I am his nominee to serve as U.S. Ambassador to India. I am honored to accept his nomination to serve in this role," said Garcetti.

"I love Los Angeles and will always be an Angeleno. I want you to know that every day, I am your mayor, I will continue to lead this city like it is my first day on the job, with passion, focus, and determination.

"I have committed my life to service — as an activist, as a teacher, as a naval officer, as a public servant,

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Two Women Lead Metro to New Heights; First Time in 28-Year History

New Metro President Stephanie Wiggins and Metro Board Chairperson Hilda Solis are set to implement a new vision for the transportation agency

BY BETTI HALSELL Contributing Writer

Tuesday, July 6, Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti joined newly appointed Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins and Metro Board Chair Hilda L. Solis for the Annual State of the Agency Address. Metro employees, community leaders, and stakeholders sat among the audience, participating in the navigation of Metro's future.

The panel included Mayor Garcetti, Supervisor Solis, Metro's Chief Executive Officer Wiggins, and Ara Najarian, Glendale City Council Member and Metro Board Member. The gathering connected with community and reflected on how Metro can

do more for the people.

The CEO of Metro stated, "Under my leadership, we will pursue new and more effective ways of addressing homelessness," Wiggins continued, "We will address unhoused people on our system with compassion and dignity. We will collaborate with our city and community partners and social services."

The chief executive officer is looking to transform the way Metro collaborates with the community by introducing more inclusivity and non-aggressive practices within their foundation. This will include the use of outreach teams that will care for unhoused individuals, health clinicians, and other key staff to elevate the Metro experi-



Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins at the podium with Metro Board Chair Hilda L. Solis. COURTESY MTA

ence. The main purpose of Metro is to connect the community to their destination and propel the city into the future.

Wiggins began her four-year term as Metro CEO last month; she has

built a strong rapport in her previous position as chief executive officer of Metrolink. In addition to her credentials and experience as Metro's

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Scripps National Spelling Bee Champ Zaila Avant-garde is a Promising Student Athlete



Zaila Avant-garde COURTESY PHOTO

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Councilmember Curren Price Addresses Needs of Neighbors Affected by Botched Fireworks Detonation

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More than 100 residents came out on July 12 to Trinity Recreation Center for a community forum, hosted



Councilman Curren Price co-hosts community meeting for victims of South L.A. fireworks explosion. FILE PHOTO

by Councilmember Curren Price and the South Central Neighborhood Council, regarding the LAPD Bomb

Squad truck explosion that occurred at 27th and San Pedro streets.

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Bass Features Padilla and Jones-Sawyer at Virtual Town Hall

Timely topics covered included the infrastructure bill, police reform and vaccine hesitancy

BY CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT Staff Writer

An array of timely topics were addressed at the "Fighting for Los Angeles" virtual town hall hosted by U.S. Congresswoman Karen Bass on July 13. Joining her for the forum were U.S. Senator Alex Padilla and State Assembly Member Reginald Jones-Sawyer.

More than 1,000 people tuned-in for the Zoom event to hear first-hand the status of important legislation on the state and fed-



Rep. Karen Bass FILE PHOTO

eral level. All three elected officials shared insight on diverse subjects such as the infrastructure bill, police reform, child tax credit and

vaccine hesitancy.

"We've known Alex for a very long time as L.A. council president and California

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New Strain of Covid Proving Fatal to Unvaccinated People

BY MANNY OTIKO
California Black Media

Don't put away that mask. While the American public might be celebrating the lifting of the tightest COVID-19 restrictions in most parts of the United States, the coronavirus pandemic is far from over.

According to medical doctors, the United States is currently dealing with a new strain of the virus, the Delta variant, which is more lethal and virulent than previous strains. The Delta variant originated in India towards the end of last year and was first identified in America in March.

The Los Angeles County Health Department is so worried about a new outbreak, its told residents to mask up again.

"Since the Delta variant is more infectious than other variants, Public Health recommends wearing a mask around others in indoor spaces, regardless of vaccination status," said the LA County Department of Health in a tweet.

Dr. Jerry Abraham, director of Kedren Vaccines at Kedren Health in Los Angeles, has already seen signs of the new strain in the Los Angeles community. He said medical professionals are already gearing up for what he called the "5th wave" of the coronavirus pandemic.

"It's already in LA," he said. "We assume the rates will go back up."

Like other viruses, COVID-19 is constantly

mutating. When the virus encounters new hosts (particularly unvaccinated bodies,) it changes and gets stronger. The best way to eliminate the disease is to vaccinate about 70% of residents in a community (herd

immunity,) so the virus doesn't have any places to grow and survive.

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"If you let it spread, it will mutate," he warned.

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Dr. Eric Feigl-Ding, an epidemiologist and health economist and a senior fellow at the Federation of American Scientists in Washington, D.C., emphasized this point during a recent Ethnic Media Services virtual briefing on the efficacy of continued mask use.

"The more warm bodies the virus has, the more opportunity it will have to mutate," said Feigl-Deing, who is also the Chief Health Economist for Microclinic International, a San Francis-

co-based non-profit that bills itself as an organization that "revolutionize how deadly diseases are prevented and managed worldwide."

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cines.

Some say they don't trust the science. Others do it to resist what they see as pressure coming from liberals.

But health experts say, refusing to take one of the

COVID-19 pandemic," according to Medical News Today.

Medical data shows that 99% of recent COVID-19 deaths were unvaccinated people, according to Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's

them, Abraham says, are reluctant to take the vaccination, even though they're eligible.

Abraham said he encountered many "Invincibles" at the recent June-teenth celebration in Los Angeles, and many of them had a nonchalant attitude towards COVID-19. He said many young people he encouraged to get vaccinated said, "I'll get over it." They think if they eat right and are healthy, they'll survive Covid, he said.

But Abraham said healthy people can get sick and still need to get vaccinated.

"You're never going to exercise or eat your way off a ventilator," said Abraham.

Abraham also warned the situation would worsen during the fall when it gets colder, and people spend more time inside.

"It's not a matter of if," said Abraham.

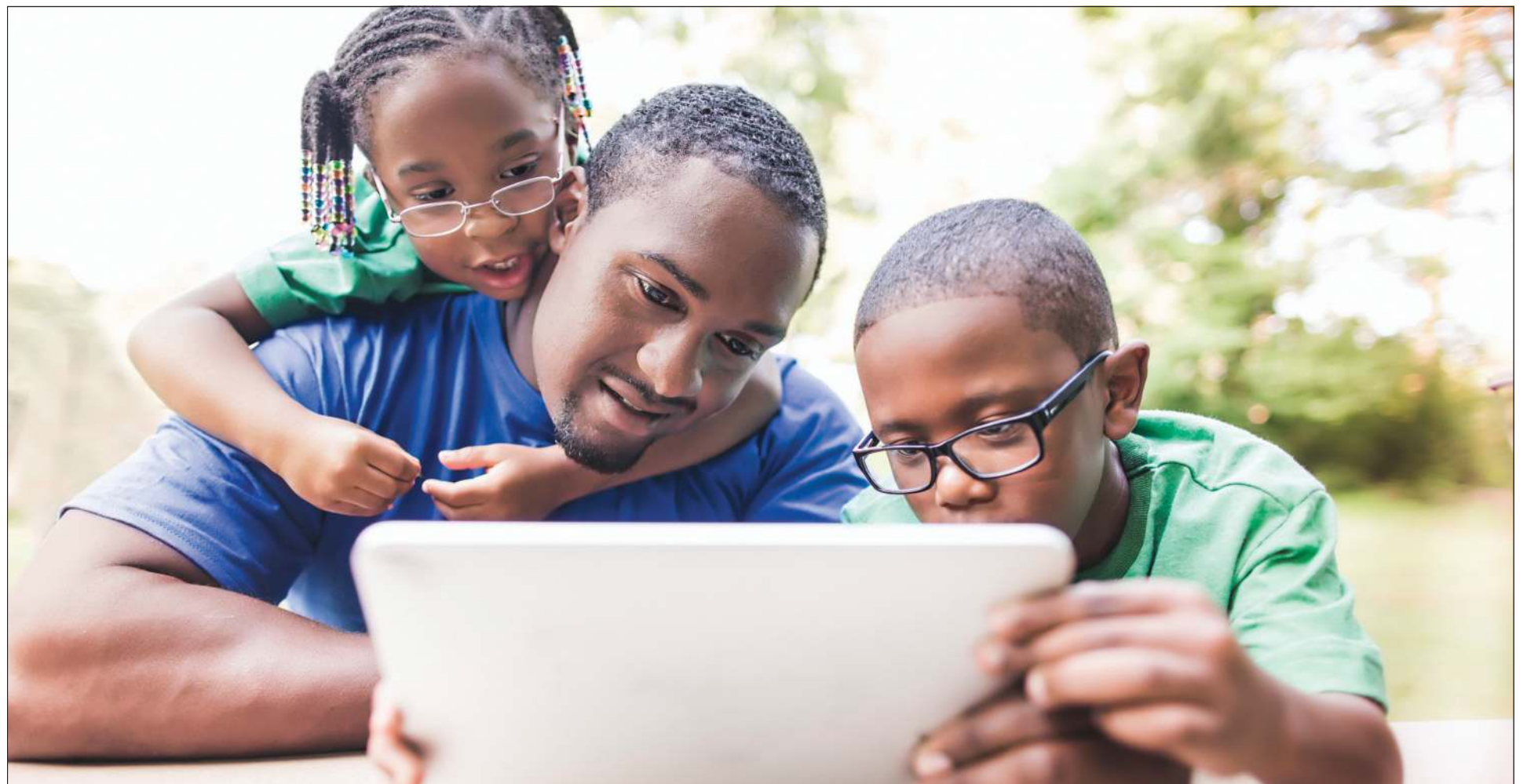
He also said that pandemic diseases are becoming more common. There are several reasons why this could be occurring, such as overpopulation, children growing up in sterilized environments, poor nutrition, global warming, poor health and poor sanitation in the developing world.

And we live in an increasingly globalized world, so it's easy for a disease that originated on the other side of the world to end up in the West.

"What happens in South Asia will affect us in L.A.," said Abraham.



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LADWP Hires First-ever Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer

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As part of the ongoing initiatives to advance diversity and equity, Monique Earl has been named to lead the newly-created Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Earl will become part of the senior management team reporting to General Manager Martin Adams, and will be responsible for the oversight of policies, practices and programs designed to improve diversity and opportunities throughout LADWP and position the agency to better serve communities with the highest needs. As a senior assistant general manager, Earl will also work to provide leadership, guidance and support in the internal and external devel-

opment and implementation of the department's Racial Equity Action Initiatives.

Earl's career with the City of Los Angeles spans 20 years across the legislative, executive and administrative branches of government. During her roles with the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, Earl led diversity, equity and inclusion efforts in recruitment, hiring and supplier diversity.

Earl has a strong leadership background having served as chief deputy controller for City Controller Ron Galperin and deputy mayor of budget and financial policy in the administration of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. She also has a long record of managing diversity, equity and inclu-

sion efforts with a focus on workforce development, contracting, economic development and community engagement.

LADWP Board President, Cynthia McClain-Hill, a key architect behind the department's Racial Equity Action Initiatives, said she was looking forward to working with Earl on the meaningful new Initiatives at LADWP. "Equity is about making sure everyone, especially people from historically disadvantaged backgrounds, have the opportunity to be successful at LADWP. Monique Earl will be a welcome addition as LADWP's first Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer during this critical time," said President McClain-Hill.

General Manager and Chief Engineer, Martin

Adams said he wants to ensure diversity, equity and inclusion are not only valued, but reflected in every aspect of the department's operations moving forward. "I am thrilled to have Monique join our leadership team. The energy, enthusiasm, and experience she brings will help LADWP move forward in all areas of DEI, both with our internal staff as well as how we serve communities across Los Angeles. Monique will play a key role in helping us make LADWP the best public agency it can be."

"It is an honor and huge responsibility to join LADWP in this pivotal role. I look forward to building upon the DEI foundation the Department is laying and establishing a culture where everyone



Monique Earl

FILE PHOTO

feels seen, heard and valued," Ms. Earl said.

The creation of the office of diversity, equity and inclusion took on a sense of urgency after Mayor Eric Garcetti issued executive directive No. 27. The directive was issued after the death of George Floyd and unprecedented nationwide demonstrations for social justice and elimi-

nation of institutional racism. The executive directive instructs all city departments to create a Racial Equity Action Plan to promote equity throughout Los Angeles. The broader set of Initiatives, along with efforts to address gender equity and other workforce diversity issues, will be led by Earl and the new DEI office.

Black Californians Are the Number One Target of Hate Crimes

BY ALDON THOMAS STILES
California Black Media

Miya Ponsetto, the Piru, California woman who falsely accused a Black teenager of stealing her phone at a New York City Hotel in December 2020, has been charged with a hate crime.

Two Californian men have been charged with a hate crime in Oregon for allegedly assaulting a Black gas station attendant.

A Berkeley woman was charged with a hate crime after she allegedly harassed a Black Amazon delivery driver, shouting racial slurs at him and physically stopping his attempts to escape

the confrontation.

Hate crime incidents in California shot up by 31%

in California cities.

Last year, Black people accounted for 6.5% of Cal-

ifornia cities. address the hate crime epidemic, promised to attack this issue head on.

"We need to strengthen our reporting and tracking system so that we can really get a handle on the full depth of the challenge."

When it comes to hate crimes, Black Americans are the most targeted racial group in the country, with Anti-Black hate crimes making up 47.1% of all racially motivated hate crimes in 2018 and 48.5% in 2019.

According to the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations 2019 Hate Crime Report, 2019 also saw a 64% increase in hate crimes targeting trans people, many of which were Black or Brown, according to the

Human Rights Campaign.

"Yet another year with alarming levels of bias-motivated crimes underscores just how urgent it is to address this hate crimes epidemic," said Alphonso David, the Human Rights Campaign's first Black president. "This year, we saw a tragic new record of fatal violence against transgender and gender non-conforming people in this country, particularly against Black and Brown transgender women."

2020 also saw a 107% increase in anti-Asian hate crime in California as racially motivated civil unrest ravished the country.



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in 2020, the highest since 2008. And According to the state attorney general's annual report, this surge can be attributed to a massive spike in anti-Black hate crimes in major Cali-

ifornia's population but were the targets of 30% of total hate crimes, an 87% increase from 2019.

California Attorney General Rob Bonta, who held a press conference to

"We need to be more victim-centered with how we address hate crime by providing care and healing in language and with cultural competence," Bonta told Sacramento's ABC10.

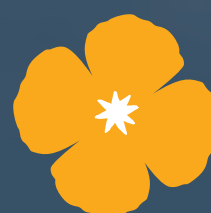


Emotional support for COVID-19 and what comes next.

As our lives slowly return to normal, it's understandable to still feel stressed and anxious. While getting vaccinated and wearing a mask can protect our physical health, our emotional wellbeing is still vulnerable. Old worries and questions have simply turned into new ones. Is it safe to return to work? Can my kids go back to school now? Where do we go from here?

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Project 43 Team Post Center Opens in South L.A.

Nonprofit delivers programs and services to empower, enrich and educate underserved children and families

BY CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT
Staff Writer

A huge crowd turned out for the grand opening of Project 43 Team Post Center on 68th Street and Crenshaw Blvd. in South Los Angeles. The event, held July 10, offered food, music and opportunities for the surrounding neighborhood and local businesses.

Project 43 is actually a community center and business incubator complex that provides a variety of programs for children, youth and adults. The nonprofit group operates a food pantry, community garden, vendor areas, podcast program and more.

Also, the building contains an open-air plaza, a large hall outfitted with

she had a deep desire to make a positive contribu- tion and a tangible difference in her community. So, using her own funds, she launched Project 43 Team Post Center.



DAVID E. FOSSETT
Janee Williams, left, and Amerylus "Ann" Cooper, stand in the Hygiene Department of the Project 43 Team Post Center.

tion and a tangible difference in her community. So, using her own funds, she launched Project 43 Team Post Center.

"Through Project 43, I want to empower and support underserved commu-

shaw Blvd. and change lives," she insisted. "So, I'm introducing this to the community so people can see how far we've come and how far we can go with a little help."

During the grand opening, vendors filled the front plaza displaying wares such as jewelry, clothing and plants. Attendees enjoyed music courtesy of



DAVID E. FOSSETT
Amerylus "Ann" Cooper with Chef Danni B. Cooks, who will manage Project 43's Culinary Arts program.

food bars and a DJ area, and tech-ready office space to hold both small and large meetings, all available for rent. So, how did Project 43 develop deep in the 'hood?

The enterprise is the vision of Amerylus "Ann" Cooper. Affectionately called "Ms. Ann" by her volunteers and supporters,

nities by engaging people in a dignified way that encourages everyone to better themselves, their lives and their neighborhoods," said Cooper.

Before allotting 14-months to renovate the building into the center, Cooper recalled, "This place was horrible, but I saw what this could be. I



DAVID E. FOSSETT
In a selfie pose are, from left, David E. Fossett, MC Keishacali and DJ Battlecat.

MC Keishacali, DJ Battlecat and Preston Harris of 102.5 radio station and

Chef Danni B. Cooks presented tasty samples and signed up prospects for her cooking classes.

"Danni is the director of our Culinary Arts program, but she's also a caterer and will run her business at Project 43," explained Cooper. "I want to make sure that our young people have an opportunity to follow their dreams. So, as she teaches the lesson, she can take students with her to do the catering jobs."

La Tijera Avery, another young business owner, manages her natural juice bar at the Project 43 center. She and Jennifer Criddle determined that they would "pay it forward and push positive health" among community members.

To help vendors or local

ing circle that presents "spiritual wellness activities for men, women and children in the community," she said. "I choose to be a part of the healing circle because I was a victim of every aspect of abuse

her backyard. I want to bring people in like that," declared Cooper), and financial literacy classes for all ages.

A big vacant lot, which exists at the rear of the center, is where Cooper hopes



DAVID E. FOSSETT
From left are La Tijera Avery and Jennifer Criddle, who operate a natural juice bar, and "Ann" Cooper.

growing up as a teen. Now, I want to give back, especially to young women,

to build a movie theater, skating rink and a stage. She also wants to offer an e-sports and education curriculum. But to fulfill all of these plans, she hopes to entice others to make financial contributions.

Project 43 has several fundraising sponsorships that enable the public to assist. The Next Lap Marathon is a \$25-per-month pledge, the Half Lap Marathon is \$10-per-month donation and there is the \$5 Wednesday weekly contribution.

"I'm begging people to be sponsors. It's about what we can do for our community," Cooper said. "These young people are our future and these are the people we



DAVID E. FOSSETT
From left are Queen Ny, "Ann" Cooper and Gustyn Cook in the Project 43 podcast studio.

businesses publicize their services, Gustyn Cook directs the center's Podcast Program. "Basically, it's an outlet for small businesses in the community to showcase what their business is about. We can create partnerships to sell their products or donate or whatever they want to do for the community," Cook said.

While the business potential is exciting, equally impressive are the outreach efforts sponsored by Project 43, which are designed to aid homeless individuals and families. In addition to the pantry that gives out food twice a month, the center distributes hot meals, hygiene kits, backpacks and non-perishable goods to people in need.

Janee Williams oversees the outreach program, which also includes a heal-

because I have a story to tell."

As for the future, Cooper has plans to offer even more free activities. Space



DAVID E. FOSSETT
Amerylus "Ann" Cooper with rapper Jaiden 2Fast and his father, Larry.

has been designated to host a library with computer stations ("We already have 1,000 books donated," Cooper said with a big smile,) a studio to record music as well as oral histories ("I have an 89-year-old lady who grows cotton in

need to bring up. We can go really far with a little help!"

Project 43 Team Post Center is open Saturdays through Mondays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information or to donate, visit project43teampostcenter.org.

Pitzer College Names Kimberly Shiner VP for College Advancement and Communications

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Pitzer College has named Kimberly Shiner, a proven leader in higher education fundraising and external relations, as its new vice president for college advancement and communications effective August 1. Shiner was selected in May following a competitive national search.

Shiner brings to this new role more than 20 years of leadership experience as a successful fundraiser, team builder, and communications professional. She currently serves as the associate vice president for university advancement, Office of Philanthropic Giving, at California State University, San Bernardino (CSUSB), where she has worked for the past seven years. At CSUSB, Shiner played a leadership role in the university's first comprehensive campaign, which exceeded its \$50 million goal and was completed a year ahead of schedule.

Prior to CSUSB, Shiner was in leadership positions at the University of Southern California (USC), where she worked for 13 years in various roles. As senior executive director of development for USC government and civic engagement, she managed fundraising

and communications for her division. Shiner also served as senior associate director of foundation relations for the Keck School of Medicine of USC and as executive director of development, corporate, and foundation relations for the Dornsife College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences, where she was a key member of the team that cultivated numerous principal gifts, including the \$200 million gift to name the college.

In addition to her extensive experience in educational advancement, Shiner has worked with communications firms in Los Angeles and Orange counties, conducting media relations and developing strategic plans.

Throughout her professional life, Shiner has distinguished herself as a passionate promoter of higher education and a champion of diversity, equity, and inclusion. She has demonstrated a deep commitment to civic engagement and service in many organizations at many levels. She earned her bachelor's degree in journalism and her master's degree in public administration (non-profit management) from California State University, Northridge.

"Kimberly received enthusiastic support from every constituency that interviewed

her," said Pitzer College President Melvin L. Oliver. "I am confident she will be successful leading the recently com-



PHOTO COURTESY OF CSUSB
Kimberly Shiner
Kimberly Shiner, new Vice President for College Advancement and Communications.

binated areas of Advancement and Communications at Pitzer, and I know she will help further Pitzer's ability to live out our values."

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Young Black Creative Debuts Pop-up Art Gallery

By CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT
Staff Writer

Expressing herself is rarely a problem for Shalandrea Houchen. In fact, her range of diverse experiences helps the young Los Angeles native to excel in several creative endeavors.

Houchen not only boasts a background in acting, singing and modern dancing, but she also spent the last eight years managing the opening of successful restaurants in New York City. It was in NYC that she discovered her gift for designing pop-up art installations by presenting What's Ya Zodiac, an interactive gallery showcasing the 12 Zodiac signs.

Now she's launching a similar installation in L.A. and her exhibits aren't just

nice to look at. They also offer a hands-on opportunity to learn about Black art history along with other topics, explained Houchen, who is known professionally as Shay Renee.

The paint and sip events feature a painting class, led by a professional artist, held in a high-energy environment and complimented with robust beverages. Artists Malcolm-Emilio Yarde and Isis Dua will conduct the inaugural L.A. classes.

"Our paint and sip aims to be the art class you never received in school. We are highlighting and exposing everyone's mind and soul to the beauty of the Black artists around the world such as Robert S. Duncanson, Jacob Lawrence, Kara Walker, Kehinde Wile, Iona Rozeal

Brown and Jean-Michel Basquiat," said Houchen.

Calling her venture, What's Ya Sip, Houchen says the project is her "homage to the unrecognized, undervalued and silenced Black artists that laid the carpet for my peers and I to be the artists we are today."

She envisions people commissioning her pop-up gallery to celebrate milestones such as birthdays, anniversaries and retirements. What's Ya Sip can also enhance family reunions, youth outings and community fundraising events. "Sponsorships of various levels are available as well for businesses of all sizes to publicize their product or service," added Houchen.

"For example, the Say It Loud package provides your

brand or product demonstration in two installations, your company's name mentioned

of that, plus a personalized installation featuring your brand."



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Shalandrea Houchen channels her talents into art installations. Houchen's diverse background ranges from stage acting to managing restaurant openings.

in all media and marketing and your product included in the swag bag," she said. "The higher level Harlem Renaissance sponsorship offers all

Mixing art and hospitality lays the foundation for growth, noted the entrepreneur, who plans to take What's Ya Sip nationwide through

partnerships and collaborations with cities and agencies around the U.S. Houchen also plans to develop new Black history-related concepts on a semi-annual basis.

"By combining art and hospitality, pop up art galleries can attract hundreds of people and educate women, men and youth about Black business, culture and art history," Houchen said. "Individuals and organizations can benefit by hosting What's Ya Sip to futher the mission or cause that's close to their heart."

The Los Angeles debut of What's Ya Sip takes place on July 16-18 in South L.A. To learn about sponsorships or obtain tickets, email artbynatural@gmail.com or contact [@artbynatural](https://www.instagram.com/artbynatural) on Instagram.

Public Health Monitors Variant Outbreaks, Urge Students to Get Vaccinated Before School Year



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Employees should consider wearing a higher level of protection, such as wearing two masks (double masking) or wearing a respirator (N95) when working in close quarters with others.

By BRIAN W. CARTER
Contributing Writer

"Over 99% of the COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths we are seeing are among unvaccinated individuals," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, director of Public Health. "Of the cases reported, nearly 87% were under 50-years-old."

Los Angeles County is still dealing with the Delta

Variant of COVID-19 as the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) stated they were investigating 55 ongoing outbreaks earlier this week, which had risen from 44 reported a month ago. These numbers according to Public Health are lower than what was observed in February, but vaccinations are still being recommended at the best safety precaution against the variant.

Current numbers on outbreaks of Delta Variant are lower than earlier in the year.

"The COVID-19 vaccines are the most effective and important tool to reduce COVID-19 transmission and the spread of variants like the highly transmissible Delta variant," said Ferrer. "Getting fully vaccinated is the way we protect you, your family and our community from COVID-19 and the Delta variant."

Public Health is encouraging everyone unvaccinated to get fully vaccinated as schools and colleges start for the 2021 -2022 school year. Unvaccinated parties are still being asked to wear masks indoors or in vehicles with others for their safety. Upon request, employers are required to offer unvaccinated employees, who work indoors, with a respirator for voluntary use. Employees should consider wearing a higher level of protection,

such as wearing two masks (double masking) or wearing a respirator (N95) when working in close quarters with others. Employers are also required to report any cluster (three or more lab confirmed cases of COVID-19) of work-site COVID-19 cases to Public Health.

As of Monday, July 12, Public Health reported some delays to the numbers of new deaths but stated 1,059 new cases of COVID-19. There were 372 patients hospitalized with COVID-19 with 16% of nearly 7,120,000 individuals testing positive with symptoms.

Public Health identified 1,258,685 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 24,543 deaths. Cases across the Southland: Los Angeles County shows 11,993,375 cases, Long Beach with

53,885 cases and Pasadena with 11,425 cases.

According to race and ethnicity, COVID-19 statistics show: American Indian/Alaska Native with 2,029; Asian with 57,228; Black with 48,915; Hispanic/Latino with 637,649; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander with 4,291; White with 133,084; those of other race and ethnicity with 100,228 and 209,951

under investigation.

For more detailed information on COVID-19 vaccination plans in L.A. County and to sign up for a vaccination newsletter, visit: www.vaccinatelacounty.com

For more information and statistics on COVID-19 in Los Angeles County, please visit <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/>

Always check with trusted sources for the latest accurate information about novel coronavirus:

- *Los Angeles County Department of Public Health <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>
- *California Department of Public Health <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>
- *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> Spanish <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index-sp.html>
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Op-ed

Black Lives Matter at Eight Years ...and Counting

BY MELINA ABDULLAH
Special to the Sentinel

Over the last year #BlackLivesMatter has been measured as the largest racial and social justice movement in history, fed by the indomitable spirits of #GeorgeFloyd, #BreonnaTaylor, #AhmaudArbery...and in Los Angeles #DijonKizzee, #FredWilliams, and the more than 1200 people who were killed by police in 2020 all across this country and those whose lives were stolen in 2021...#DaunteWright, #MaKhaBryant, #FrederickHolder, and more. Their spirits joined #EzellFord, #MikeBrown, #RedelJones, #MitriceRichardson and so many others who, since 2013, breathed life into Black Lives Matter. The years spent building Black Lives Matter, gave the cry for justice a movement home.

When #TrayvonMartin's murderer, George Zimmerman, was acquitted on July 13, 2013, the world erupted and our co-founder Alicia Garza penned a love letter to Black people, closing with the words "Black Lives Matter." The words, amplified by Patrisse Cullors and Opal Tometi, became a rallying cry for those with the vision and will to end state-sanctioned violence against

Black people and build a world of freedom and justice. For eight years we have struggle and organized. And while the size and scale of the movement is a win unto itself, there are also tangible victories that have moved us forward in a substantive way.

As the world cracked wide open last year, it became clear that police and

penalizing people for the neighborhoods in which they live through gang and other enhancements, and stop privileging the rich and penalizing the poor through the cash bail system. We launched People's Budget LA and got \$150 million cut from LAPD and \$250 million pledged to the Black community. We defunded police in LAUSD schools

launched #VerifiedBlack-Owned to highlight and deliberately invest in Black-owned businesses. We put more than \$3 million in the form of \$1000 mini-grants directly into the hands of Black families that were struggling in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic through the Black Lives Matter Survival Fund. We celebrated Black women



#JackieLaceyMustGo community canvass

prisons required abolition, not reform. #DefundThePolice and #ReimaginePublicSafety became the clarion calls. We engaged Black voters and ran Trump out of the White House. Old school prosecutors, like Jackie Lacey, were ousted and visions for progressive justice reform took hold, where refuse to prosecute children as adults, end the racist death penalty, stop

by 35% and invested nearly \$100 million in Black student achievement. With the passage of Measure J, we allocated County funds away from jails and sheriffs and invested hundreds of millions of dollars in the things that actually make communities safe, like good jobs, mental health resources, youth programs, re-entry programs, and economic development. We

through #BlackWomenAre-Divine, and provided healing justice to the families of those killed by police and the organizers who support them. We stepped into our own power and challenged everyone from Hollywood to corporations to politicians to say definitively that "Black Lives Matter," with many actually putting their money where their mouth is. Some will tell us that the



Protest for #JohnHorton, killed by LA County Sheriffs inside Men's Central Jail in 2009.

Black Lives Matter "moment" is closing, that it's time to move on and return to "normalcy." Racist systems are doubling down, by increasing funding to police, banning critical race theory, criminalizing homelessness and poverty, attempting to recall progressive prosecutors, eroding voting rights, violently assaulting protestors, and clinging desperately to old forms. While we cannot realistically expect the protest to number in the hundreds of thousands, we must maintain the revolutionary spirit that our Ancestors and those on whose behalf we struggle demand. We must pass the Kenneth Ross, Jr. Police Decertification Bill (SB2, authored by Senator Steve Bradford). We must pass bold visionary federal legislation like the BREATHE

Act and the People's Response Act (introduced by Rep. Cori Bush). We must continue to #DefundThePolice and move them out of mental health calls, traffic stops, schools, public transportation, housing, and other places where they bring harm, not safety. We must #EndPoliceAssociations, directly challenge their legitimacy as "unions," and recognize them, instead, as protectors of white-supremacist-capitalism. There is so much more work to be done to topple systems of white supremacy and oppression and build a new world fit for the inheritance of our children and the generations to come. Today we recommit and step courageously into that sacred duty. Black Lives STILL Matter...eight years in...and counting.

Jury Selection Begins in Trial of West Hollywood Political Donor Ed Buck

BY FRED SHUSTER
City News Service

A jury of seven women and five men was sworn in today for the federal criminal trial of former political donor Ed Buck, who is accused of providing methamphetamine to two men who overdosed and died in his West Hollywood. The panel, along with three female alternates, was chosen after a daylong process in which some of the 50 prospective jurors were brought to tears when questioned about sensitive topics

such as drug use among family members and close friends. Others told of personal tragedies or encounters with law enforcement that left one man "bitter about the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department."

When queries got too uncomfortable for public airing, U.S. District Judge Christina Snyder allowed responses to be provided in private behind closed doors.

The pool reflected a cross-section of the region's population, taking in people ranging in age from their

mid-20s to their late 60s. Occupations included teachers, a flight attendant, retired nurses, an unemployed actor, a greenhouse manager, pharmacists, a fitness instructor, and a "personal assistant to a famous artist" who said she had twice been "drugged unknowingly."

Buck, 66, sat quietly beside his two attorneys during the proceedings. Snyder had asked everyone in the courtroom to remain masked and socially distanced except when speaking, and because of the number of

seats that were kept vacant, a secondary courtroom with a video screen was in use for non-jury members.

Opening statements are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the downtown Los Angeles federal courthouse. The trial is expected to last between eight and 10 days.

Buck is accused of paying Black men to allow him to inject them with methamphetamine -- even while they were passed out. He also faces state charges of running a drug den, but the federal case is proceeding first.



(From L-to-R): Gemmel Moore, Ed Buck and Timothy Dean

A trial memorandum alleges Buck lured vulnerable, homeless gay men, who were addicted to drugs or working as escorts, to his Laurel Avenue apartment, where he provided drugs in exchange for sexual activity. The alleged practice turned lethal when Gemmel Moore and Timothy Dean died of overdoses, according to prosecutors.

Buck's attorney, Christopher Darden, best known for being part of the prosecution team in the murder trial of O.J. Simpson, has not responded to numerous requests for comment.

The juror questionnaire touched on prior drug experiences and views on prostitution, homelessness and law-breakers who cooperate with law enforcement in hopes of getting a break.

Federal prosecutors also wanted to know if potential panelists or their friends or family ever had a drug problem, or whether any close friends or relatives have been drugged against their will.

"Have you had a close friend or relative die of a drug overdose?" was among the questions asked of potential panelists.

Almost every one of the 50 people who stood at the podium before the judge told of a drug dependency or a drug-related death within their family.

Buck faces nine felony counts, including two counts of distribution of controlled substances resulting in death. The counts stem from the deaths of 26-year-old Moore in July 2017 and Dean in January 2019. If convicted, each of the two charges carry 20-year mandatory minimums.

Buck is also charged with knowingly enticing Moore to travel to Los Angeles to engage in prostitution, and providing him with crystal

methamphetamine before he overdosed on the drug and died. Buck is facing a second count of enticing a different man to travel with the intent of engaging in prostitution; one count of knowingly and intentionally distributing methamphetamine; and one count of using his West Hollywood apartment for the purpose of distributing narcotics such as methamphetamine, and the sedatives gamma hydroxybutyric acid (GHB) and clonazepam.

At the apartment, Buck "prepared methamphetamine syringes in a ritualistic fashion; some victims report that he required them to watch him do it," the trial memorandum alleges. "Buck's preference was to personally inject victims, and he pressured or incentivized victims to let him do so, sometimes offering large cash bonuses to coerce a victim to agree to an injection or additional injections. Other times, Buck simply injected victims while they were unconscious."

The document describes "party and play" sessions in which Buck allegedly paid men he sometimes solicited from online gay male dating and escort sites to use drugs he provided, and perform sexual acts.

Buck was arrested in September 2019 after being charged in federal court with providing the methamphetamine that led to the overdose death of Moore. He was indicted weeks later in connection with the death of Dean.

"Sadly, neither of these deaths deterred defendant from continuing to distribute methamphetamine through party and play sessions," prosecutors allege in court papers.

Buck has been in custody at a downtown federal lockup since his arrest.

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Calif. Reps. Lee and Bass Are Pushing Bills to Probe COINTELPRO; Remove Hoover's Name From FBI Building

BY QUINCI LE GARDYE
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California's U.S. Congresswomen Barbara Lee (D-CA-13) and Karen Bass (D-CA-37) are backing legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives to remove former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover's name from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) headquarters in Washington, D.C. Another bill they are supporting calls for probing the racially motivated counterintelligence programs that Hoover organized and oversaw known as COINTELPRO. Under Hoover's watch, the FBI often relied on extra-legal tactics to accomplish its aims.

Last month, Representatives Bobby L. Rush (D-IL-01), Barbara Lee (D-CA-13) and Steve Cohen (D-TN-09) hosted a virtual forum focused on the activities of COINTELPRO. Several African Americans with direct knowledge of COINTELPRO programs testified, including 1960s activists Akua Njeri, Bobby Seale and Ericka Huggins, testified. Fred Hampton Jr also testified.

COINTELPRO is the moniker used to describe a series of covert projects the FBI coordinated between 1956-1971. They were aimed at surveilling, infiltrating and disrupting several domestic political movements and individuals that the agency deemed subversive or critical of the United States. Targeted groups and individuals included the Communist Party USA, the Black Panther Party, the Nation of Islam, anti-Vietnam war organizers, feminist organizations and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The 2021 Oscar-nominated film "Judas and the Black Messiah" depicted the strategy COINTELPRO used to infiltrate the Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party, which led to the assassination of Black Panther Party leader the late Fred Hampton Sr.

The lawmakers hosting the virtual forum condemned the COINTELPRO programs and J. Edgar Hoover's leadership over the operation and, more broadly, the FBI. Hoover was the first and founding director of the FBI and he ran the agency

from 1935 until his death in 1972. Hoover was also the head of the Bureau of Investigation, a government agency founded in



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1924 and the forerunner to the FBI.

They are also calling for the uncovering of the still-classified history of COINTELPRO.

Rush, the co-founder of the Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party, introduced his COINTELPRO Full Disclosure Act on May 4, which would require federal government agencies to publicly release all counterintelligence files related to COINTELPRO, and remove J. Edgar Hoover's name from the FBI building in Washington, D.C. Representatives Cohen,

Rush and Lee are also co-sponsoring a separate bill aimed at removing Hoover's name from the FBI headquarters.

"I know the damages of J. Edgar Hoover's COINTELPRO firsthand. I was put in the middle of their aggressive surveillance and counterintelligence activities after becoming involved with the Black Panther Party as a community worker," said Lee. "As a community worker, I used my organizational and fundraising skills to help implement the Ten Point Program, which made programs like Free Breakfast for Children possible and paved the way for our own government's free breakfast plan for low-income

children."

Calling the FBI's activities and methods under Hoover "government-sponsored harassment," Cohen said "COINTELPRO was not just violent and illegal. What made it so pernicious is it undermined our Constitution and democracy."

"The United States was born of dissent, and alternative perspectives should be welcomed, not 'neutralized.' We may disagree, but every American has the right and freedom to speak their mind, to petition their government, to protest, to be engaged and active in civic life, and to contribute their energy and efforts in pursuit of our 'more perfect union,'" he said. he FBI, attempted to snuff out minorities and minority viewpoints."

The forum featured both activists with deep knowledge of COINTELPRO's efforts and former members of the Black Panther Party. Akua Njeri, Fred Hampton Sr.'s partner, shared a harrowing account of the Black Panther Party leader's death. Her son, Fred Hampton Jr., also spoke about his own experience with COINTEL-

PRO.

According to Njeri and Hampton Jr., the majority of COINTELPRO's subversive activities involving Black nationalist groups was directed at the Black Panther Party.

While the forum was mostly focused on testimonies, Lee stressed the need to learn about the past COINTELPRO operations in case similar efforts are used again in the future. She cited the FBI's "Black identity extremism" report, which was written by the FBI's Domestic Terrorism Analysis Unit in 2017, and claimed that "perceptions of police brutality against African Americans" had spurred "an increase in premeditated, retaliatory lethal violence against law enforcement." Lee criticized the idea of a "Black identity extremist," saying that such a thing "did not exist."

"This was another way for the FBI to surveil the Black community. So, we must be vigilant now, this briefing is so important, because we all have to understand what a COINTELPRO 2 looks like now," Lee said.

Reward in 2009 Inglewood Shooting of Preschool Teacher Now Totals \$35,000

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The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors offered or renewed \$10,000 rewards or information leading to the killers of a 24-year-old preschool teacher sitting in a parked car in Inglewood in 2009 and a 53-year-old father of three shot to death in the backyard of his Windsor Hills home in 2019.

Supervisor Holly

Mitchell recommended the reward in the case of Crystal Crawford, a Los Angeles resident killed on May 31, 2009. In 2019, Inglewood approved a \$25,000 reward so the reward money now totals \$35,000.

Around 10:30 p.m. that night, Crawford and three friends were sitting in a car parked in a residential neighborhood near 95th Street and Eighth Avenue when another car pulled up

alongside. Someone inside the second car shouted something and then opened fire before speeding away.

Crawford's boyfriend drove her to Centinela Hospital, where she died the following morning.

Anyone with additional information on the killing was urged to call Inglewood Police Department Detective Michael Oppelt at 310-412-8683 or an

anonymous tip line, 888-412-7463.

Mitchell also asked the board to renew a \$10,000 reward for information about the Feb. 8, 2019, killing of 53-year-old Timothy Jackson at his home in the 3500 block of Floresta Avenue in Windsor Hills. That reward was set to expire Saturday but will now be available for at least 90 days.

Jackson, a father of

three children who worked in the real estate industry, was found dead in his backyard with multiple gunshot wounds by deputies responding to 911 calls reporting gunfire around 10:30 p.m.

Mitchell encouraged anyone with information on Jackson's killing to call the Sheriff's Homicide Bureau at 323-890-5500 or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS (8477).



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Crystal Crawford

Cal AG Rob Bonta Hits Google With Lawsuit Over 'Play Store'

BY TANU HENRY
California Black Media

Last week, California Attorney General Rob Bonta announced the California Department of Justice (DOJ) is joining a multistate lawsuit against Google.



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In the claim, California joins 35 other states and the District of Columbia in accusing the Mountain View-based company of violating national and state laws (the federal Sherman Antitrust Act and California's Cartwright Act) with its Google Play Store's monopolization of the smartphone app market.

"Google has violated the trust of Android phone customers by limiting consumer choice and raking in outrageous commissions on app developers. Android customers are effectively stuck using the Google Play Store for apps, where they pay a premium," said Bonta.

Calling Google's dominance of the Android app market "anti-competitive," Bonta pointed out that customers are impacted the most by Google's actions.

"A more competitive app marketplace could

open innovation, leading to more choice, better payment processing, improved customer service, and enhanced data security," he added.

The lawsuit, filed in a U.S. District Court in San Francisco, is the second multi-state lawsuit Califor-

nia has joined against the tech giant. Last year, Cal DOJ joined another U.S. Department of Justice lawsuit claiming Google stifles its competition by signing exclusionary agreements with smartphone manufacturers to dominate their operating systems, blocking out its search engine and other app competitors.

"In the absence of Google's anticompetitive conduct, there would be two main channels for consumers to obtain apps on an open Android operating system: (i) direct downloading and installation of apps or app stores; and (ii) apps or app stores pre-installed on devices by device manufacturers and/or mobile network operators," reads the 144-page complaint in which phrases with sensitive information have been redacted.

"But Google has closed

off its purportedly "open" Android operating system from competition in app distribution," it continues. "To accomplish this, Google degraded direct distribution channels, and then cut deals to discourage and disincentivize any remaining potential competition."

Responding to the states' legal action, Google's senior director of government affairs and policy Wilson White wrote in a blog post that the suit isn't about fairness. Instead, in his view, it's about a "handful" of developers who want access to the benefits of Google's app store without paying for it.

"The complaint limits its definition of app marketplace to Android devices only. This completely ignores the competition we face from other platforms such as Apple's incredibly successful app store, which accounts for the majority of mobile app store revenues, according to third party estimates," White wrote.

White insists Google allows both developers and consumers to have options.

"Device makers and carriers can preload competing app stores alongside Google Play on their devices," he said. "In fact, most android devices ship with two or more app stores preloaded. And popular Android devices such as the Amazon Fire tablet come preloaded with a competitive app store and no Google Play Store."

Technically, Bonta says, consumers do have

the option to install app stores they choose or to buy apps directly from developers. But he says Google discourages this "type of sideloading through a convoluted process that forces users to

click through often-misleading security warnings and multiple permission screens."

"This burdensome series of red flags leaves consumers with the impression that alternative app

stores are inferior at best and high risk at worst. Over 90 % of all Android app distribution in the United States is done through Google's Play Store," said the Cal DOJ in a press release.

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COVID – Delta Variant On Rise Throughout Black Community

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rise and is responsible for 38% of new cases as of the

ber of cases. In the past eight weeks, they have seen 117 new COVID-19 cases and the numbers continue to rise.

Dr. Elaine Batchlor, president and CEO of MLKCH said, “If you’ve been waiting to get your COVID vaccine, now is the time to stop waiting and do it. COVID vaccines are powerful weapons to protect yourself and prevent the continued spread of COVID in our community, including the Delta variant. The Delta variant is spreading quickly and can cause more severe illness. Unfortunately, the Black community is lagging behind in COVID vaccination and as a result, is experiencing higher rates of infection and hospitalization. Let’s not allow this terrible disease to decimate our community again.”

In the past eight weeks, over 51% of all new cases have been Black/African

nation since in communities like Compton, only 53% of residents have been vaccinated. In Watts the number is right at 50%, which is an extremely lower number than in more affluent communities throughout Los Angeles County where the numbers are hovering between 70 and 80%.

The COVID-19 vaccine is highly effective against the virus in general and in particular, the Delta variant. All three vaccines in the United States (Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson) show strong protection against severe disease and death from the Delta variant.

MLKCH also warns that if you have previously been infected with COVID, you are still at risk for becoming infected by the Delta variant. However, the immunity from the COVID-19 vaccines still remains strong and is the best option for protecting individuals and their loved ones from being infected or suffering extreme symptoms from the virus.

Individuals are encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as possible and reminded that finding locations at local distributions locations is free and easy.

Although the CDC no longer recommends people who are fully vaccinated to wear mask, health experts have said it may make sense for people living in areas where vaccination rates are low and Delta cases are increasing to continue covering their faces.

People are also reminded that the following are high-risk setting for COVID-19

- Indoor gatherings
- Large crowds
- Places such as senior living facilities or airports where infections could be high.



Dr. Elaine Batchlor, president and CEO of MLKCH FILE PHOTO

other communities of color who are most affected.

While health officials don’t believe that the new variant will cause another massive outbreak of the virus, health experts believe it will cause an increase in COVID-19 cases in communities where vaccination

end of June. This is up from 5.6% of new cases in May, according to the State’s public health department.

In Los Angeles County, the Delta variant is spreading like wildfire. The Delta variant made up nearly 50% of new COVID-19 cases in L.A. County; four weeks



The CDC is warning against being in large crowds as the Delta variant spreads in L.A. AP PHOTO/DAMIAN DOVARGANES

rates are lower, posing the most serious risk to those who are older, sicker and unvaccinated.

Throughout California, the Delta variant is on the

earlier, it was less than 5%.

MLKCH, which is the leading medical institution within the South Los Angeles community has seen a steady increase in the num-

Americans and 42% of all new cases have been Latino/Hispanic. These higher infection rates are also representative in the statistics of those receiving the vacci-



Memorial Day weekend visitors wait to enter the Roundhouse Aquarium on the Manhattan Beach Pier in Manhattan Beach, Calif., Sunday, May 30, 2021. AP PHOTO/JOHN ANTCAK

For this reason, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health now recommends that all people

wear face masks when indoors regardless of one’s vaccination status.



In this May 26, 2021, file photo, Timothy Musomba wears a mask while viewing sculptures at the newly reopened Getty Center amid the COVID-19 pandemic in Los Angeles. AP PHOTO/MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ, FILE



Samuel Nunez, left, receives well-wishes from a neighbor after a funeral service for his daughter Lydia Nunez, who died from COVID-19, Tuesday, July 21, 2020, in Los Angeles. AP PHOTO/MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ

Biden Nominates Garcetti as Ambassador to India

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and if confirmed, next as an ambassador. Part of that commitment means that when your nation calls, you answer that call. And should I be confirmed, I’ll bring this same energy, commitment, and love for this city to my new role and will forge partnerships and connections that will help Los Angeles,” he added.

Elected officials and civic leaders in the Black community expressed strong support for Garcetti’s nomination as they extended congratulations to the mayor. U.S. Congresswoman Karen Bass described the mayor as “an excellent diplomat” who persuaded “more than 400 U.S. mayors to adopt the Paris Climate Agreement” in his roles as co-founder of Climate Mayors and chair of C40Cities, a network comprised of 97 international cities focused on climate change.

“For as long as I’ve known Mayor Garcetti, I’ve known his determination and I’ve known his heart. In the face of any obstacle in our city’s way – whether it was climate change or the COVID-19 pandemic – one of Mayor Garcetti’s greatest strengths was always to bring everyone to the table and to unify around a common goal,” said Bass, who chairs the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Africa, Global Health and Global Human Rights.

“While we will absolutely miss his leadership here in Los Angeles, I look forward to continuing to



Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti AP PHOTO

work with him – this time on the world stage – to better the lives of all Americans. I urge the Senate to swiftly confirm the nomination of our Mayor,” she stressed.

Commending Garcetti as the L.A.’s chief executive since 2013, Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas noted, “Governing a city as magnificent, complex and diverse as Los Angeles is no easy feat, and Mayor Garcetti has done a remarkable tour of duty.

“For more than two decades of service, he has led with head and heart. I salute him for his notable contributions to Los Angeles - and respect his commitment to continued public service,” he said.

Danny J. Bakewell, Sr., executive publisher/chairman of Bakewell Media and chairman of the board of

and credibility to navigate the relationship between the U.S. and India. I wish him and Amy (his wife) well, as

Los Angeles Brotherhood Crusade, also acknowledged Garcetti’s leadership while serving in L.A.’s highest elected office.

“Mayor Eric Garcetti has done a great job of guiding Los Angeles through some of the most challenging times in American history. He has worked tirelessly to build a city of inclusion, and has been an advocate of equity for African Americans and all communities of color,” he remarked.

and Amy (his wife) well, as



Garcetti has reached his term limit as mayor of L.A. AP PHOTO

they embark on this next phase of their lives in public service,” said Bakewell.

As L.A. mayor, Garcetti has chalked up several accomplishments and experiences that will be beneficial in his new role. He led the City’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, spearheaded L.A.’s successful bid to host the 2028 Summer Olympics and cham-

ioned Metro’s addition of new transit lines and adoption of an all-electric fleet.

In the nomination news release, the White House cited Garcetti’s overseeing of “the busiest container port in the Western Hemisphere, the largest municipal utility in the country, and one of the busiest airports in the world” in reference to the Port of L.A., Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and Los Angeles International Airport, respectively.

Prior to being elected mayor, Garcetti served 12 years as the councilmember for Council District 13 and six years as council



Garcetti is expected to remain in Los Angeles for the immediate future due to the lengthy Senate confirmation process. He told KNX Newsradio on July 9 that, “I’ll still be here probably for some months, and I’m going to run through that tape of loving every single day that I’m honored to be your mayor.”

Garcetti, who has reached his term limit and cannot seek another four years as mayor, is scheduled to leave office in December 2022, but would vacate the position early if confirmed by the U.S. Senate. The City Charter authorizes Council President Nury Martinez to serve as acting mayor until an interim mayor is selected by the City Council or a special election is held.

“While a disruption in leadership will bring unanticipated challenges – transition also creates room for ingenuity and opportunity,” said Ridley-Thomas.

“It is incumbent upon the City Council to lean into this change, and work with collective nimbleness, perseverance, compassion, and the pursuit of justice, to address the myriad of issues facing this city – of which the homelessness crisis and recovery from the pandemic remain front and center. In the end, “It’s all about leadership.”

City News Service contributed to this article.

Haitian American Artist Brings His Vision, Gift to State's COVID Campaign

By BO TEFU

California Black Media

California's "Your Actions Save Lives" art campaign recently unveiled two "Safety First" murals in San Francisco. The artworks, created by the Grammy-nominated visual artist Serge Gay Jr, were commissioned to encourage people to continue to take safety precautions against COVID-19 even though the state reopened last month, according to the governor's office.

One is located in the Castro, the city's renowned historical "gayborhood," as it is affectionately called by some locals, and the other in the Tenderloin, near downtown -- two well-known districts steeped in the Golden Gate City's famous history of Leftist political organizing and the visibility of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) people.

The Tenderloin mural, which he dedicates to the city's transgender community, was inspired by the idea of, "breaking free because during the pandemic, we were all just home and kind of stuck there," said Gay.

The mural, he explains, emphasizes the feeling of being free, "once you get vaccinated you have that experience back again, that freedom of moseying around the city," said Gay.

Gay's second artwork is located at 2390 Market Street in the Castro.

Gay says he chose the Castro district strategically since the area has a history that is committed to the safety and protection of the

LGBTQ+ community.

The state says the "Your Actions Save Lives" campaign equips Californians

ing a mask, washing hands, physical distancing and getting vaccinated.

"These accomplished



Serge Gay, Jr.

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with information about what they can do to help stem the spread of COVID-19. To get the word out, it partnered with The Center at the Sierra Health Foundation and 20 local artists across the state to reach communities that have been hit hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The project engages Latino, Black/African American, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Native American/Indigenous and LGBTQ artists and communities," according to a press release from the governor's office.

The arts initiative, organizers say, is designed to raise awareness of critical actions Californians have taken to help stop the spread of COVID-19, such as wear-

ing a mask, washing hands, physical distancing and getting vaccinated. "These accomplished artists are tapping into their culture and creativity to share empowering messages with communities that have been hard hit by COVID-19. Art has incredible power, and we believe these works will spark important conversations, connections and inspiration throughout the state," said Chet P. Hewitt, president and CEO of The Center at Sierra Health Foundation.

According to Gay, he celebrates the Tenderloin for its inclusion of Black and Brown people. The message behind the mural places an emphasis on freedom of movement following the COVID-19 pandemic and encourages the public to get vaccinated, says the artist

whose collaboration with film director Matt Stawski clinched him a Grammy nomination for "Best Short Form Video."

"I wanted to really kind of also showcase our trends visibility," said Gay.

The work that Gay produced for the statewide art project captures the diversity of Black and Brown people in San Francisco's LGBTQ+ community. Gay says, because of his own personal experiences, he realizes that it is important to represent Black and Brown people in his work. He remembers feeling unwanted and invisible when he first moved to San Francisco from Miami.

"Being part of the LGBT community is just wanting to kind of have the opportunity to show diversity on everything," said Gay.

As a third-generation artist, Gay wants Black people to recognize themselves in his artwork. When he sees artwork centered around Black people, Gay says, he often thinks to himself, "This is me, it resonates with me when I see another artist painting something that I can relate to."

The fine artist attributes his artistic style (some critics have described it as graphic realism) -- as well as his personal flair -- to his Haitian culture and heritage as well as his upbringing in Miami, which taught him life lessons about the importance of community. As a Haitian American artist, Gay wants his work to indicate that Blackness is not a monolith. Gay pays homage to his Haitian roots through his artwork which celebrates

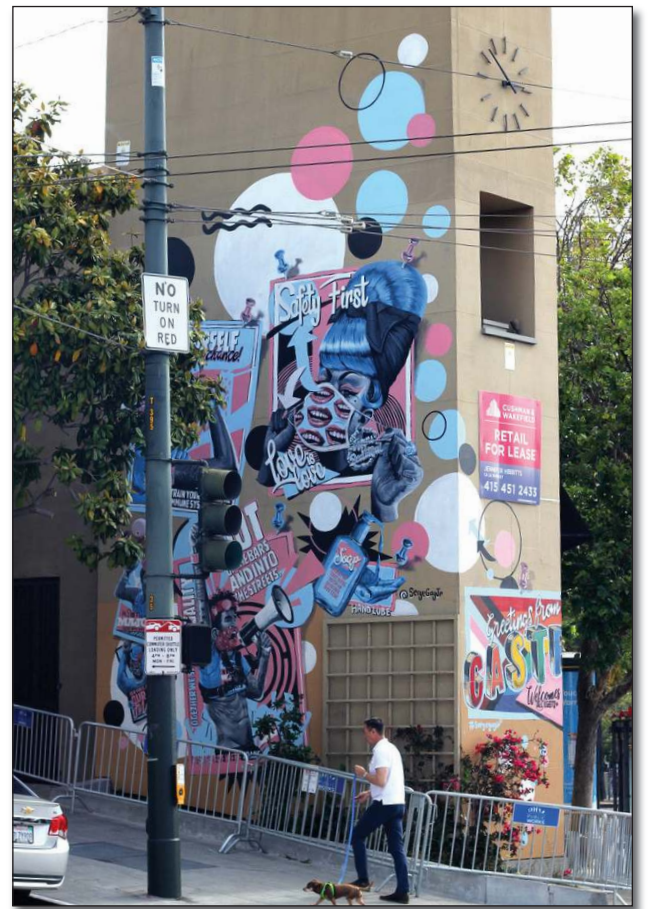
various Black communities in the Bay Area -- African Americans as well as African and Caribbean immigrants, he explains.

"I have this sense that everything is like a celebration of our culture, identity, and roots. So, I tend to put down a lot in my work, bringing the fresh immigrant

to COVID-19 in Black and Brown communities indicates that people need to get vaccinated.

An award-winning artist, Gay says the COVID-19 pandemic pushed various Black communities to, "come together to fight for a cause."

He said it important for



Serge Gay Jr. "Safety First" mural located at 2390 Market St. in the Castro District.

story, almost like an outsider perspective," said Gay.

Although there is misinformation and disinformation, Gay wants his work to reassure people that the vaccine is safe. Racial disparities in the healthcare system had a devastating impact on Black communities across the nation. Gay stressed that the number of lives lost due

Black and Brown communities to "remember what we have learned through this and figure out how we move forward and how we deal with it the next time."

Through his artwork, Gay takes on the responsibility of, "educating people to go back to what happened in the past and to learn from the past," he said.



CLINICAL SUPERVISOR FOR EARLY INTERVENTION OUTPATIENT SERVICES



ABOUT WELLNEST

Founded in 1924, Wellnest has always been on the leading edge of mental health and supportive services for children and families. Wellnest helped to pioneer early intervention programs for the 0-5 population, intensive services for at-risk children and families, skills-based mental health services for young adults 16-25, and an inventive collaboration with primary care providers, bringing mental health professionals on-site in community settings. Wellnest's Socially Integrated Service Model is designed to address the whole child, from 0-25, the entire family, and the communities they live in. We blend evidence-based clinical practices to address the effects of trauma; youth development programs and TAY housing to enable children and youth to develop coping skills, self-esteem, stability; and family support services to build on family strengths to promote thriving futures. We work in partnership with the family and engage the larger community—particularly schools and other youth service providers—because we recognize that children need functional families and healthy communities to thrive.

ROLE SUMMARY

The Clinical Supervisor serves as an essential member of the program's leadership team by providing clinical oversight and field-based supervision. The Clinical Supervisor oversees direct program services to ensure client quality care, including monitoring the program's outcome measures and timely completion of documentation, ensuring providers meet their service delivery rate, and other program-related objectives. This position requires regular interaction with the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Child and Family Services, and other community agencies.

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Oversees a team of providers to ensure the high-quality care of all clients under their assigned caseload.
- Provides high-quality and rigorous individual and group supervision to unlicensed clinical providers, on a weekly basis, in alignment with the standards set forth by the Board of Behavioral Sciences.
- Supervises, coaches, and develops clinical and non-clinical staff by using a variety of supervisory techniques.
- Communicates program, administrative, and clinical expectations to team members and ensures compliance with state and federal mandates.
- Consults with team members to review and discuss client treatment plans for assigned cases. May provide direct support with more complex cases.
- Reviews case records for completeness, consistency, and quality of mental health services provided including the application of proper techniques.
- Conducts monthly audits of case files to ensure completeness and quality of progress notes and treatment plans.
- Assists in planning, developing, and implementing mandatory and discretionary mental health programs following applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations by determining type and level of services to be provided; measures of quality assurance to be employed, and formulating and carrying out policies and procedures.
- Regularly monitors staff performance expectations and completes their annual performance evaluation.
- Confers with program manager concerning employee relation matters.
- Keeps informed of new developments in the field of psychiatric social work or marriage and family therapy. Attends and actively participates in required training and meetings.
- Identifies staff training and development requirements and provides training and guidance to administrative and clinical staff to ensure mental health services delivery effectiveness.
- May carry a caseload that includes the more complex or emergency casework assignments as required.
- May review and/or approve treatment authorization requests from hospitals, contracted network and/or legal entity community-based providers/programs and recommend approval or denial of requests per specified state and Department of Mental Health contract compliance requirements.
- Other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience:

- Master's degree in social work, counseling or psychology from an accredited college or university is required.
- A minimum of two (2) years of post-licensure experience is required. Must meet all BBS or appropriate licensing board requirements to provide clinical hours that qualify towards licensure.
- A Minimum of 1 – 2 years of clinical supervisory experience in a community setting is preferred.
- Experience working with the Birth to Five population is required. Endorsement as an Infant-Family and Early Childhood Mental Health Specialist is preferred.

Certificates, Licenses and Registrations:

- Must possess an active license in the State of California as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (preferred), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist or Licensed Psychologist.
- Must possess and maintain a valid CA driver's license and insurable driving record.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- A strong commitment to advancing Wellnest's mission.
- Strong clinical, administrative and leadership skills to effectively manage a team.
- Knowledge of and ability to apply trauma informed, healing centered services for children and families.
- Demonstrate excellent assessment skills.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to build and cultivate relationships to work effectively with a variety of stakeholders.
- Ability to foster an environment of accountability and continuous improvement.
- Skilled in engaging, motivating and working with diverse individuals and groups to accomplish established performance goals.
- Exemplify strong organizational skills with an ability to manage multiple priorities simultaneously.
- Excellent communication skills with the ability to accurately and effectively convey information.
- Ability to work independently and exercise sound judgment and discretion.
- Knowledge of Department of Mental Health (DMH) clinical documentation requirements.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office suite (i.e., Word, Excel, Outlook) and general ability to adapt to new technology systems and applications, including our Electronic Health Records System and virtual meeting platforms such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams.
- Willingness to go above and beyond to contribute to the success of a multidisciplinary team.

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

- Annual Salary Range: \$74,427 to \$83,358
- Wellnest offers a personalized benefits package built from a choice of available medical, dental, and vision coverage plans, as well as employer-paid life insurance.
- Wellnest employees benefit from an employer-sponsored 401(k) company match of up to 3% and profit sharing contribution benefit up to 5%.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, please visit www.wellnestla.org and submit your application along with your resume and cover letter. Only candidates who are selected for an interview will be contacted.

Ethiopia Is Open for Unity, Business, Progress and Empowerment

BY STACY M. BROWN
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With archaeological findings that date back to around 980 BC, Ethiopia sits along the easternmost peninsula in Africa.

Not only does the culturally rich nation count as Africa's oldest country, but some believe it's the oldest in the world.

With a population of 112 million – roughly 70 percent of whom are 30 and under – Ethiopia has never suffered under colonization.

Moreover, unlike most others on the continent, Ethiopia has beaten back all attempts by would-be colonizers.

That and the many current reforms has Fitsum Arega, the Ethiopian Ambassador to the United States, beaming confidently with expectations about the future of his nation.

"There is economic reform, vast investment opportunities in agriculture, manufacturing, and energy," Ambassador Arega told the Black Press during a meeting at the Ethiopian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

"Ethiopia is an ancient country that takes care of its tradition and culture," the Ambassador remarked.

"We have a useful population, and that is the force for transformation."

Ambassador Arega continued:

"We want to engage more in manufacturing which requires labor and skill. Ethiopia is a very good country from the textile business point of view, and we import cotton; we have power that is all gen-



Ethiopia's Ambassador to the United States, Fitsum Arega, hosts NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr at the Ethiopian Embassy in Washington, D.C. NNPA

erated from green energy. "Winemaking is good because of our soil and because in the daytime it is hot and at nighttime, it is very cold. So that is good for fermentation, so as you see, we are coming up with so many opportunities. Some we didn't always know about."

Ambassador Arega said President Sahle-Work Zede and Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, who just won another five-year term after a landslide election victory, have made reform their mission.

"The election was the first of its kind in terms of free and fairness," the Ambassador stated.

He said access to free education, rich agricultural and technology, and the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam – or the GERD – only buoys leaders and citizens' confidence.

Among Ethiopia's pri-

orities are sustainable economic development, agriculture, food security, conservation, and sustainable use of natural resources, the Ambassador noted.

"There were people opposed to reform and those still against reform and, as a result, there has been conflict where half the people in the northern part have been displaced," Ambassador Arega explained.

"We have to bring them back to their former way of life; that is a priority," the Ambassador insisted. "We have a home-grown economy reform program where we are enabling the private sector to play more of a role. In the past, the public sector played a big role."

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, Ambassador Arega noted that Ethiopia had invested heavily in infrastructure and built the fastest electric railway over rugged terrain.

"We want to build on democracy," Ambassador Arega declared, noting that everyone is proud that the African Union continues to headquarter in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa.

"We want to ensure that the aspirations of the people are sustained and engage all opposing parties and those with different views."

The Ambassador, who twice met with NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., said the Black Press of America help must tell Ethiopia's story of reform and prosperity.

Dr. Chavis announced, "I am so very pleased to state on-the-record that the Black Press of America via the NNPA is now in the process of establishing a strategic media partnership between the NNPA and the Ethiopian Press."

"Our two trade associations will work together henceforth on economic

sustainability interests, international media relations in print, digital and social media, and on sponsoring mutual trade delegations between the United States and Ethiopia with specific focus on Black-owned businesses in America and in Ethiopia.

"This will be another answer to the centuries-long prayers of all people of African descent for global unity, progress and empowerment."

Others, he demanded, refuse.

"I went to Congress to discuss the GERD issue, and one of the congressmen opened a New York Times article [quoting just one farmer in Egypt], who complained about what we are doing," Ambassador Arega demurred.

"We've been sending many things to help balance the stories, but they don't."

In 2011, Ethiopia announced to build a hydroelectric dam on its Abbay River, known to outsiders as the Blue Nile or Nile River.

The dam was named the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) because it was designed to bring about the economic and renewal of Ethiopia, Ambassador Arega told NNPA Newswire.

In an op-ed, he wrote that the GERD would be the largest hydropower dam in Africa.

When completed, it is expected to generate more than 5,000 MW installed power generation capacity and will have more than two times the capacity of Hoover Dam.

The total capacity of the reservoir is 74 billion cubic

meters to be filled over several years. It will cost nearly \$5 billion to complete the dam, Ambassador Arega continued.

The GERD has now reached 81 percent completion, including 98.5 percent of civil, 55 percent electro-mechanical, and 55.3 percent of the hydroelectric structure.

"Ethiopia generates 85 percent of the Nile River flow, but colonial-era and postcolonial agreements on the Nile, to which Ethiopia was not a party, have given Egypt the disproportionate amount of water while giving Sudan a lesser amount," the Ambassador wrote.

"These agreements gave zero water allocation to Ethiopia. Egypt today wants to keep the old colonial arrangement in place in one form or another."

According to a 2018 World Bank report, "About 70 percent of the population in Ethiopia live without electricity."

The GERD aims to provide access to electricity to more than 60 million Ethiopians and provide affordable electricity to the service, industrial and agricultural sectors.

"It also aligns with Ethiopia's green development ambitions as it represents a sustainable socio-economic project replacing fossil fuels reducing CO2 emissions," Ambassador Arega continued.

"Therefore, for Ethiopia, building the GERD is not a matter of choice, but an economic and developmental necessity and the way out of poverty for a nation of 112 million people."

Bass Features Padilla and Jones-Sawyer at Virtual Town Hall

Timely topics covered included the infrastructure bill, police reform and vaccine hesitancy

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cil president and California secretary of State, but now he's in a much bigger role as a U.S. senator, so we want to hear from him. Assemblyman Jones-Sawyer has played such a leading role in the state legislature on criminal justice reform so we look forward to hearing from him as well," said Bass in her introductory remarks.

Padilla, who serves on the Senate's Budget, Homeland Security, Judiciary, Rules, and Environment and Public Works Committees and chairs the Immigration Sub-committee, revealed that the bi-partisan infrastructure bill has made significant progress. "We have a deal, Congresswoman," he said. "The Senate Democratic members of the budget committee got together with leadership and we're going to have a \$3.5 trillion plan that we'll be announcing."

"What it really means is that we're not just investing in infrastructure like roads and bridges, but also in jobs and American families in a way that emphasizes inclusivity and equity. Far too often in history, our communities have been left out. We (Black and Brown people) are going to be prioritized in this plan in terms of where projects are sighted, who gets the jobs and extending the child tax credit," he said.

"It's not the finish line, but it's a huge big step. This infrastructure plan is a way



Rep. Karen Bass features Asm. Reggie Jones Sawyer and Sen. Alex Padilla at her virtual town hall. COURTESY PHOTO

to help our economy for decades to come," Padilla



Sen. Alex Padilla
COURTESY PHOTO

stressed. Applauding the news of investment in both physical and human resources, Bass said, "The idea that we're putting this bi-partisan package together is re-

ally sweet justice because it brings us back to where we should be – putting people first."

Another announcement by Padilla concerned the child tax credit, which he said people who filed a 2019 or 2020 tax return should receive a check starting July 15. Families with children under six-years-old will receive \$300 for each child and people with children between the ages of 7-to-18 will receive \$250 per child.

"Even if you didn't file a 2019 or 2020 tax return, you can still sign up for the child tax credit because you're eligible for it if you have children," insisted Padilla.

Jones-Sawyer spoke about the plans for the state's historic budget surplus of more than \$100 billion.

"Because of the surplus, we were able to put \$30



Asm. Reggie Jones Sawyer
COURTESY PHOTO

billion in a rainy-day fund and pay off debt. It's really because we started doing smart budgeting. We started by doing one-time monies instead of bloating the budget with ongoing costs and that has done us well until

this day," he said.

"In my district alone, I'm able to give Kedren Mental Health Center, which is located in South L.A., \$30 million to upgrade their facilities, which had become dilapidated. Now, we can send homeless there and people with mental health problems there, even law enforcement officers with mental health problems can go right there in our own neighborhood," noted Jones-Sawyer.

He added that a \$15 million disbursement will go to UCLA's Rev. James Lawson Labor Center for renovations of the building and millions more will be allotted to combat homelessness. In the area of housing, Jones-Sawyer imparted the good news that the state of California has designated \$5.2 billion to aid renters and landlords adversely affected by the pandemic.

"Also, the state's eviction moratorium has been extended to September 2021. So, during the summer and into the fall, no one has to worry about being evicted during this time," said the assembly member, who also chairs the Public Safety Committee.

In that capacity, he cited the committee's passage of the Peace Officers Education, Age and Employment Act, which mandates that peace officers must be 21-years-old and complete classes, such as sociology, that highlight the importance of critical thinking.

"We want to bring in people that are better educated and more mature. Re-

search shows that college-educated law enforcement officers have the lowest amount of police violence than anyone else. So, we want quality individuals, not just focus on the quantity of people," explained Jones-Sawyer.

All of the legislators urged the audience to consider getting the COVID-19 vaccination. Commenting on the increase in vaccine hesitancy, Bass said, "I realize that the vaccine – just like any medicine you take – can have side effects. But, considering that hundreds of millions have taken this vaccine already, I consider it to be safe. It's been in development for over a decade.

"Also, the hospitalizations and deaths occurring now are from people who are not vaccinated. I just hope people are not deterred by that. The African American, Latino and Native American populations are disproportionately affected and we have been dying," she insisted.

As the town hall concluded, Bass added, "This has been an amazing hour and I hope we can do this again, but in person."

To learn more about the California rental assistance program, visit https://housing.ca.gov/covid_rr. For information on the child tax credit, visit <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-payments-in-2021>.

Two Women Lead Metro to New Heights; First Time in 28-Year History

New Metro President Stephanie Wiggins and Metro Board Chairperson Hilda Solis are set to implement a new vision for the transportation agency



L-R: Glendale City Council Member/Metro Board Member Ara Najarian, Supervisor Holly Mitchell, Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins, Metro Board Chair/Supervisor Hilda Solis, L.A. City Mayor Eric Garcetti COURTESY OF L.A. METRO

executive director of vendor/contract management, Wiggins has helped various parts of the L.A. region. In 2018, she became their first woman of color in a chief executive officer position.

As the new CEO for L.A. Metro, she will oversee its multi-billion-dollar budget and be entrusted with another multi-billion-dollar financial plan that recent calculated reports have counted Metro's current fiscal year to be \$6 billion. Wiggins has shown within the first month, that the navigation of Metro is in the right hands.

One of the essential ingredients to Metro's success include the PATH team. According to a press release found on Metro.net, the program was introduced in 2017, Metro PATH became active under the watch of former Metro Board Chair John Fasana. He offered this statement at the time, "Fortunately, Metro is in a position to partner with L.A. County Department of Health Services (DHS) and People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) to begin to address the dire homeless situation that tragically affects so many people."

Metro PATH is part of the unsheltered action plan that includes "County-City-Community" teams (C3); they directly engage with the people experiencing homelessness and connect them with the necessary services. C3 consists of nurses, substance abuse counselors, mental health professionals, and former individuals who experienced homelessness and took shelter in Metro stations, trains, and buses.

The subject of Inclusivity was also introduced during the assembly on July 6, in addition to racial equity, Wiggins highlighted gender and age. Chief Executive Officer Wiggins announced a new branch entitled the Youth Council, it looks to

"elevate the perspective of young riders in the conversation about our future." Numbers have shown a significant amount of the Metro passenger demographic are the City's youth.

During the gathering, Wiggins shared approximately "66,000 student TAP cards being used, about 4.7% of the county's K-12 population." The Metro Youth Council is an initiative looking to empower the youth riding public transportation by zooming into their needs and safety. This directive is following the pilot program that launched in May; The Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board of Directors approved a 23-month

experimental system that will make buses and trains free for students starting in August, low-income riders will also receive the courtesy in January.

Wiggins stated, "I believe the focus on initiatives like the youth council and our fareless initiative are about making decisions that impact riders today and far into the future." The Metro Chief Executive Officer explained the plan is to nourish the Metro system

those cities, it's just what people do. Public transportation is their obvious choice. I want Angelenos to think that way."

Following those announcements, was the ceremonial passing of the gavel from former Metro Chair Mayor Garcetti to the new leader of the Metro Board, Supervisor Solis. As the title exchange was officiated, Mayor Garcetti stated, "This is the first time in our history that both the chair

noted she would like to also direct her focus to affordable housing locations.

The newly appointed Metro Chair stated, "Many bus riders have an average annual income of just \$18,000 a year. These are the residents that need affordable housing the most. By increasing transit service and tapping into affordable housing projects, we can help prevent displacement of vulnerable communities and give sup-



Metro CEO Stephanie Wiggins at the podium with Metro Board Chair Hilda L. Solis (left) and L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti (right). COURTESY MTA

transformation and to create an impetus of being the first choice of transportation in the City of Los Angeles. Comparing the use of public transportation to places such as New York and London, Wiggins said, "In

and CEO are women, and I always say sometimes some lucky men sneak through but if women just ran the world, we'd all be better off." Solis and Wiggins will be the first combination of women, as Chair and CEO to concurrently serve at Metro in its 28-year history.

Supervisor Solis went on to outline her goals as the new Metro Chair, they were aligned with the overall vision Wiggins outlined in earlier parts of the gathering. Solis called for an increase in attention towards affordable housing, she looks to obtain additional properties that would dedicate to the construction and staging of new stages. The new Metro Board Chair

port to riders that need it the most."

The Metro Board of Directors have already begun to prioritize affordable housing. As of June 24, Solis and other board members voted to update the "Joint Development Policy," to organize the construction of "income-restricted" housing on unused Metro-owned property.

The overall goal for Metro is connection, not only in a physical sense but in the hearts of the community. Metro CEO Wiggins and Metro Chair Solis are synchronized in the mission to elevate the rider's experience but also connect their path to a higher quality of life.



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Councilmember Curren Price Addresses Needs of Neighbors Affected by Botched Fireworks Detonation

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During the meeting, Councilman Price informed the crowd that his office has been on the ground for weeks helping dozens of neighbors with housing, cash assistance, food, clothing and new refrigerators, among other services.

On June 30, what was intended to be a controlled detonation of explosives,

made this decision to detonate dangerous explosives in a densely populated neighborhood has to answer to the people that are now suffering because of it; our community demands justice," said Councilman Price, who lives 10 blocks from where this devastation occurred and felt the shock wave of the blast when the truck exploded.

On July 8, the Bureau



Residents at the Trinity Recreation Center for a community forum hosted by Council member Price and the South Central Neighborhood Council. COURTESY PHOTO



Councilman Curren Price co-hosts community meeting for victims of South L.A. fireworks explosion. COURTESY PHOTO

ultimately resulted in a blast that sent 17 neighbors and first responders to the hospital, as well as destroying an LAPD Bomb Squad truck.

Price added that his office had no knowledge that this was transpiring in District 9 and "now we are being asked to wait and be patient for the results of an investigation."

"I am outraged! This is something that should have never happened. Whoever

of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) concluded the collection of evidence from the scene and will be providing a comprehensive report of their findings at a later date to be determined. Councilman Price indicated that he personally reached out to George Gascón, L.A. County District Attorney, urging his office to also look into the matter.

The neighborhood along 27th and San Pedro streets

sustained major damage, including 15 homes that were yellow tagged, with three structures that suffered extensive damage



Under the direction of Councilman Price, the Local Assistance Center will remain open. COURTESY PHOTO

making them uninhabitable, along with multiple cars destroyed and the displacement of more than 75 people in the wake of the aftermath.

To help neighbors, Councilman Price has been working with dozens of City and County partners in establishing a Local Assis-

tance Center at Trinity Park to make it easier and more accessible for victims to get the help they need, with 29 organizations to assist,

including the Emergency Management Department, the L.A. City Clerk's office, Building and Safety, as well as the Red Cross. To date, more than 120 paper claims have been filed for property and personal damages.

Councilman Price reached out to the Carpenter's Union and they have

agreed to donate their services and expertise in repairing the three most severely damaged properties that have been identified by

Building and Safety. In addition, with the assistance of the Coalition for Responsible Community Development, a local non-profit, they will begin replacing the windows on 27th Street this week that were blown out by the explosion and Councilman Price's office will be covering the costs.

"The truth of the matter is the victims of this explosion do not have the luxury of waiting. People are hurting and they need help now," said Councilman Price. "At this moment, we are left to pick up the pieces and do whatever we can to help the people that are suffering, all because of a stupid decision that gave little regard to the lives and property of this working class-neighborhood."

Under the direction of Councilman Price, the Local Assistance Center will remain open until Friday, July 16 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. where victims can file claims, receive mental health counseling referrals and other supportive services. For more information, contact the Local Assistance Center directly at (213) 486-8137 or Councilman Curren Price's District Office at (323) 846-2651.

While President Biden Addresses Voting Rights, Vice President Harris Hints at Filibuster Remedy

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While President Joe Biden asserted his discontent with voter suppression

and Vice President Kamala Harris hinted to NPR that it might be time

to consider unconventional measures to stop Republicans from restricting access and denying certain citizens the right to vote.

other things," Harris told NPR. "And for that reason, it should be one of its highest priorities."

When pressed on whether she supported a carveout to the filibuster

has rejected bills that would make it easier for all Americans to vote, particularly seniors and minorities.

If Democrats hope to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act or the For the People Act, abolishing the filibuster rule of 60 votes appears necessary.

Or, as Vice President Harris hinted, a way to subvert the filibuster.

In Philadelphia, the President lashed out at Republicans.

"Some things in America should be simple and straightforward. Perhaps the most important of those things, the most fundamental of those things, is the right to vote," the President insisted.

"The right to vote freely... The right to vote fairly, the right to have your vote counted. The Democratic threshold is liberty. With it, anything is possible. Without it, nothing, nothing."

"This is a test of our time," Biden continued.

He called the suppression laws in places like Texas and Georgia the most significant test of American democracy since the Civil War.

"That's not hyperbole — since the Civil War," the

President remarked. "The Confederates back then never breached the Capitol as insurrectionists did on Jan. 6. I'm not saying this to alarm you. I'm saying this because you should be alarmed."

The President explained that things could and should be different.

"We have the means —

tinue. "[The For the People Act] would help end voter suppression in states. Get dark money out of politics. Give voice to people. Create fair district maps and end partisan political gerrymandering," the President argued.

"As soon as Congress passes the For the People



OFFICIAL WHITE HOUSE PHOTO BY ADAM SCHULTZ
"As soon as Congress passes the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, I will sign it and let the whole world see it."



OFFICIAL WHITE HOUSE PHOTO BY ADAM SCHULTZ

laws making their way through legislatures in GOP-led states, Vice President Kamala Harris dropped a bombshell regarding potential plans to sidestep the oppressive filibuster and push through laws to protect the ballot box.

During a speech in Philadelphia on Tuesday, July 13, the President made a "moral case" for voting rights and pledged to do whatever he could to pro-

tect ballot access as American votes face "authoritarian and anti-American restrictions."

The network noted that the Vice President intimated that she had started talks with senators about a voting-rights exception to the filibuster.

"I believe that of all the issues that the United States Congress can take up, the right to vote is the right that unlocks all the

for voting rights proposed by Congressman James Clyburn (D-S.C.), Harris said, "I don't mean this in any offense, but I'm not going to negotiate this way. But I'm certainly having conversations with folks."

Most legislative bills need at least 60 votes to pass the evenly divided U.S. Senate, meaning at least 10 Republicans must support the measure. The GOP almost unanimously

we just need the will. The will to save and strengthen our democracy," Biden exclaimed.

"We have to prepare now. As I said time and again, no matter what, you can never stop the American people from voting. They will decide, and the power must always be with the people. That's why just like we did in 2020. We have to prepare for 2022."

The President concluded that the push for voting rights legislation must con-

Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, I will sign it and let the whole world see it. That will be an important moment."

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Texas Democrats Abandoning GOP Suppression Vote, Heading to D.C.

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Democrats in the Texas Legislature are making plans to flee the state ahead of expected votes on new voting laws, the New York Times has reported.

The newspaper said the group would fly to Washington, D.C., to shine a

spotlight on the GOP's assault on voters in the Lone Star State and around the country.

"The cohort of Democrats were aiming to transform themselves into the nation's new symbols in the fight for voting rights, according to several people familiar with their plans," the newspaper asserted.

"The goal is to apply

pressure to Senate Democrats who so far have been unable to pass federal legislation to address the issue."

With President Biden planning to deliver a major speech on voting rights on Tuesday in Philadelphia, the Times said the exodus from Texas could lead to dueling showdowns in Austin and Washington.



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As the 116th Congress begins to tackle its agenda this term, voting rights is a key issue.

"We have rules that we will utilize as best we can. We will go through the process, and if we find a

way to stop these bills, we will do that," Texas State Rep. Toni Rose, who serves the Dallas area communities of Oak Cliff, Highland Hills, Pleasant Grove, Balch Springs, and Mesquite, asserted to the Black Press.

"I am incredibly pleased that grassroots organizations have mobilized. They have been successful at amplifying the message," Rep. Rose stated.

Crystal Bates of the organization, Our Vote is Our Voice, told the Black Press that it would be "ineffective not to say or do anything."

"We have to use whatever opportunities we have to make sure that our voice is heard," added Bates, who planned to attend rallies in Austin to demand GOP lawmakers end their voter suppression tactics.

"I'm excited and proud of those who represent us. They have been bold and stood at all costs to stand for and with us for our rights," she concluded.

Texas Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has again called for a special legislative session, which began on Thursday, July 8.

The call came just 24 hours before the start of the legislative session.

It included voting rights and Gov. Abbott's controversial decision to defund the legislative body's budget to punish the Texas Democrats who walked out and successfully killed Senate Bill 7, the controversial voter suppression bill.

The Texas Legislative Black Caucus and Texas NAACP held a joint news

conference.

They explained how race has "infected the entire legislative process around the passage of SB1/HB3 and how the bill will disproportionately impact African-Americans and other minorities."

"It's Jim Crow 2.0," State Sen. Royce West said. Sen. West represents the 23rd senatorial district — Dallas County.

"What we are trying to accomplish frankly is trying to push a boulder up a hill," Sen. West explained.

"The reason is that we don't have the votes, but we are determined. We are facing what others have faced before, and in the long run, we have been able to preserve."

Sen. West thanked all of the grassroots organizations who have lent their voice and strength to the campaign against the voter suppression laws in Texas.

"We are clearly in a cultural war like we have never seen before in our lifetime," the senator declared. "We are facing what others have faced before, but we have the tools that our ancestors did not have; we have the right to vote, they did not."

The senator continued: "We have the ammunition to turn back the tide. We have to get out to vote and use the ammunition at our disposal, and we can win this battle and make sure that the dream of America is realized by all Americans regardless of the color of their skin."

The contingent of Texas Democratic lawmakers are expected to arrive in the nation's capital Tuesday evening.

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Black children have high rates of tooth decay, but experts say it is easily preventable



Brushing twice a day with a soft toothbrush once teeth begin to come in. STOCK

BY STEVEN VARGAS
Contributing Writer

Her daughter used to get bad migraines at a young age.

Erika Gist, Senior Health Educator at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, couldn't figure out why her daughter was in pain. When she took her to the doctor, the only conclusion they found was nothing — she was healthy.

Gist then took her to the dentist where they discovered cavities. Once they were addressed and filled, the pain subsided. Through personal experience, Gist saw how impactful the teeth are to our overall health, especially for children.

"If we begin to put oral health on that forefront, we can address some of the issues that we might not even connect," Gist said. "I initially would not have connected the headaches to my daughter's oral health, but when it was addressed, then the headaches started to disappear."

According to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's 2020 Smile Survey, almost half of children have experienced tooth decay. Health experts are pushing to educate parents on the importance of taking care of their children's oral health from the second they are born to prevent tooth decay and further health issues.

Although the rate of tooth decay in children has gone down by 17 percentage points since the survey's last iteration in 2005, disparities across socioeconomic and racial lines persist.

The same study found that 63% of Latinx students, 50% of Black students and 48% of Asian students in kindergarten and third grade experienced tooth decay compared to only 32% of white students in L.A. County. The same trend translates to the percentage of students who have untreated tooth decay. Twenty-three percent of Black students, 21% of Latinx students and 20% of Asian students had untreated tooth decay compared to 14% of white students.

"At least at the L.A. county level, what we saw from 2020 is that children of color are definitely still experiencing inequities when it comes to their oral health, specifically Latinx and Black children," Gabriella Barbosa, the Managing Director of Policy at The Children's Partnership said.

The Children's Partnership is a California-based children's advocacy organization dedicated to improving the lives of underserved children, including through dental care and healthcare. Barbosa said that the organization noticed that there was a stark finding that tooth decay was not only



Poor dental hygiene can also lead to issues in a child's adulthood if left ignored. STOCK

most prevalent across racial lines, but also amongst lower income families. To address the issue, part of the organization's work is bringing care to the children, especially in cases like dental care where it may be difficult to find.

"That means not putting the full responsibility on children and their families to seek out care, particularly if they live in neighborhoods where care might not be accessible or it might not be close to their houses and their neighborhoods," she said.

One option for low-income families is to receive dental care through Medi-Cal. Barbosa said even with Medi-Cal coverage making access to care affordable, it can be difficult to find dental providers who accept it. Black children enrolled in Medi-Cal had the lowest rate of receiving dental care in 2020, according to data from the California Department of Health Care Services.

Barbosa said The Children's Partnership aims to fill in the gaps when it becomes difficult for families to find care. Some examples of bringing care to the community is by bringing dental care to community spaces and learning centers. In one example, they piloted a mobile dental health center through a bus that visited schools in the Inland Empire to provide care while children were at school, making it more accessible to students.

Beyond making dental care accessible, Dr. Maritza Cabezas, Dental Director

of the Oral Health Program at Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, said parents also need to be educated on how to take care of their children's teeth at a young age.

"Part of the reason for these extremely high rates of tooth decay is that parents sometimes don't understand the importance of prevention of dental disease at early age," she said. "There is this misconception that having dental decay in young children is not important because baby teeth will fall out anyway."

This is not the case. Dr. Cabezas said that a predictor for cavities in adults is heavy decay in baby teeth. The health of their teeth at a young age can determine their future oral health. Practices to maintain the health of children's dental health include:

- Maintaining good

dental hygiene during pregnancy

- Cleaning baby's gums with a washcloth after feeding to clean up bacteria left from milk.
- Visiting the dentist every six months after the baby's first tooth appears.
- Reducing sugary drinks.
- Brushing twice a day with a soft toothbrush once teeth begin to come in.
- Floss at least once a day.

Dr. Cabezas said it is better to do the small everyday things to limit the possibility of larger health problems in the future.

"If you're taking good care of your car, changing its oil and doing frequent tuneups, you will avoid something breaking up in the future that'll be a lot more expensive to fix," she said. "And people need to understand the same idea applies to your child's teeth."

It can also be a collaborative effort. Gist said she involves her children in small decisions regarding their health as they get older so that they can find interest in it. For example, letting them figure out which toothpaste they like best and letting them make that decision.

"I'm trying to make it more fun for them and get them more involved in brushing their teeth," Gist said.

Poor dental hygiene can also lead to issues in a child's adulthood if left



Erika Gist COURTESY PHOTO Dr. Brent Tucker COURTESY PHOTO Dr. Maritza Cabezas COURTESY PHOTO

ignored. Dr. Cabezas said these complications include poor nutrition, heart disease, diabetes and pregnancy complications. It can even lead to troubles in school. Barbosa said that cavities can present issues inside the classroom as it can affect attendance and make it difficult for students to focus.

For Dr. Brent Tucker, dental care is not something that should be ignored until issues occur.

"I think that it's [rate of decay in children] completely related to either access of care or knowing that the child needs preventive care," he said. "I think as adults, we get so into only going if there was a problem."

He highlighted that even outside of dental care, people tend to only seek care when there are issues and less often for preventative care or check ups. He said it is important to go to the dentist for a cleaning

the same way that someone would take their child to the pediatrician for a check up or vaccinations.

Even if a parent is late to the game in understanding all the practices important to their children's dental health, it is not the end. Gist shared that there is a common misconception that teeth are meant to fall out and we are destined to adorn dentures at an old age. However, that isn't always the case.

"One thing about oral is that for the most part it is reversible," she said. "If you have inflammation of the gums, you could definitely work on getting your gums healthy. It definitely could be worked in which you can have your teeth for a very long time."

Throughout the pandemic, Gist was able to monitor her children's brushing habits all day because they were all under quarantine. She'd notice when someone rushed and

didn't brush for a full two minutes. She even encouraged her children to brush after lunch since they had the opportunity to considering they were still at home. She said it was important to her that her children embrace these habits so that it is something that continues into their adulthood.

Dr. Tucker sees misinformation of dental health daily in his office and is more than willing to help guide parents and children through common practices that'll help get their dental health on track. He said even the smallest changes can make a big difference to hopefully make each check up a breeze for both him and his patients.

"We're one of the only professions that are actively trying to put ourselves out of business," Dr. Tucker said. "Nothing would make me happier than if I had a full day and literally every patient I saw had no cavities."

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THE ALLIANCE – THE 11 PRO SPORTS TEAMS IN GREATER LA UNITED AS ALLIES FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR – IS HOLDING A UNITY MARCH & DIALOGUE ON JULY 18

Youth, community members & LAPD marching together from the Exposition Park Rose Garden to Banc of California Stadium

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

In an event that will bring together youth, community members, representatives from the 11 pro sports organizations of greater Los Angeles, LAPD officers and civic leaders, the public is welcomed to the student-led The Alliance Unity March & Dialogue to emphasize Los Angeles is united against racism. The event is July 18 and begins at 10am.

The event, which has been coordinated in partnership with Brotherhood Crusade, will begin at Exposition Park. Participants will stage at the fountain at the Rose Garden in Exposition Park, and a DJ will be there to provide a festive, joyful tone as the march starts. Materials will also be provided for the youth to create supportive signs to carry for their walk together. The youth-led march will begin at 11am and include com-



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Charisse Bremond-Weaver

munity members and LAPD officers.

The march will conclude at Banc of California Stadium. Participants in the march will have lunch at noon and listen to remarks from leaders and a youth representative at the stadium. The marchers will be directed to the Rooftop LA pavilion where lunch will be served. Directly following lunch, a smaller cohort of attendees will participate by invitation in a facilitated dialogue. Event programming will end at 2pm.

Scheduled to speak to



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Renata Simril

event participants are Kelly Cheeseman, Chief Operating Officer of AEG Sports; LAPD Chief of Police Michel R. Moore; Lon Rosen, Executive Vice President & Chief Marketing Officer of the Los Angeles Dodgers; A.G. Spanos, President of Business Operations of the San Diego Chargers; and Benny Tran, LAFC Executive Vice President, Corporate Strategy & Development.

The Alliance unified after the highly-publicized deaths of Black American citizens – most prominently

George Floyd. This march also commemorates the first year of The Alliance working together, in partnership the Play Equity Fund, a 501(c)3 public charity, established by the LA84 Foundation to drive social change through sport.

“We look forward to this uplifting event led by young people and joining members of the community, the sports teams of greater Los Angeles and numerous partners,” said Renata Simril, president of the Play Equity Fund. “As we reach our first year with The Alliance, with the sports teams in LA working collaboratively in a timely and impactful way to support youth in marginalized communities, we hope this event will help show the spirit of unity that can exist as we build more connections and create more equitable experiences for our future generations.”

The Brotherhood Crusade is sharing in coordinat-

ing the July 18th march, and has also been key in developing the curriculum for The Alliance Youth Empowerment Program for student-athletes in two local high schools. Student athletes from both high schools in this pilot program learned about advocacy, leadership, and systemic inequalities that affect their communities. Prior to the end of the school semester in May, students also learned from pro athletes and leaders from The Alliance organizations.

“We are truly excited to be a partner for The Alliance Unity March and Dialogue,” said Brotherhood Crusade president and CEO Charisse Bremond-Weaver. “It is important that our youth of South Los Angeles have a voice in the community. Being able to advocate for your rights is a human right!”

The 11 teams that form The ALLIANCE: Los Angeles includes the Anaheim

Ducks, Los Angeles Angels, Los Angeles Chargers, LA Clippers, Los Angeles Dodgers, Los Angeles Football Club, LA Galaxy, LA Kings, Los Angeles Lakers, Los Angeles Rams and Los Angeles Sparks.

In this five-year commitment, The Alliance works to bring awareness to the inequities that exist in communities of color, empower youth to create change and expose young people to career opportunities that exist in the sports industry beyond being a pro athlete.

The Play Equity Fund is the only nonprofit worldwide dedicated to Play Equity as a social justice issue to bring the transformative power of sport and structured play to youth – regardless of their race, socioeconomic status or gender.

Parking information for The Alliance Unity March & Dialogue is available here: <http://expositionpark.ca.gov/about-us/>

Summer Movie Nights in South LA Parks

Join in on the Summer Park activities for South LA youth and families coordinated by the office of Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson

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families and friends.

Movie night reservations are required due to COVID-19, and you can do that via Eventbrite: here: <https://mhdcd8.com/calendar/>. So, plan to pack up the kids, and make a date with your neighbors to meet on the baseball field, movies begin at 7:00 pm.

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nity to address some of our safety issues. In addition, two brand new Olympic-sized pools with classes in competitive swim events such as synchronized swimming and water polo are available. Well-attended community activities and events support appropriate park use and allows residents to feel safe in



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FRANCINE BROOKINS ELECTED 141ST AME BISHOP

BY CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT
Religion Editor

The Rev. Francine A. Brookins, Esq., was elected as the 141st bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church during the denomination's 51st Quadrennial Session of the General Conference held July 6-10 in Orlando, Florida.

Brookins, the pastor of Bethel AME Church in Fontana, is the fifth woman to be elected to the AME episcopal level. She follows in the footsteps of her late father, the Right Rev. H. Hartford Brookins, who served decades as a AME bishop and became internationally known as a civil and human rights advocate.

Bishop Francine Brookins has been assigned as the presiding prelate of the 18th Episcopal District, which covers Lesotho, Swaziland, Botswana and a portion of Mozambique in the continent Africa.

"As your bishop ... I will continue to be a builder of healthy people, programs and media content, opening doors and making room to meet the mental, physical, financial, education and spiritual needs of all people," said Brookins in a video released during the campaign.



Bishop Francine A. Brookins

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In a note to her supporters on her website, brookinsforbishop.org, she wrote, "For six and a half years you have remained steadfast and solid in pushing me when I wanted to stop and leave this to the rest of those seeking to serve. God is great and greatly to be praised, we have been running a long time, but we are not tired. Today, may you be encouraged in your fatigue. You do make a difference. You matter to me and to many."

A native of Los Angeles, Bishop Brookins was ordained an AME itinerant elder as well received her Masters of Divinity de-

gree from Pacific School of Religion in 2002. Previously, she earned her B.A. from Georgetown University and a Juris Doctor (J.D.) from George Washington National Law Center.

In 2009, then-Bishop T. Larry Kirkland, Sr. appointed Brookins to Bethel-Fontana. The church was without an edifice, but in two years, Brookins led the congregation in constructing the building. Not only did she serve as project manager, but also extended compassion, care, teaching and preaching to her membership throughout the process.

Prior to her leading Bethel, Brookins served four years as pastor of Wright Chapel AME Church and as a general civil attorney and mediator in Oakland, CA.

The Rev. Silvester Beamon was another notable candidate elevated to the episcopacy. Beamon, the pastor of Bethel AME Church in Wilmington, Delaware, gained national exposure for delivering a powerful benediction at the inauguration of U.S. President Joe Biden in January 2021.

Also elected to the office of bishop were the Rev. Marvin C. Zanders of St. Paul AME in Jacksonville, Florida; and the Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Wright, Sr., of Quinn Chapel AME in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Religion News Service and The Christian Recorder contributed to this article.

Jehovah Witnesses Hold Virtual Event in 240 Lands, 500+ Languages

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Breaking a century-old tradition in the name of health and safety, the largest convention organization in the world has moved its annual in-person event to a virtual format for the second year in a row, canceling nearly 6,000 conventions in 240 lands.

For 24 consecutive years, the summers in Long Beach featured Jehovah's Witnesses visiting the city, filling hotels and restaurants as they held their conventions at the Long Beach Arena. In 2020, the pandemic unexpectedly interrupted that tradition, moving the international religious organization to cancel in-person conventions worldwide and launch

a global virtual event. This was a first for Jehovah's Witnesses, who have held public conventions in stadiums, arenas, convention centers and theaters around the world since 1897.

"Powerful by Faith!" is the theme of the 2021 convention, which will be delivered in more than 500 languages virtually over six weekends during July and August. The program, usually held Friday through Sunday, will be available in six installments corresponding to morning and afternoon sessions — uniting some 15-20 million people in 240 countries. Sessions are also available for streaming or download.

Linnie and Cathy Brown of Los Angeles used to attend the three-day

program at the Long Beach Arena. "It gave us a sense of normalcy despite the devastation of COVID-19," Linnie said while reflecting on last year's virtual convention. "Whether virtual or in-person, the conventions offer pragmatic solutions to the problems we face." This year, the couple is once again looking forward to drawing closer as a family by watching the virtual program together.

The continued risk of bringing thousands of people together prompted the organization to opt for a virtual platform for the second consecutive year. However, the move has not curbed the enthusiasm for the annual event. Jehovah's Witnesses worldwide are inviting the public to this



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The Brown family enjoy the convention, titled "Powerful by Faith," from their home.

historic occasion.

"Faith has helped our global brotherhood to continue to thrive even during a pandemic," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesman for Jehovah's Witnesses.

"Our faith will continue to unite us in worship — even virtually — as millions gather in private homes around the world to enjoy a powerful and inspiring spiritual program."

The public is invited to attend by visiting jw.org or on streaming platforms like ROKU TV, Apple TV, and others.

For more information, call (718) 560-5600.

Words of the Week – Watch Yourself

BY REV. DR. MICHAEL EAGLE, SR.
Contributing Writer

Scripture: Luke 17: 1-3a

As Christians, "born again" children of the Most High God, it's not hard for us to often find ourselves in peculiar, non-Christian, un-Christlike situations - situations that can lead us to feelings of guilt and torment after realizing that we did something, said something, thought something or caused something we should not have caused!

So, Jesus tells us to "watch yourselves." Jesus, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords tells us to watch ourselves! In this life, the Bible says we will have trouble - trouble in relationships with one another, so watch yourselves!

Be careful how you talk around the little ones. Be careful what you say and how you say what comes across your spirit around the little ones! Be careful acting the wrong way, around the wrong people, at the wrong times! Watch yourselves! We are held accountable for our actions. So, watch yourselves.

Temptations to do wrong come — and temptations to do wrong go — sometimes, we're pushed! And it's in our human nature to strike back - verbally, physically, morally. Recently, a six-year-old child was the victim in a car-to-car shooting from someone striking back!

The will to strike pulls us and pushes us. It hurts



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Rev. Dr. Michael Eagle, Sr.

us as well entices us. So, Jesus tells us to watch ourselves, and for that, we also need to know ourselves! Jesus only had three years to work His ministry, yet He took the time in Luke 17 to tell us to watch ourselves!

Jesus was at a Pharisee's house and had just taught the parable of the great banquet, the cost of being a disciple, the parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin, the lost son, the parable of a shrewd manager and the rich man and Lazarus, and now about sin, faith and duty.

He had just taught examples for the disciples to know their strengths and weaknesses and to have the ability to identify them when they get close. Their lesson? If the problem is using foul language, then use common sense to stay away from circumstances conducive to foul language responses!

Their lesson? If the problem is gossip or stretching the truth, then be responsible enough to not be around an environment that lends itself to the de-

sire to know everything or spread everything.

Jesus taught that we are not just accountable for our own actions but accountable in how we influence other people's actions.

It's not how the effects that sins have on us, but on our sins' impact on others! No, you're not another person's caretaker, but you are the other person's Christian example. Especially "the little ones." Be careful how you are around "the little ones."

The "little ones" are the ones who just joined the church. It's not an age or size thing; it's an experience thing! The "little ones" just came to Christ! The "little ones" are those watching, listening to us, generally behaving like us because we have been Christians longer than they have.

We are living examples! We're the ones in church on Sundays! We're the ones on the Steward Board, singing in the choir, holding down church offices! We are the disciples!

We're the ones who must be careful of how we react, when we react and what we react to! We're the ones suffering the penalty for leading astray the "little ones." We're the ones that the Bible says are the disciples! We're the ones put on notice for accountability! We're the ones put on blast about our relationships with each other!

We, the followers of Jesus Christ, must watch ourselves and our injuri-

ous remarks, thoughtless deeds, harsh attitudes or mean looks. Because these things happen, we must be careful and watch ourselves, so we minimize that they happen!

There is a penalty. Verse 2: "It would be better for him (her) if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were cast into the sea..." The penalty is drowning - dying. The penalty is death. It would be better if the offender died first than have a millstone around his/her neck! A millstone had a hole in its center, weighed about 100 pounds and placed around

an oxen or mule's neck and used to grind grain.

How do we straighten it out? Start with confession and repentance. Start with the confession we make on Communion Sundays: "Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men, we acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness which we from time to time most grievously have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine Majesty, provoking most justly Your wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent

and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father for Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake; forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

"Jesus! There is something about that name!"

The Rev. Dr. Michael Eagle, Sr. is the pastor of Grant AME Church in Long Beach.

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The history and culture of Haiti is marked by extraordinary expressions of revolutionary struggle and victory, suffering and repression, but always righteous and relentless resistance of the people and their radical refusal to be defeated. The Haitian nation was born in revolutionary struggle, achieving what no enslaved people had done before or after. It defeated its enslavers and other armies and political forces that sought to thwart and negate its national liberation, inspired and assisted liberation struggles in Latin America, and became a beacon of African and human liberation, teaching possibility and achievement against all odds. But the enemies of Haiti, the world African community and human freedom never forgave it and has since its birth worked to divide it, reconquer it, and reverse its instructive and enduring achievement. In a word, their efforts were directed towards rendering it irrelevant, except as a site of imperialist exploitation, name-calling and conversational contempt.

The recent assassination of the U.S. chosen and backed president, Jovenel Moïse, has gained the attention of the U.S. and world. But who turned toward Haiti with any modicum of care and concern before this? Who was shocked or shaken to ease or help eliminate the deep, enduring and undeserved suffering of the Haitian people who were mercilessly murdered, even massacred, by gangs and thugs in cahoots and with consent and collaboration of this U.S.-supported president and cohorts, as well as those before them?

And who stood with Haitian Americans in their struggle to maintain Tempo-

rary Protected Status (TPS) for immigrant Haitians, to prevent their return to dangerous and deadly conditions, and to win for them the rightful asylum they sought here? Likewise, who came forth to defend and rescue them and their children from the internment camps at the U.S./Mexican border along with Latinas/os and others? And who has protested the U.S., France's and Canada's brutal occupation of Haiti and their Core Group of ambassadors' commitment to and practice of domination, deprivation and degradation of the Haitian people? So, whether the American people like it or not, or are conscious of it or not, the American government is deeply implicated in the prior and current events of killings and chaos, disruption and suffering imposed on the Haitian people.

Clearly, the Haitian people reject the political violence involved in killing a president and thus call for justice. But they are not demonstrating in the streets for Moïse, whose history of killing them was as recent as the day he died and who fostered an environment of corruption, gangster government, drug trafficking, political and civil institution gutting, political killings, office grabbing and vocational corruption. What they want is an inclusive justice, one for all the people, the everyday people, the journalists, community leaders and organizers, the teachers, lawyers, the opponents of a corrupt and gangster government who were killed without mercy and often en masse.

It is then a claim and demand of justice for all the anonymous and known victims, adults and children, killed, kidnapped, tortured, raped, infected with cholera,



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sold and enslaved in houses or on farms and in factories anywhere and everywhere. For there is no real justice in simply seeking justice for the rich, powerful and prominent and disregarding and denying justice to the poor, the disempowered and the vulnerable. The future and hope for Haiti must be in its own hands, must be self-determined by its own people. The Commission to Find A Haitian Solution offers promise for a united practice and struggle necessary for Haiti's move forward and upward on the revolutionary, dignity-affirming, life-enhancing paths it marks out for itself. It seeks rightly to build consensus for a shared way forward and upward by all political and civil society groups committed to a free, self-determining, justice-practicing, and people-focused society.

The Haitian people have asked the world to cease intervention in their country and the occupiers, the U.S., France and Canada, to end their occupation in the

disguise of manipulative puppets, oppressive policies, and elite support and protection. The claimants to Moïse' crime-corrupted "throne" have asked the U.S. to intervene, but the people know this is no more than a plea to protect them and the other elites from each other and to thwart the liberation aims and efforts of the people. It is seeking support for their claims to legitimacy and authority that had been there for their patron-turned-problem, Moïse. They rightly fear there is no honor among thieves and no security among assassins, and that the wave of killings they orchestrated, sponsored and/or supported will blowback and engulf them.

There is a constant call among the Haitians we used to raise in the Sixties: Let the masses decide! Let them decide their future, their destiny and daily lives. And they cannot do that with the presence of foreigners propping up puppets, suppressing the people and robbing the people of their lives, livelihoods, resources and future. Clearly, the U.S. has no moral right or legal ground to return to occupy Haiti and has a sordid and savage history of presence in Haiti. It is disqualified by its invasions and occupations of Haiti, overthrowing its democratically-elected president, undermining its economy, and supporting a series of dictators, as well as its inhumane and unjust treatment of Haitian immigrants.

The UN has no more standing than the imperialists who sent it as a surrogate, after the U.S., under Bush, overthrew the democratically-elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide in 2004. Indeed, the UN has a horrific history in Haiti marked by sexual predation and assault, causing a cholera epidemic that killed thousands and for which it never accepted real responsibility or made just restitution and also ruthlessly suppressing the people in the interests of the occupiers and the elite.

To build a true democracy in Haiti, that democracy must be conceived, constructed and sustained by the Haitian people themselves as self-conscious agents of their own lives and liberation. This is the central objective, concern and commitment of the Commission to Find A Haitian Solution. A reorganized society will determine how others can assist, but the Haitian people must, in the final analysis, wage a second revolution in order to recover, renew and expand the promise and possibilities of the first revolution in 1804. This means ending the regime and reign of criminals and crime in government and in the streets, holding free and fair elections, rebuilding government and civil institutions, establishing a just order and bringing security to the people. Also, such a just and free society will secure justice for the people at every level; provide basic ne-

cessities of food, housing, health care and education. It will put an end to "capital flight," the billions sent abroad to be hoarded, invested and laundered. And the Haitian people might want to consider reraising the demand for reparations from France and even the U.S.

Haiti's rising, reconstruction and recovery will be difficult, dangerous and demanding, but their history and revolution, resistance and resilience is evidence that argues strongly for their eventual and inevitable victory. Drawing on this revolutionary history, let us, as the liberation leader Boukman urged us, "Listen to the voice of freedom which speaks in all our hearts" and stand in active and unbreakable solidarity with the Haitian people as they struggle mightily and victoriously to reignite and uplift the light of human freedom in their country and the world.

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World-Class Sprinter Sha'Carrie Richardson Is The Latest Casualty Of Racist Application Of Marijuana Policies

"... 'the rules are the rules.' Yet, rules aren't inherently neutral — more likely than not, rules are an extension of a status quo of racism, and are often written by people who have never faced the sort of marginalization that their rules create. While marijuana is widely legal, and widely used by people of all races and backgrounds today, that wasn't always the case. And while plenty of legal weed businesses are helmed by White people, prisons across the country are still filled with Black and brown drug offenders, sentenced for marijuana use. There will always be racist implications to who is and isn't punished for drug use across lines of race and class. Richardson's case is just another devastating example of this". -- Kylie Cheung

Millions of Black and Brown lives have been upended by decades of racist application of marijuana policies. Track and field sensation and Olympic hopeful Sha'Carrie Richardson is the latest casualty.

The news of Richardson's suspension from Team USA because of a positive marijuana test came just days after the announcement that competitors would be permitted to bring alcoholic beverages into the Olympic village, highlighting the absurdity of marijuana prohibition.

As many addiction specialists have noted, cannabis does not meet the World Anti-Doping Agency's criteria for prohibition: it is neither "performance enhancing" nor a health risk to the athlete, and the sug-



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gestion that it violates the "spirit of sport" is nonsensical.

Richardson, for her part, has handled the controversy with Sha'grace and humility. Before the news of her test even broke, she tweeted, simply, "I am human." She later elaborated that she was coping with the devastating news of her biological mother's death — imparted to her by a reporter, a relative stranger. While this explanation of her emotional state is sympathetic, it should be wholly unne-

cessary.

It is long past time to end marijuana prohibition — in sports, and in the law.

Marijuana prohibition, and the application of such laws, have been inextricable from systemic and overt racism for more than a century. Before the outbreak of the Mexican revolution sparked an influx of immigration beginning 1910, marijuana was a common ingredient in over-the-counter medicines and was sold openly in pharmacies. As the Great Depression stoked resentment of Mexican immigrants, among whom recreational use was common, efforts to link marijuana use with violent and criminal behavior intensified.

Ironically, it was the end of alcohol prohibition that led to the first federal law against marijuana. As head of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, Harry Anslinger was responsible for enforcing the Volstead Act,

prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages. When the 21st Amendment repealed alcohol prohibition, Anslinger pivoted to marijuana — intentionally exploiting racial fears and false stereotypes to launch the first American Drug War.

Even as more states move to legalize recreational use of marijuana — 18 and counting — extreme racial disparities in marijuana possession arrests persist in every jurisdiction in the nation.

According to a report issued by the ACLU last year, Black Americans are 3.64 times more likely to be arrested for marijuana possession than White Americans, even though Black and White people use marijuana at similar rates. In some states, Black people were up to six, eight, or almost 10 times more likely to be arrested. As the authors of

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PART THREE OF FOUR FROM COMPTON COLLEGE PRESIDENT KEITH CURRY'S SERIES ON THE STATE OF EDUCATION FOR BLACK STUDENTS

*Unapologetically Fighting for Black Student Success // No. 3***Calling on Alumni to Hold Colleges and Universities Accountable for the Success of Black Students**

At Compton College, every student is a success story, which is not just a statement, but our campus motto. I believe every community college student can be successful with the right academic and student support services. And that right there is the key, support. No one succeeds alone, and our Black students are no exception. In our continued fight for Black student success, we must be bold and innovative in addressing this student group's issues while removing the barriers that keep them from meeting their goals. But implementing more programs and services is not enough. It's time to expand our reach beyond the academic institutions and build a system of support both on campus and in the alumni community so students feel confident in their abilities and have role models who prove that success is possible.

This third article in my "Unapologetically Fighting for Black Student Success" series focuses on alumni as partners in education. Graduates are in a unique position to mentor and guide current students and hold colleges and universities accountable for student success.

Establishing University Connections

Alumni are linked to their alma mater in many ways, a connection that starts in their first days on campus. When I started my second year at the University of California, Santa Cruz, I didn't see too many students like me, so I created a program called "Destination Higher Education" that invites admitted Black students to

the campus to learn more about the university and meet other students. Today it's the most significant recruitment activity at UC Santa Cruz for admitting Black students, representing 4.6% of the student body. It's programs like this that begin to build meaningful connections. After finishing my bachelor's degree in American studies at UC Santa Cruz, I returned to education to earn a doctorate at the University of California, Irvine, where I previously worked as director of the Early Academic Outreach Program. While at UCI, I re-established a partnership between local school districts, including Compton Unified School District and the university. Today, I continue to work with students while connecting with the university, in addition to supporting three different scholarships I established at my alma maters. Yet, I know students from across the nation tell stories about finding a shortage of support and lack of connection to their higher education institution.

After graduation, many students are ready to move on, but alumni need to continue their relationship with their alma mater and classmates. They can become involved in efforts to improve the college experience of current students and make changes on many levels. Colleges and universities rely on alumni for donations, job placement leads, and serving as ambassadors of the brand. In return, alumni must take an activist role and motivate institutions to create programs and policies that promote equity and



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inclusion. In spring 2018, I wrote a piece for UC Santa Cruz Magazine titled "Stay Connected; It Isn't All About the Money." In this article, I encourage alumni to become connected or reconnected with the university. Furthermore, I mentioned that being engaged is not always about money (though, of course, colleges and universities will gladly accept a donation). Instead, it is about giving back to students (remember when you were one?) and maintaining a connection with the academic programs, fellow alumni, and, most importantly, with UC Santa Cruz, which has made a difference in my life.

More than ever, Black alumni must advocate and support Black students at the institutions we attended and graduated from.

Developing Alumni Connections

At UC Santa Cruz, I was fortunate to meet lifelong friends who are now prominent alumni — including Bill Casher, the associate director of laboratory operations at (PPD) Gilead Sciences. Back then, we were active in the UC Santa Cruz Black Men's Alliance (BMA), a dynamic group that focuses on building community, discussing current topics, and participating in community service projects. In June

2020, after the murder of George Floyd, we reconnected with the BMA by establishing an alumni group that meets weekly; not surprisingly, we found the same sense of community from our university days. "Being together again, we realized we have so much power as a group, and we need to do more than talk on a Tuesday," Bill noted. "We found that we were ready to pursue a level of activism much larger than ourselves and our own thoughts." I am proud to be a part of this group that now directly works with undergrads. So many in our group are accomplished in their field. I agree with Bill that we have a responsibility to help, whether that means getting students in touch with professionals in their areas of interest or listening about their campus experiences as Black men and offering guidance.

Bill explained that after graduating, many alumni do want to give back and often will just write a check. "But Black people deserve more than that, they need more than that," he said. "We need to build community, a sustainable model to engage universities to serve the Black student population. Back then, the goal of BMA was to put our words into practice; the same is true for our alumni group today." We are now focusing on building monetary support, creating mentorship, recruitment, and retention programs, and utilizing our network to bridge the gap between professions and graduation. We also want to help with student debt and show how the cost of college disproportionately

affects students of color.

What we hear on our weekly phone calls is that universities often neglect their alumni in specific demographics, particularly Black alumni. When they reach out, they don't account for the Black student experience or the Black alumni experience. There is a disconnect there — it is very obvious — and alumni need to change that. There are many groups of alumni from our California community colleges and universities that are meeting and interacting with our students, now it's time to formalize these groups and meet with college and university leaders to discuss the Black student experience and ask the colleges and universities what role or assistance they need from us. After the initial meeting, we must make sure we hold these colleges and universities accountable for their actions or lack of action related to Black student success.

Closing the Loop

As president/CEO of Compton College, I am held accountable by the elected Compton Community College District Board of Trustees, residents, faculty, staff, managers, and most importantly, our students. But for me, I am not just a college president. I am a Black college president, and with that comes an additional layer of accountability linked to the history of the Black experience in America. I have a responsibility to do more for my community than the generation before so I can continue the legacy of the people who achieved so much in previous years. I see this accountability as a great opportunity to

support our students, and we need to act now to improve the success of Black students. I am fully aware of how vital Compton College is to our community, offering educational opportunities along with economic and social mobility. That's why I make no apologies for my work toward ensuring the success of Black students. This student group is already underrepresented in higher education, so it is worrisome to see these same students overrepresented in enrollment decline. Bringing in alumni — and not just Black alumni — as activists and changemakers is one way we can help Black students achieve.

In closing, in fall 2019, I led an accreditation visit to the college program in San Quentin State Prison and met individual students who are from the neighborhood where I grew up. People from our community. They were surprised to see a young Black male as a community college president. And I don't take that lightly. While I am in this position, I need to use this platform as a college activist, not just a college president, to make sure education is accessible to all. I personally understand the struggles many in my community face to obtain an education. I recognize the variety of obstacles in their way, and that's what we will talk about next week — examining how we can remove some of those barriers that are keeping Black students from accessing and completing their education.

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•ISADORE HALL, III•

Can A Black Man Ever Be Elected Los Angeles County Sheriff?

The George Floyd murder and the conviction of his killer law enforcement officer marks the end of yet another law enforcement use of force incident that, for some finally melted out justice. Officer Chauvin received the longest jail sentence for a use of force by a law enforcement officer in history. For others, the sentence was still too lenient, because for far too long, African Americans, men in particular, have been targeted and brutalized by the police, and often without consequence. Calls for reform have only brought about incremental changes in how the police perform their duties, particularly

in inner cities. What we need to realize is that despite past reforms such as the development and use of less lethal devices such as TASERS, rubber projectiles, the elimination of heavy flashlights, and more training in de-escalation, George Floyd is still not among the living today. None of those "reforms" saved his life. None of those reforms prompted Officer Chauvin to exercise common sense, compassion, common decency and perhaps swallow a bit of his pride to let Mr. Floyd off the ground. What needs to be changed is the culture of policing, particularly in the inner city.

While there have been two African American Chiefs of Police for the City of Los Angeles, there



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has never been an African American elected Sheriff in Los Angeles County. Indeed, there have been Latino and White Sheriffs, but never in the history of Los Angeles County Politics has an African American/Bi-racial candidate run for the office

with enough experience, gravitas, energy, and a history of community engagement as the current candidate, Cecil Rhambo. In all candor, there have been few candidates ever to run for the office of Sheriff that match Rhambo's experience and background. If we were to remove race, gender, and names, comparing Rhambo's resume to almost all previous elected Sheriffs would clearly place him in the top rankings of "most qualified" candidate in perhaps a century.

The question before us is can a Black man, a Bi-Racial man, literally a foster child, abandoned at a Korean orphanage from Compton and South Los Angeles win an election

as Sheriff in Los Angeles County? We believe so and we believe he should. California has elected only 33 Sheriffs since 1850. We are not asking voters to



CECIL RHAMBO FILE PHOTO

elect the FIRST Black man to the office of Sheriff for posterity, social placation or as a token. We are urging the voters to recognize over 40 years of tireless public service, hard work, collaboration, relationship building, community outreach, innovation, imagination, leadership, self sacrifice, education, diverse experience and integrity to lead the largest Sheriff's Department in the nation and carry with it a wave of cultural change within law enforcement that we believe will help lead the way for a new beginning for policing throughout the Country.

•GILBERT JOHNSON•

Sealing old criminal records would help rebuild our economy, save lives

Despite growing public support for new public safety strategies that emphasize prevention and healing rather than incarceration—and that have resulted in a historic 30 percent drop in the state prison population since 2011—many law enforcement groups continue to resist change. Public safety union-led efforts to recall reform-minded district attorneys in Los Angeles and

San Francisco are prime examples of this tension. There is, however, at least one proposal to change the current system that all Californians should be able to get behind: SB 731, a bill from Senator María Elena Durazo (D-Los Angeles) that would save lives and help rebuild our economy by sunseting old conviction and arrest records of people who have paid their debt to society.



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This legislation, which would give people a real second chance at life, is a reasonable response to a serious practical and ethical problem. More than eight million Californians are living with a past conviction—many have families and children who depend on their ability to succeed. Yet no matter how hard they try, or how much time passes, current laws deny them essential liberties

and opportunities that others take for granted. The stigma attached to old convictions and arrests, combined with nearly 4,800 legal restrictions, bar them from big things—like jobs, housing and educational opportunities—as well as from countless smaller but meaningful activities, like attending school field trips with their children or serving on their homeowners' association board.

I know about these restrictions because I live with them. I grew up in South Los Angeles and was arrested for the first time when I was 16 for smoking marijuana. The streets offered a stability I did not know at home, and self-medication, whether with alcohol or other substances, was a natural choice given my environment. As

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One of the things that I have realized in my life is that the choices I made yesterday defined who I am today. I will be the first to admit that some of the choices I have made were not always best for me. However, many of the choices I made impacted my life positively. One of those choices was accepting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior at a young age. I believe it was the best choice I ever made. It has

blessed me in numerous ways as well as allowed me to be a blessing to others. As a single mother of two, I chose to focus my time, effort, and energy on making sure my children would learn Christian values, understand what being loved felt like, and to know that they would be held accountable for their actions. I also made a choice to forgive those who had abandoned me, abused me, and put me in emotional harms



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'Message To The Nations' 'Love Your Neighbors' Part 2

Certainly this is a vast topic. One might say, "It's Needless to claim to write on this broad subject." How can one say, write about love to one and write about hate to another. Who can know or even believe that you're sincere one way or another? Well, its easy to make a determination that you're "wishy-washy, not genuine." You're inconsistent, insincere and not believable.

How can one say, "I love these, but not those." Then you might say, "Who are these and who are those?" How can one say, "I'm going to love these, but I'm going to hate those." Your love is in question and unreliable. So, you have to sort it out and be ready to say, perhaps, "I'm not talking about the person or peoples who God created. I'm talking about the things "they and those do."

God didn't make people disobedient. Look at their fruit that "they and those produce." You look at their actions, their activities. But, inside is the capacity for that person to show forth some kind of love. The question then becomes: "What kind of love is this?" "What kind of love am I experiencing?" There are different kinds

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MID CITY CLOSE TO SHOPPING CENTER CALL ANDREW (213) 712- 7198</p> <hr/> <p>SINGLE APARTMENT SINGLE, FRESHLY PAINTED, NEW CARPET & WINDOWS MINI BLINDS, 4 UNIT COURTS DOWN- STAIRS, VERY QUITE, INCLUDES STOVE. STREET PARKING ONLY. 47TH ST & BROADWAY MATURE WORKING MAN OR WOMAN \$900 + SECURITY DEPOSIT CALL AFTER 12:30PM (323)244- 9821 (323) 841- 2477</p> <hr/> <p>1 BEDROOM 1 BATH UP DATED UNIT 1ST FLOOR NICE SIZE LAMINATE FLOORS LAUNDRY ONSITE 4726 4TH AVE. \$1500 A MONTH 1-310-645-1303</p> <hr/> <p>2 BDRM., 2 BATH NEWLY DECORATED LNDRY ON PREMISES, INTERCOM, AC, CEILING FANS,CARPOR PKG. VIP/HIP & SEC 8 PROGRAMS 4019 NICOLET LA. 90008 \$2,100 FOR RENT DEPOSIT REQUIRED (323) 290-1359</p> <hr/> <p>1 BEDROOM & 2 BEDROOM APT. CRENSHAW/MANCHESTER AREA NEAR THE FORUM AND SOFI STADIUM! RECENTLY REMODELED!! (310) 265-1919</p> <hr/> <p>1 BDRM., 1 BA. APT., INGLE- WOOD SECTION 8 ACCEPTED UPSTAIRS UNIT, CERAMIC TILE FLOORS FRONT/BACK DOOR. MORNINGSIDE PARK, CRENSHAW & MANCHESTER \$1,765/MO. KANE (310) 895-0805</p> <hr/> <p>FULLY SECURED COMPLETELY REMODELED 1BD/ UNIT IN MID- CITIES NEW KITCHEN, BATH, CARPET, HARDWOOD FLOORS, UNIT WITH PARKING IN A CLEAN,</p>	<p>SAFE, QUIET ENVIRONMENT. CLOSE TO SHOPPING & TRANS- PORTATION \$1,800 MONTH (310) 990-5524</p> <hr/> <p>90 HOUSES - UNFURNISHED</p> <hr/> <p>RECENTLY RENOVATED HOUSE 3 BR, 2 BA, FAM RM, KIT, NU CRPT, WINDOW COVER- INGS, PAINT, WD/HKUP \$2,300/ MO + DEPOSIT CALL JEAN 213-399-7285</p> <hr/> <p>UNFURNISHED HOUSE IMM OCC 3BD, 2BA, FAM, RE- MODELED KIT, NU CRPT, WINDOW COVERINGS, PAINT \$2300/MO + DEP CALL 213-399-7285 CONTACT: JEAN 213-399-7285</p> <hr/> <p>LARGE 3 BDRM. 1 BATH FOR RENT NEWLY REMODELED! IN QUIET CUL-DE-SAC SECTION 8 OK CALL MR. HILL (323)770-4508</p> <hr/> <p>230 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REQUIRED SKILLS: 1. TYPE 50 WPM OR MORE 2. PROFICIENT IN MICROSOFT OFFICE SUITE (EXCEL, WORD, POWERPOINT, ETC.) 3. TYPE CORRESPONDENCE, SPREADSHEETS, MEMORANDUMS, ETC. 4. DATA ENTRY AND MAINTAIN DATABASES 5. MAINTAIN CHURCH RECORDS 6. ORDER SUPPLIES, RECEIVE AND VERIFY ORDERS 7. PROOFREAD DOCUMENTS 8. COPY DOCUMENTS 9. SORT & DISTRIBUTE MAIL 10. ANSWER PHONES, TAKE & RETRIEVE MESSAGES, RECEIVE VISITORS</p> <p>ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES: ASSIST THE ADMINISTRATOR WITH OTHER DUTIES AS ASSIGNED (E.G., SUPPORT PASTOR OR PAYROLL PROCESSING)</p> <p>DESCRIPTION: TRINITY'S CHURCH OFFICE IS A FAST-PACED ENVIRONMENT WHERE THE ADMINISTRATIVE AS- SISTANT PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN suc- CESSFULLY ACCOMPLISHING THE MANY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE. THE INDIVIDUAL SELECTED MUST BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WELL BOTH IN WRITTEN AND VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS. THIS POSITION REQUIRES A TEAM PLAYER ATTITUDE, AND ABILITY TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH OTHERS TO ACCOMPLISH TASKS AND ASSIGNMENTS. ADDITION- ALLY, THE PERSON FILLING THIS ROLE MUST BE A SELF-STARTER AND INDEPENDENT THINKER.</p> <p>EXPERIENCE EXPECTATIONS:</p>	<p>1. THREE YEARS DEMONSTRATED SKILL USING MICROSOFT OFFICE (EXCEL, WORD, POWERPOINT, ETC.). MICROSOFT CERTIFICATION PREFERRED. 2. DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE WORKING INDEPENDENTLY WHILE EFFECTIVELY COMPLETING TASKS AND ASSIGNMENTS ON TIME WITH HIGH QUALITY. 3. DEMONSTRATED STRONG COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS, BOTH WRITTEN AND VERBALLY. 4. DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE HANDLING MULTIPLE ASSIGN- MENTS SIMULTANEOUSLY. PLEASE EMAIL ALL RESUMES TO: WWW.TRINITYBAPTISTC@ SBCGLOBAL.NET</p> <hr/> <p>CAREGIVER NEEDED SEEKING A RETIRED LIVE-IN CAREGIVER AND DRIVER FOR AN ADOLESCENCE. DUTIES INCLUDE MORNING WAKE UP, DAILY ROUTINE, TRANSPORTATION TO APPOINTMENT, ETC. PAY IS NEGOTI- ABLE. NO SMOKING OR DRUGS. COVID-19 VACCINE REQUIRED 661-829-5780</p> <hr/> <p>CHURCH ORGANIST/PIANIST NEEDED ORGANIST/PIANIST CHRISTIAN - SUNDAY SERVICES, CHOIR REHEARSALS, ETC. SOUTHWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH (323) 755-9541 SOUTHWOODMBC.ORG</p> <hr/> <p>EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - DSP SEEKING DIRECT SUPPORT PRO- FESSIONAL IN PASADENA, WORK- ING WITH DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ADULTS. WILL TRAIN WITH SOME EXPERIENCE. CHRIS ROBERTSON (323)898-4843</p> <hr/> <p>EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - DSP SEEKING A DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL, WORKING WITH DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ADULTS. WILL TRAIN WITH SOME EXPERIENCE. REATHA HOWARD (323) 252-3530 OR (323) 944-7944</p> <hr/> <p>240 EMPLOYMENT WANTED</p> <hr/> <p>CAREGIVER CAREGIVER NEEDED ~ JOB IS FOR 5 DAYS A WEEK - 5 HOURS PER DAY - SALARY IS \$20 PER HOUR. FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE POSITION, EMAIL ME (JHOLT1477@GMAIL.COM) JOHN HOLT</p> <hr/> <p>250 SALES AM AVAILABLE FOR HOOKUP (702) 751-7244 ASHELYR191@GMAIL.COM</p>	<p>LOW-INCOME SENIOR HOUSING WAITING LIST OPPORTUNITY for Madison Avenue Senior Housing located at 1151 Madison Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90029. Application requests will be taken from July 26, 2021 at 9:00 am to August 6, 2021 at 12:00 pm, or until we receive 800 requests, whichever comes first. You must call (310) 281-2837 to request an applica- tion. Applications will not be available at the property. The head of household must be at least 62 years of age at the time of applica- tion. The maximum annual income for one person is \$41,400 and for two people is \$47,300. Rent is approximately 30% of monthly income, per the HUD Section 202 PRAC program. This is a smoke- free property with limited parking spaces. At least 5% of units in- clude mobility accessible features and at least 2% of units include sensory accessible features. This housing is offered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, family status, national origin, marital status, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, disability, source of income, genetic information, arbi- trary characteristics, or other basis prohibited by law. Individuals with a disability have the right to ask for and receive reasonable accommodations and to request auxiliary aids. If you or anyone in your household has a disability, and because of that disability requires specific accommodation, modification or auxiliary aids or services to fully use our housing services, please contact our staff at (310) 475-6083. Persons with hearing or speech disabilities may dial 711 to reach the Telecommunications Relay Service to access our application request line. If Limited English Proficiency (LEP) services are needed, please contact our staff at (310) 475-6083</p>	<p>300 CHILD CARE SERVICES CAREGIVER CAREGIVER NEEDED ~ JOB IS FOR 5 DAYS A WEEK - 5 HOURS PER DAY - SALARY IS \$20 PER HOUR. FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE POSITION, EMAIL ME (JHOLT1477@GMAIL.COM)</p> <hr/> <p>320 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SEEKING CAREGIVER 9AM-1PM 4PM-8PM DUTIES INCLUDE: BATHING, DRESSING, TRANSFER FROM BED TO WHEELCHAIR JOEL (305)389-4190</p> <hr/> <p>CUSTOM PRINTED FUNERAL PROGRAMS AS LOW AS \$43.75 * FROM Mac's ECONOMY PRINT- ING ONE DAY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE * WE ALSO PRINT T-SHIRTS, FACE MASKS, AND COF- FEE MUGS * CALL MAC @ (310) 528- 2130 * OUR EMAIL ADDRESS IS MACS- PRINTING@YAHOO.COM</p> <hr/> <p>390 PERSONALS DO HAPPY RELATIONSHIPS HAVE GREAT VALUE TO YOU? DO YOUR RELATIONSHIPS SOME-</p>	<p>TIMES SUFFER? FIND OUT HOW TO IMPROVE THEM, GAIN MORE UNDERSTAND- ING AND LIVE A FULLER LIFE. HERE'S REAL SOLUTIONS FOR REAL LIFE. HTTPS://WWW.SCIENUTOLOGY- INGLEWOOD.ORG CALL 310-419-8200. EMAIL INGLEWOOD@SCIENTOLOGY.NET</p> <hr/> <p>***FREE PERSONALITY TEST*** YOUR PERSONALITY DETERMINES YOUR HAPPINESS. KNOW WHY? FIND OUT HERE: HTTPS://WWW.SCIENUTOLOGY- INGLEWOOD.ORG/PERSONALITY- TEST/ OR CALL (310) 419-8200</p> <hr/> <p>860 ELECTRICAL ELECTRICIAN ON DUTY ANY ELECTRICAL REPAIR AND TROUBLESHOOTING SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT UPGRADES 24 HOURS SERVICE (213) 595-2912 C-10 #571792</p> <hr/> <p>960 HANDYMAN HANDYMAN! (SPECIALIZED IN MAKING HOUSES & APT. SEC- TION 8 READY) 35+ YEARS IN HANDYMAN SERVICES: PLASTER, PAINTING, WALLPAPER, CERAMIC TILE, INSTALL CEILING FANS. PLUMBING. RE-GLAZE BATHTUBS. DRAINS. GIVE US A CALL, FAST RESPONSE. (323) 213-6372</p>

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso): 30-2019-01091115-CU-PA-CJC

Judge Richard Lee NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): Jeffrey York; Nancy York; DOES 1-25 inclusive YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO) EL DEMANDANTE: Daniel Espraza

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandado. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o pidiéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of Orange County, 700 Civic Center Drive West, Santa Ana, CA 92701

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Law Offices of Jeffrey T. Bell.; 11001 Valley Mall, Suite 300, El Monte, CA 91731; 626-280-8787 DATE (Fecha): 08/16/2019 DAVID H. YAMASAKI, Clerk of the Court Clerk (Secretario), by Brenda Sanchez, Deputy (Adjunto) (SEAL)

STATEMENT OF DAMAGES (Personal Injury or Wrongful Death) To: Nancy York; Plaintiff: Daniel Espraza seeks damages in the above-entitled action, as follows: 1. GENERAL DAMAGES: Pain, suffering, and inconvenience \$1,000,000 Emotional distress \$1,000,000 2. SPECIAL DAMAGES: Medical expenses \$1,000,000 Future medical expenses \$1,000,000 Loss of earnings \$1,000,000 Loss of future earning capacity \$1,000,000 Date: July 1, 2021 S/ Jeffrey T. Bell

STATEMENT OF DAMAGES (Personal Injury or Wrongful Death) To: Jeffrey York Plaintiff: Daniel Espraza seeks damages in the above-entitled action, as follows:

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 21TRCP00230 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: Myles Victor-Bullock Washington for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Myles Victor-Bullock Washington filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Myles Victor-Bullock Washington to Myles Matthew-Bullock Be

The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: 09/10/2021, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept.: M The address of the court is 825 Maple Ave., Torrance, CA 90503 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel Date: 07/09/2021 Deirdre Hill Judge of the Superior Court 7/15, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5/21 CNS-3491386# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 21VECP00310 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: HENRY NGUYEN, a minor by his parent, DAO TUYET PHAM for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Dao Tuyet Pham on behalf of Henry Nguyen, a minor, filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: HENRY NGUYEN to HENRY DUYPHAM

The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: 08/06/2021, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept.: A, Room: 510 The address of the court is 6230 Sylmar Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel Date: 06/17/2021 HUEY P. COTTON Judge of the Superior Court 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29/21 CNS-348782# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

SUMMONS (Family Law) CITACION (Derecho familiar) CASE NUMBER (NÚMERO DE CASO): 21STFL05976 NOTICE TO RESPONDENT (Name): AVISO AL DEMANDADO (Nombre): Michael Robinson You have been sued. Read the information below and on the next page. Lo han demandado. Lea la información a continuación y en la página siguiente. Petitioner's name is: Nombre del demandante: Stephanie Robinson You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you. If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership, your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs. For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org) or by contacting your local county bar association. Tiene 30 días de calendario después de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citación y Petición para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefónica o una audiencia de la corte no basta para protegerlo. Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar órdenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. La corte también le puede ordenar que pague manutención, y honorarios y costos legales. Para asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener información para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de

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las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en el sitio web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org) o pidiéndose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado. NOTICE—RESTRANING ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2: These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgment is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them. AVISO—LAS ÓRDENES DE RESTRICCIÓN SE ENCUENTRAN EN LA PÁGINA 2: Las órdenes de restricción están en vigencia en cuanto a ambos cónyuges o miembros de la pareja de hecho hasta que se despidia la petición, se emita un fallo o la corte dé otras órdenes. Cualquier agencia del orden público que haya recibido o visto una copia de estas órdenes puede hacerlas acatar en cualquier lugar de California. FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party. EXENCIÓN DE CUOTAS: Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario un formulario de exención de cuotas. La corte puede ordenar que usted pague, ya sea en parte o por completo, las cuotas y costos de la corte previamente exentos a petición de usted o de la otra parte. 1. The name and address of the court are (El nombre y dirección de la corte son): Los Angeles Superior Court, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 Stanley Mosk Courthouse - Central District 2. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son): Margo Bouchet, Esq.- Bar No: 133140, Law Office of Margo Bouchet 400 Corporate Pointe, #300, Culver City, CA 90230 T: (888) 909-9140; F: (310) 295-2308 Date (Fecha): MAY 25 2021 Sherri R. Carter, Clerk, by (Secretario, por) R.W. Deputy (Asistente) [SEAL] STANDARD FAMILY LAW RESTRANING ORDERS Starting immediately, you and your spouse or domestic partner are restrained from: 1. removing the minor children of the parties from the state or applying for a new or replacement passport for those minor children without the prior written consent of the other party or an order of the court; 2. cashing, borrowing against, cashiering, transferring, disposing of, or changing the beneficiaries of any insurance or other coverage, including life, health, automobile, and disability, held for the benefit of the parties and their minor children; 3. transferring, encumbering, hypothecating, concealing, or in any way disposing of any property, real or personal, whether community, quasi-community, or separate, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life; and 4. creating a nonprobate transfer or modifying a nonprobate transfer in a manner that affects the disposition of property subject to the transfer, without the written consent of the other party or an order of the court. Before revocation of a nonprobate transfer can take effect or a right of survivorship to property can be eliminated, notice of the change must be filed and served on the other party. You may notify each other of any proposed extraordinary expenditures at least five business days prior to incurring these extraordinary expenditures and account to the court for all extraordinary expenditures made after these restraining orders are effective. However, you may use community property, quasi-community property, or your own separate property to pay an attorney to help you or to pay court costs. ÓRDENES DE RESTRICCIÓN ESTÁNDAR DE DERECHO FAMILIAR En forma inmediata, usted y su cónyuge o pareja de hecho tienen prohibido: 1. llevarse del estado de California a los hijos menores de las partes, o solicitar un pasaporte nuevo o de repuesto para los hijos menores, sin el consentimiento previo por escrito de la otra parte o sin una orden de la corte; 2. cobrar, pedir prestado, cancelar, transferir, deshacerse o cambiar el nombre de los beneficiarios de cualquier seguro u otro tipo de cobertura, como de vida, salud, vehículo y discapacidad, que tenga como beneficiario(s) a las partes y su(s) hijo(s) menor(es); 3. transferir, gravar, hipotecar, ocultar o deshacerse de cualquier manera de cualquier propiedad, inmueble o personal, ya sea comunitaria, cuasicomunitaria o separada, sin el consentimiento escrito de la otra parte o una orden de la corte, excepto en el curso habitual de actividades personales y comerciales o para satisfacer las necesidades de la vida; y 4. crear o modificar una transferencia no testamentaria de manera que afecte la asignación de una propiedad sujeta a transferencia, sin el consentimiento por escrito de la otra parte o una orden de la corte. Antes de que se pueda eliminar la revocación de una transferencia no testamentaria, se debe presentar ante la corte un aviso del cambio y hacer una entrega legal de dicho aviso a la otra parte. Cada parte tiene que notificar a la otra sobre cualquier gasto extraordinario propuesto por lo menos cinco días hábiles antes de realizarlo, y rendir cuenta a la corte de todos los gastos extraordinarios realizados después de que estas órdenes de restricción hayan entrado en vigencia. No obstante, puede usar propiedad comunitaria,

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cuasicomunitaria o suya separada para pagar a un abogado que lo ayude o para pagar los costos de la corte. NOTICE—ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE: Do you or someone in your household need affordable health insurance? If so, you should apply for Covered California. Covered California can help reduce the cost you pay towards high quality affordable health care. For more information, visit www.coveredca.com. Or call Covered California at 1-800-300-1506. AVISO: ¿ACCESO A SEGURO DE SALUD MÁS ECONÓMICO: ¿Necesita seguro de salud a un costo asequible, ya sea para usted o alguien en su hogar? Si es así, puede presentar una solicitud con Covered California. Covered California le puede ayudar a reducir el costo que paga por seguro de salud asequible y de alta calidad. Para obtener más información, visite www.coveredca.com. O llame a Covered California al 1-800-300-0213. WARNING—IMPORTANT INFORMATION California law provides that, for purposes of division of property upon dissolution of a marriage or domestic partnership or upon legal separation, property acquired by the parties during marriage or domestic partnership in joint form is presumed to be community property. If either party to this action should die before the jointly held community property is divided, the language in the deed that characterizes how title is held (i.e., joint tenancy, tenants in common, or community property) will be controlling, and not the community property presumption. You should consult your attorney if you want the community property presumption to be written into the recorded title to the property. ADVERTENCIA—IMPORTANTE De acuerdo a la ley de California, las propiedades adquiridas por las partes durante su matrimonio o pareja de hecho en forma conjunta se consideran propiedad comunitaria para fines de la división de bienes que ocurre cuando se produce una disolución o separación legal del matrimonio o pareja de hecho. Si cualquiera de las partes de este caso llega a fallecer antes de que se divida la propiedad comunitaria de tenencia conjunta, el destino de la misma quedará determinado por las cláusulas de la escritura correspondiente que describen su tenencia (por ej., tenencia conjunta, tenencia en común o propiedad comunitaria) y no por la presunción de propiedad comunitaria. Si quiere que la presunción comunitaria quede registrada en la escritura de la propiedad, debería consultar con un abogado. 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22/21 CNS-348783# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 21STCP0201 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: Phillip Courtney Frazier Jr for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Phillip Courtney Frazier Jr filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Phillip Courtney Frazier Jr to Phillip Courtney Frazier El The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: 08/09/2021, Time: 11:00 AM, Dept.: 26, Room: 316 The address of the court is 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel Date: June 23, 2021 Elaine Lu Judge of the Superior Court 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22/21 CNS-348789# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 21STCP00187 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: JaJuan Walter Adkins for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner JaJuan Walter Adkins filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: JaJuan Walter Adkins to MR J. Adkins El The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: 08/24/2021, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept.: F47 The address of the court is 9425 Penfield Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel Date: June 22, 2021 David S. Gelfound Judge of the Superior Court 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15/21 CNS-3485340# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 21STCP01947 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: George May Hayes for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner George May Hayes filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: George May Hayes to Georgia Mae Brown The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: 08/09/2021, Time: 10:00 am, Dept.: 74, Room: 735 The address of the court is 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel Date: June 17, 2021 Michelle Williams Court Judge of the Superior Court 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15/21 CNS-3485380# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 21CHCP00216 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: Dulce Bacon for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Dulce Bacon as guardian for Amelia Bacon-Correa filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Amelia Natalia Bacon-Correa to Amelia Natalia Bacon The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: 08/24/2021, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept.: F47 The address of the court is 9425 Penfield Ave., Chatsworth, CA 91311 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel Date: June 22, 2021 David S. Gelfound Judge of the Superior Court 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15/21 CNS-3485340# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

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Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Original Filing 7/15, 7/12, 7/29, 8/5/21 CNS-3491459# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021135417
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GOODKIND, 727 W 7TH ST #1024, LOS ANGELES, CA 90017 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s): KAYLA CROFT, 727 W 7TH ST #1024, LOS ANGELES, CA 90017
JON CADERAO, 5535 MCCOMMAS BLVD, DALLAS, TX 75206
This business is conducted by a General Partnership. The registrant(s) started doing business on 04/2019.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ JON CADERAO, Partner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/17/2021.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code.)

Original Filing 7/15, 7/12, 7/29, 8/5/21 CNS-3491459# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021136084
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: URBANVISIONARYGROUP, 6709 LATIJERA BLVD. #126, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s): TRACEY YVETTE JONES, 6709 LATIJERA BLVD. #126, LOS ANGELES, CA 90045
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ TRACEY YVETTE JONES, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/17/2021.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code.)

Renewal Filing 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29/21 CNS-3488659# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021131519
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VILLAGE SWIM ACADEMY, 3900 VIRGINIA RD, Los Angeles, CA 90008 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s): KOLANI WILLIAMS, 3900 VIRGINIA RD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90008
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 06/2017.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ KOLANI WILLIAMS, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/11/2021.

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code.)

Original Filing 7/15, 7/12, 7/29, 8/5/21 CNS-3491459# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021 146503
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Steps Away Messenger Services, 2145 W. 80th St., Los Angeles, CA 90047,

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County of LA;
Registered owner(s): Mia Farris, 2145 W. 80th St., Los Angeles, CA 90047
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2021

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ Mia Farris, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on June 29, 2021

NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code.)

Original Filing 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29/21 CNS-3489570# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021131517
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: THE OKAPIANA FOUNDATION, 3900 VIRGINIA RD, Los Angeles, CA 90009 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s): KOLANI WILLIAMS, 3900 VIRGINIA RD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90008; State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 03/2019.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ KOLANI WILLIAMS, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/11/2021.

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Renewal Filing 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29/21 CNS-3488659# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021131519
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VILLAGE SWIM ACADEMY, 3900 VIRGINIA RD, Los Angeles, CA 90008 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s): KOLANI WILLIAMS, 3900 VIRGINIA RD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90008
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 06/2017.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ KOLANI WILLIAMS, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/11/2021.

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Original Filing 7/15, 7/12, 7/29, 8/5/21 CNS-3491459# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021 146503
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Steps Away Messenger Services, 2145 W. 80th St., Los Angeles, CA 90047,

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021131515
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: VILLAGE SWAG, 3900 VIRGINIA RD, Los Angeles, CA 90008 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s): KOLANI WILLIAMS, 3900 VIRGINIA RD, LOS, CA 90008
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 10/2016.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ KOLANI WILLIAMS, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/11/2021.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021140511
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: F ZERO PROJECT, 844 N LIVE OAK AVE, GLENDORA, CA 91741 County of LOS ANGELES
Mailing Address: 255 S GLENDORA AVE #1072, GLENDORA, CA 91740
Registered owner(s): BARRET OLIVER, 844 N LIVE OAK AVE, GLENDORA, CA 91741
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ BARRET OLIVER, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/22/2021.

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Renewal Filing 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29/21 CNS-3488659# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021130766
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. INTERFIRST MORTGAGE COMPANY, 2. ZEROMORTGAGE, 3. ZERO MORTGAGE, 9525 W. BRYN MAWR AVE. SUITE 400, Rosemont, IL 60018 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s): CHICAGO MORTGAGE SOLUTIONS LLC, 9525 W. BRYN MAWR AVENUE SUITE 400, ROSEMONT, IL 60018; State of Incorporation: IL
This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant(s) started doing business on 05/2021.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ CLAYTON HUTCHINSON, Secretary
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/10/2021.

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Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Original Filing 7/8, 7/15, 7/22, 7/29/21 CNS-3488659# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 2021 133190
Current File No.: 2020167765
Date Filed: October 21, 2020
FIVE STAR TRANSPORTATION, 1612 N. ANZAC AVE., COMPTON, CA 90222
Registered Owner(s): JACK B. ANDERSON, 1612 N. ANZAC AVE., COMPTON, CA 90222
Business was conducted by: an Individual.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ JACK B. ANDERSON, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on June 14, 2021.

Original Filing 7/1, 7/8, 7/15, 7/22/21 CNS-3487835# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021126251
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GRANT NOTARY SERVICES, 4015 FAIRWAY BLVD, View Park, CA 90043 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s): LEONARD K. GRANT, 4015 FAIRWAY BLVD, VIEW PARK, CA 90043; State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 05/2021.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ LEONARD K. GRANT, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/04/2021.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021123641
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: W.A.V.E.S., 3742 GRAYBURN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90018 County of LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: LLC/AI No 4671848
Registered owner(s): CAL-D INC, 3742 GRAYBURN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90018; State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) started doing business on 04/2021.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ LAFAYETE R. DORSEY SR., President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/02/2021.

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Original Filing 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15/21 CNS-3485318# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021131698
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: UNIVERSITY OF THE HOOD, 1125 SO. HOLT AVE., APT. 3, Los Angeles, CA 90035 County of LOS ANGELES
Mailing Address: 8306 WILSHIRE BLVD #792, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211

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Registered owner(s): MAE GORDON, 1125 SO. HOLT AVE. APT. 3, LOS ANGELES, CA 90035
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 04/1998.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ MAE GORDON, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/11/2021.

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Original Filing 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/15/21 CNS-3485313# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021131540
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KING OF CLEAN PRESSURE WASHING, 4293 LEIMERT APT 2, 2, Los Angeles, CA 90008 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s): VICTOR MICHAEL FRANCISCO, 4293 LEIMERT APT 2 2, LOS ANGELES, CA 90008; State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
S/ VICTOR FRANCISCO, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/11/2021.

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GOVERNMENT

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

LACMTA will receive Bids/Proposals for **C76536C1214 - B and D lines - Tunnel Intrusion Detection System** at the 9th Floor Receptionist Desk, Vendor/Contract Management Department, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

All Bids must be submitted to LACMTA, and be filed at the reception desk, 9th floor, V/CM Department, on or before Pacific Time on **Friday, August 20, 2021 at 2 p.m.**, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read. Bids received after the above date and time may be rejected and returned unopened. Each Bid must be sealed and marked **Bid No. C76536C1214**.

For a copy of the Proposal/Bid specification visit our Solicitation Page on our Vendor Portal at <https://business.metro.net> or for further information email Josefina Mellen at mellen@metro.net.
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING A Los Angeles County Hearing Officer will conduct a public hearing to consider the project described below. You will have an opportunity to testify, or you can submit written comments to the planner below or at the public hearing. If the final decision on this proposal is challenged in court, testimony may be limited to issues raised before or at the public hearing. Hearing Date and Time: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 9:00 am. Hearing Location: Online. Visit <http://planning.lacounty.gov/ho>

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and select hearing date for more information. Project & Permit(s): Project No. 2019-001501(-2), Nonconforming Review (NCR) No. RPPL2019002785 Project Location: 8741 South Fir Avenue within the Firestone Park Zoned District CEQA Categorical Exemption; Class 1, Existing Facilities Project Description: The applicant, Mike Hoon Kim, is requesting an NCR to allow the continued operation and maintenance of a neighborhood market (Rio Grande Market) with the continued sale of alcohol (beer and wine) for off-site consumption. For more information regarding this application, contact Erica Gutierrez, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (DRP), 320 W. Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. Telephone: (213) 974-6462. Fax: (213) 626-0434. E-mail: egutierrez@planning.lacounty.gov. Case materials are available online at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/case>. All correspondence received by DRP shall be considered a public record. If you need reasonable accommodations or auxiliary aids, contact the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator at (213) 974-6488 (Voice) or (213) 617-2292 (TDD) with at least 3 business days' notice. Si necesita más información por favor llame al (213) 974-6411.
7/15/21
CNS-3491486#
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PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: LAWRENCE ALEXANDER CASE NO. 21STPB06632

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DANIEL ALEXANDER be appointed as personal representative to administer the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. 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: 08/06/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 4 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. In Pro Per Petitioner SHANDREA M. WILSON 8816 S. SEPULVEDA BLVD. #104
LOS ANGELES CA 90045
7/1, 7/8, 7/15/21
CNS-3487752#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: NOWLIN WELLS CASE NO. 21STPB00682

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that VANESSA WELLS 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: 07/28/21 at 9:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 08/09/21 at 9:30AM in Dept. 44 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. In Pro Per Petitioner WINSTON EVANS 1517 S. CALIFORNIA AVE. COMPTON CA 90221
7/1, 7/8, 7/15/21
CNS-3487819#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: JAMES M. WILSON JR. CASE NO. 20STPB10034

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

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that SHANDREA M. WILSON be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 07/28/21 at 9:30AM in Dept. 9 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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

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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. In Pro Per Petitioner SHANDREA M. WILSON 8816 S. SEPULVEDA BLVD. #104
LOS ANGELES CA 90045
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Celebration of Life

Janet Cruz Sparrow

Janet Cruz Sparrow passed away after a long battle with a brain tumor on Saturday, June 5, 2021. Janet Sparrow was born on May 4, 1934 to Eulogio and Inez Cruz. Along with her beloved brother, Emilio, she was born and raised in Los Angeles and she always said she never wanted to live anywhere else. Janet loved Los Angeles and all the opportunities the city had to offer.

She married Edward A. Sparrow and together they raised three beautiful children, Douglas, Jacqueline and David. She dedicated much of her life in the rais-

ing of their three children and towards a desire to learn, a desire to work very hard for what she wanted in life, and a desire to serve and mentor others.

Janet earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education from California State University, Los Angeles, a Master's Degree from Loyola-Marymount University and Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of West Los Angeles School of Law.

Janet possessed a strong work ethic and she passed this belief on to her beloved children. She began her ca-

reer as an elementary school teacher and went on to become an elementary principal. After receiving her law degree she accepted a position with Howard Hughes Aircraft Company in the Subcontracts Department and rapidly moved up the career ladder. She often described this job as the most interesting and rewarding part of her career. She was given the opportunity to travel extensively for the company and to supervise and mentor those who worked in her department. She retired in 1999.

Her professional ac-



Janet Cruz Sparrow

complishments include: Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Kinecta Federal Credit Union, Secretary and Treasurer of the Ladera Senior Association, Trustee for Catholic Charities, Who's Who of American Women 1989-1990, mentor for Teach for America, and ABCTV's

Hometown Hero for the mentoring of potential teachers.

Janet was energetic, had a strong passion for life and possessed a love of travel. The love of travel took her to almost all of the United States and to every continent in the world except Antarctica.

One or more of her children would travel with her because she wanted them to see the world and what it had to offer.

Janet believed strongly in helping others whereby she became a busy volunteer after she retired. To name a few, she was a dedicated volunteer for Daniel Freeman Hospital for seven years until the hospital closed and is a loyal volunteer for St. Jerome Catholic Church where she has primarily served as a Lector, Eucharistic minister and Sacristyn.

Janet leaves behind her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, her loyal dog "Tony" and a host of friends to carry on her legacy and love for life.

World-Class Sprinter Sha'Carrie Richardson Is The Latest Casualty Of Decades Of Racist Application Of Marijuana Policies

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Criminal consequences [are] not the only harm of marijuana prohibition. There is a range of potentially debilitating collateral consequences as well, many of which persist even after marijuana is decriminalized or even legalized. These can further erode people's civil rights by impacting housing rights, parental rights, the administration

of public benefits, access to education, and immigration status. For example, families who live in federally subsidized public housing face eviction or family separation if someone is accused of using marijuana on their premises. Parents may lose their children in family court proceedings if accused of using marijuana. Disabled and poor recipients of public benefits still face the threat of



losing their benefits for marijuana use. Immigrants can face deportation for

laws have been enforced, each of these potentially life-altering consequences of criminalization has been borne disproportionately by communities of color.

Attitudes about marijuana use are changing quickly, and the outrage over Sha'Carrie Richardson's suspension may even be the catalyst for a rule change by the World Anti-Doping Agency. More importantly, state and federal prohibition

and the racist enforcement of these laws must end – and any legislation legalizing marijuana must not only redress for past wrongs and create economic opportunities for communities that bore, and continue to bear, the negative effects of the War on Drugs.

By Marc H. Morial
President and CEO
National Urban League

'Message To The Nations' 'Love Your Neighbors' Part 2

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of love shown to different people and things. There is "Stergos," for example love between family members. (It is not used in the New Testament.) There is "Eros" (we may have heard of this kind more). It's relating to relationship between male and female, which includes physical desire, craving and longing (It is not used in the New Testament either.) "Philos" the care and con-

cern friends have for each other or brotherly love like David and Jonathan (John 21:15-17). Then we have "Agape" love. This is the highest type of love where one deliberately chooses to do good and care about another regardless and not the qualities of the person receiving the love. Best seen in this verse, "for God so loved the world." It is the love God calls believers to display (John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13)

One can become confused about these types of love. The flesh and lusts of the mind come and damage the concept and purpose of the love. Jesus talked about the greatest of the commandments, "agape" love (Matthew 22:34-40); a sustained, conscious choice to graciously, willingly serve God, not looking for monetary gain or self gratification. 1 John 3:11-24 He commands us to love one another, wherein we are

empowered by Him to love in this way by choice, not only by emotion even in the face of hostility or rejection. This is more demanding of us to be intentional with our love, caring for others with compassion and grace. Is it easy? No, it is not. Is it possible? Maybe not at all times and at all places. But possible. However, we become more empowered to do what God wants to do and love "agape" love. Love thy neighbor and all

those in the world. That's the God-like love. It's tough. Every day we can think of some person or persons who treated us badly, lied on us, called us all kinds of terrible names and accused of things which we are not guilty of. Not only that, but they will not retract the libel and slander. What do you do? Show love by praying for the salvation of their souls and repentance from wrongdoing. Thanks for reading! Jeanette

Grattan Parker, Founder-Superintendent Today's Fresh Start Charter School 323-293-9826 www.todayfreshstart.org; Askdrjeanette@www.askdrjeanetteparker.com Askdrjeanette.successontheway@gmail.com "Inquiring minds want to know."© All rights reserved. Ask Dr. Jeanette Parker® Word In Life Study Bible reference

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United States. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) noted that Delta variants are now responsible for about one in every five new infections across the country, up from approximately one in every 10 the week before. The numbers for new cases of COVID-19 among Blacks is rising weekly. The reason this is happening is because too many African Americans have made a choice to not

get vaccinated. As of July 4, 2021, the CDC reported that race/ethnicity was known for 58% of people who had received at least one dose of the vaccine. Among this group, nearly two thirds were white 59%, 16% were Hispanic, 9% were Black, and 6% were Asian.

I have asked myself with African Americans being four times more likely to be hospitalized and nearly three times more likely to die of COVID-19 than white peo-

ple, why do African Americans have nearly the lowest rates of vaccination among all ethnic groups? Many of us are not getting vaccinated because we distrust the medical community which might stem from the infamous 40-year-long Tuskegee study, which denied Black men treatment for syphilis so researchers could track the natural progression of the disease and many Black men contracted syphilis, were left blind and some even died.

Some of us are choosing not to get vaccinated because we feel there will be some long-term negative effects caused by the vaccine that we cannot know now because the vaccine is so new. Some of us are being negatively influenced by wild widespread misinformation on the internet claiming the vaccines contain microchips or can cause autism. There may also be a small group of us who have not been able to get to a facility to get vaccinated.

I believe we can all be

part of the solution if we encourage everyone in our lives to get vaccinated. If not for themselves, at least for their loved ones. This pandemic is not going away. If we want to help bring down the numbers, the choice is up to us, but we must act. I understand some of the concerns and I am sensitive to them, but we must deal with the facts and the facts state that getting vaccinated is crucial. Are you willing to do your part and spread the word? Oh yes, you can also continue to wear

a mask to protect yourself from those who refuse to get vaccinated. Stay safe.

Making the right choice to get vaccinated can save your life and protect the life of others.

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Sealing old criminal records would help rebuild our economy, save lives

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a result, I cycled through the system for nearly a decade before realizing I was playing out a script written by someone else. Tired of fulfilling the low expectations of systems that denied opportunities to people who looked like me, refused to invest in neighborhoods where we lived, and whose only response to our unmet needs was policing and incarceration—I turned my life around.

Twelve years later, I am a husband and a father. I have a successful career as a community organizer.

Yet even though there is no violence in my now decade-old record, the denials have persisted. When I got out, the 99 cent store would not hire me. For a long time I was personally ineligible for life insurance.

Consequences like these are the exactly wrong response for people trying to rebuild productive, full lives. They undermine our efforts to care for ourselves and our families and put an unnecessary layer of emotional and mental stress on people struggling to do the right thing.

They also compromise public safety, generally,

and sabotage the overall economy by sidelining able workers from earning—and spending—money in our state.

Most Californians living with an old conviction have completed their sentence and have lived crime-free for years or even decades. Sensible policy would encourage this behavior by removing barriers to employment, housing, education, civic participation and parental rights for people who have served their time, paid their debts, and not had further contact with the system. Research shows that a good job, for example,

is strongly associated with lower recidivism and there is less crime in communities where employment rates are high. Yet, because of the existing barriers, nearly 75 percent of formerly incarcerated individuals are still unemployed a year after their release.

Besides being bad for these folks and their families, this is bad for our economy—which is already struggling due to COVID-19. I am just one of nearly 2.5 million working-age adults in our state living with a past conviction—the equivalent of nearly one in ten Californians who should

be part of the labor force. I have experienced people with past convictions to be among the most dedicated, hard-working employees, perhaps because we know the odds are against us. Yet California employers are mostly deprived of this labor, and the government, instead of benefiting from our taxable income and spending, must absorb the costs associated with support.

Sunsetting past convictions to clear away obstacles to stability and success for people living with past convictions and arrests is a commonsense next step in

embracing healing and prevention over the discredited old approach to public safety. SB 731 deserves to become law. It will make us all safer. It will boost our economy. Most of all, it will welcome millions back as productive fellow citizens in good standing.

Gilbert Johnson, a resident of South Central Los Angeles, is the statewide manager of Californians for Safety and Justice's #TimeDone campaign.

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Student Athlete of the Week: Jay'len Carter

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK
Sports Writer

Recent Manual Arts graduate Jay'len Carter was named valedictorian of his class, but it came with a price. He had to forego competing in basketball for his senior season as the high school did not allow the team to play after LAUSD allowed schools to have sporting events.

Carter was disappointed by the decision the Manual Arts Administration made, but he could not see himself playing basketball for another school.

"One thing about me, I'm always loyal," Carter said. "It was tough because I did want to play basketball, but I also know that valedictorian carries more weight."

In May, Carter was presented with the valedictorian honor by his homeroom

teacher. With a 4.2 GPA, he became the first Black student athlete in the school's 111-year history to become valedictorian.

"I know I worked hard, but it was unexpected at the same time," Carter said. "It felt good just to be able to get noticed in both aspects of my passion, being a student and an athlete, I was proud of myself."

Carter was able to recite his graduation speech in front of his classmates as Manual Arts hosted an in-person graduation. The lessons he learned from his basketball situation were featured in his speech. Despite not being able to showcase his athleticism, he was still able to highlight his academic success.

"In life, people will try to stop this process; you have to do something else," he said. "Whenever you get

cut off, you just find another path and keep pushing."

In his speech, Carter told his peers to not be complacent and never be mediocre. The most memorable part of the speech to Carter was when he talked about how God's greatness has given them the strength to battle their obstacles.

"That was very moving to a lot of people, and it meant a lot to me," Carter said. "I believe in the man above and I believe that if you do right by Him, He'll do right by you."

Carter started playing varsity basketball in the ninth grade and became team captain in his junior year. At 6'5", he was the tallest player on the team and played at any position.

He also played travel ball and the members of his AAU team played for the Toilers. In both academics

and athletics, he strives to be a top performer. Carter never intends to fail at a task he took on.

"If I didn't perform well for basketball, then it's something I wasn't doing right," he said. "If I got a 'B' ... I really felt like I failed myself because if it wasn't the highest grade, then it wasn't my expectation."

His yearning for success paid off last season as he was named Player of the Year at Manual Arts. Carter noted that he was honored to win the award.

"I felt like it's something I worked for," he said. "In the past years, I've been in the shadow of other players and haven't been able to display my real talent."

Carter desires to be a premed major in college so he can ultimately become a neurosurgeon. His favorite class is Geometry, his



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Jay'len Carter is the first Black student athlete Valedictorian in Manual Arts' history.

favorite part of the subject was learning the Pythagorean Theorem.

"Finding the hypotenuse, that was really something I enjoyed because I

related it to basketball a lot," Carter said. "As far as playing defense, that involves math too because you have to know your angles to be able to cut someone off."

Scripps National Spelling Bee Champ Zaila Avant-garde is a Promising Student Athlete

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK
Sports Writer

After correctly spelling the word "Murraya," Zaila Avant-garde, a 14-year-old Harvey, Louisiana native won the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Avant-garde is the first African American student to win the National Spelling Bee.

She since gained national attention and even earned college scholarship offers. Avant-garde has received a full ride scholarship for Southern University (SU), according to a Tweet by SU President-Chancellor Ray L. Belton.

"I am pleased to announce that [Southern University] is offering #ZailaAvantgarde a full scholarship and "#Zaila Day" at SU, part of the

nation's only #HBCU system," Belton stated. "Our student leaders, faculty and alumni look forward to meeting with you."

She also earned a full ride to the Louisiana State University's Honors College, according to an announcement LSU president William F. Tate IV tweeted.

"Your academic performance reflected scholarship first!" Tate IV stated. "You modeled intellectual excellence."

Avant-garde has also received messages of support from the likes of former president Barack Obama, Lakers star LeBron James, and current president Joe Biden. Actress Keke Palmer, who played Akeelah in "Akeelah and the Bee"—a movie cen-



TWITTER PHOTO

To prepare for the Scripps National Spelling Bee, Zaila Avant-garde hired a tutor and learned 13,000 words a day.

tered around the National Spelling Bee—sent her kudos to Avant-garde.

"THE REAL LIFE AKEELAH YOU GUYS!! The real life one. I'm so

happy in my heart," Palmer stated on Instagram. "A couple of weeks ago I sent in a video encouraging all the contestants and for this to happen just feels so spiritual! I am so happy. Major love to Doug Atchinson that allowed me to act a dream and thank God for letting me live to see it come to fruition."

Actor and 2021 ESPYS host Anthony Mackie invited her to the award show.

While she became nationally known for her spelling dexterity, she is also a proficient basketball player. Her highlights shows her passing skills and her ability to attack the paint. Avant-garde is also a skilled dribbler and juggler, having made three Guinness World Records. She holds the record for most balls

juggled in one minute with four basketballs, most dribbles in 30 seconds with four basketballs, and most basketballs dribbled by one person with six.

Avant-garde shows off her dribbling and unicycling skills on her Instagram account. She had around 20,000 followers, but is now at 81.7 thousand.

Her father changed her name from Heard to Avant-garde to honor jazz musician John Coltrane. To prepare for the National Spelling Bee, Avant-garde studied 13,000 words a day.

One of Avant-garde's goals is to make the 2022 USA Basketball under-16 national team. She also aspires to attend Harvard, play in the WNBA, work for NASA, and coach in the NBA.

SoCal Legends: Jeanette Bolden

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK
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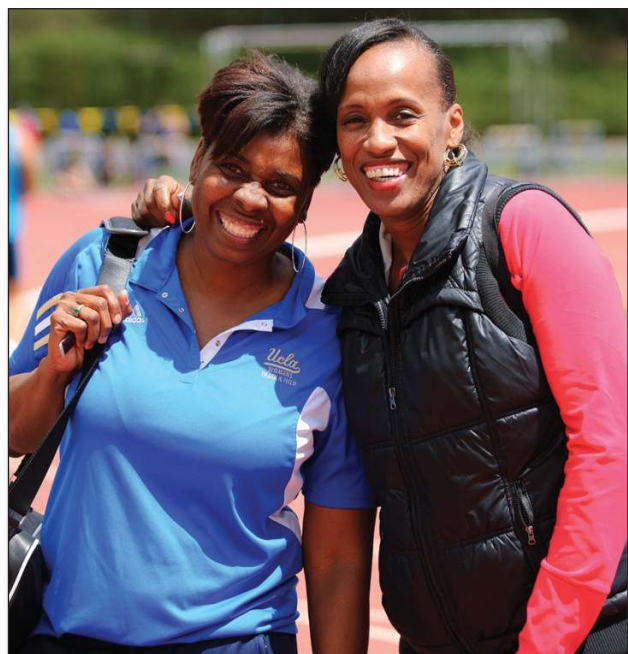
Jeanette Bolden is a well-decorated Track and Field athlete and coach. The Olympian and UCLA star helped bring out the talents of the runners, allowing them to reach national and international stages. Bolden is also the third-generation owner of the 27th Street Bakery in Los Angeles.

In 2010, Bolden was inducted into the USTFCCA Hall of Fame. UCLA recently announced that Bolden is a member of their 2021 Hall of Fame class.

In her youth, Bolden had a clubbed foot and had a serious asthmatic condition. Living at a program that treats youth with similar asthmatic conditions helped her find a way to still be active despite her illness.

A Compton native, Bolden attended Centennial High School in Compton. There, she won a state title for the 100m dash. During the Liberty Bell Games in 1980, Bolden came in second in the 100m; she also

finished second in the same event during the TAC Meet. She took her talents to



UCLA ATHLETICS PHOTO

Jeanette Bolden (left) poses with track and field icon Jackie Joyner-Kersey (right).

UCLA after graduation and helped make the women's track and field squad a contending group. She attended UCLA from 1981-1983.

In 1982, Bolden helped the Bruins win their first women's track and field outdoor title. During the

NCAA meet, she came in second in the 100m. Bolden used to be the world record

holder in the 60-yard dash after completing with a 6.60s time. To this day, she holds the collegiate indoor record in the 50m with a 6.13s time.

In 1983, Bolden graduated from UCLA with a degree in sociology. She

qualified for Team USA Track and Field for the 1980 Moscow Olympics but did not compete because USA boycotted that Olympiad. When the Olympics came to Los Angeles in 1984, Bolden helped the Team USA women's 4x400m relay team win a gold medal.

After suffering a ruptured Achilles in the 1988 Olympic Trials, Bolden returned to UCLA as an assistant coach. She was named head coach of the women's team in 1994. With her at the helm, the Bruins was one of the highest-ranking track programs at that time. In 1998, Bolden became the USOC Track and Field Developmental Coach of the Year.

UCLA women's track and field won eight-consecutive Pac-10 titles with Bolden, she ultimately won 10 during her time with the Bruins. Bolden was named Pac-10 Coach of the Year 10 times. She was also named United States Track Coaches Association (USTCA) West Region Coach of the Year nine



UCLA ATHLETICS PHOTO

Jeanette Bolden is the first coach in Olympic history to have won a medal as an Olympic athlete.

times.

She coached over 40 athletes that became Pac-10 individual champions. In 2000 and 2001, Bolden led the team to the NCAA Indoor Team Championships. In 2004, she became the National USTCA, Regional USTCA and Pac-10 Collegiate Out-

door Coach of the Year. Bolden also won the C. Vivian Stringer Award that year.

Bolden coached over 50 All-Americans and six NCAA champions. In 2006, she was the head coach of the World Cup in Greece. That same year, Bolden was hired as head coach of Team USA women's Track and Field for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. She helped the Team USA women earn 23 medals.

Bolden became the first head coach in Olympics history to have an Olympics medal as an athlete.

In 2013, Bolden took her talents to the University of Central Florida (UCF) and remained a coach there until 2016. In her first two years with UCF, she led 11 athletes to the NCAA championships.

Bolden is also executive director of the Jeanette Bolden Asthma and Allergy Track Clinic and is on the board of directors for the Asthma and Allergy Foundation.



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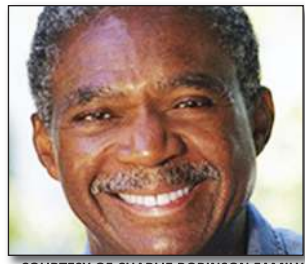
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'Night Court' actor Charlie Robinson dies at 75

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Associated Press

com "Night Court," has died. He was 75.



Robinson died Sunday at the Ronald Reagan

UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles, according to his manager, Lisa DiSante-Frank. The cause was cardiac arrest with multisystem organ failures due to septic shock, and metastatic adenocarcinoma.

"Charlie Robinson, was the love of my life, husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather," his wife and fellow actor Dolorita Noonan-Robinson

said in a statement. "He was truly the working actor's actor, and of all his passions, his craft took center stage, with his family being the wind beneath his wings, so he could soar to unbelievable heights! On behalf of my husband and family, I thank you for being a part of the audience."

Charlie Robinson was a Houston native who in his

teens sang with a local group that later became known nationally, Archie Bell and the Drells. His acting career started in the late 1960s when he joined the Houston-based school Studio 7. He made his film debut with a brief role in "Drive, He Said," a 1971 release directed by Jack Nicholson, and worked steadily over the next 50 years. Besides "Night

Court," which ran from 1984-1992, he also appeared in the acclaimed, but short-lived "Buffalo Bill"; "Home Improvement"; "The Game" and "Hart of Dixie" among other series.

Recent credits include the teleplay "Some Old Black Man" and the stage play "The Last Romance," in which he appeared with Michael Learned.

EMMY NOMINATIONS - FULL OF AFRICAN AMERICAN NOMINEES!

By LAPACAZO SANDOVAL
Contributing Writer

— drama, talk shows, comedies, among others. Only shows that were released between June 1, 2020, and May 31, 2021, were eligible for this year's ceremony.

Front runners in the drama category include X's "Pose," Netflix's "Bridgerton" and "The Crown," NBC's "This is Us," Hulu's "The Handmaid's Tale," and HBO's "Lovecraft Country".

For comedies, Netflix's "The Kominsky Method," HBO Max's "The Flight Attendant," and ABC's "Black-ish."

In the limited series category, industry insiders are buzzing about HBO's "I May Destroy You," Netflix's "The Queen's Gambit," Amazon Prime's "The Underground Railroad" and Disney+'s "WandaVision."

Note, the Creative Arts Emmys, which typically place a week before the live broadcast Emmys ceremony.

Here is the full list of the major Emmy nominees for the primetime ceremony:

Outstanding Variety Talk Series

"Conan" (TBS)

"The Daily Show with Trevor Noah" (Comedy Central)

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (ABC)

"Last Week Tonight with John Oliver" (HBO)

"The Late Show with Stephen Colbert" (CBS)

Outstanding Competition Series

"The Amazing Race" (CBS)

"Nailed It!" (Netflix)

"RuPaul's Drag Race" (VH1)

"Top Chef" (Bravo)

"The Voice" (NBC)

Lead Actress, Comedy

Aidy Bryant, "Shrill"

Kaley Cuoco, "The Flight Attendant"

Allison Janney, "Mom"

Tracee Ellis Ross, "Black-ish"

Jean Smart, "Hacks"

Lead Actor, Comedy

Anthony Anderson, "Black-ish"

Michael Douglas, "The Kominsky Method"

William H. Macy, "Shameless"

Jason Sudeikis, "Ted Lasso"



Junee Smollett and Jonathan Majors

Kenan Thompson, "Kenan"

Comedy Series

"Black-ish" (ABC)

"Cobra Kai" (Netflix)

"Emily in Paris" (Netflix)

"Hacks" (HBO Max)

"The Flight Attendant" (HBO Max)

"The Kominsky Method" (Netflix)

"Pen15" (Hulu)

"Ted Lasso" (Apple TV+)

Lead Actor, Limited Series, Movie or Anthology

Paul Bettany, "WandaVision"

Hugh Grant, "The Undoing"

Ewan McGregor, "Halston"

Lin-Manuel Miranda, "Hamilton"

Leslie Odom, Jr., "Hamilton"

Lead Actress, Limited Series, Movie or Anthology

Michaela Coel, "I May Destroy You"

Cynthia Erivo, "Genius: Aretha"

Elizabeth Olsen, "WandaVision"

Anya Taylor-Joy, "The Queen's Gambit"

Kate Winslet, "Mare of Easttown"

Outstanding Limited Series

"I May Destroy You" (HBO)

"Mare of Easttown" (HBO)

"The Queen's Gambit" (Netflix)

"The Underground Railroad" (Amazon Prime)

"WandaVision" (Disney+)

Lead Actress, Drama

Uzo Aduba, "In Treatment"

Olivia Colman, "The Crown"

Emma Corrin, "The Crown"

Elisabeth Moss, "The Handmaid's Tale"

Mj Rodriguez, "Pose"

Jurnee Smollett, "Lovecraft Country"

Lead Actor, Drama

Sterling K. Brown, "This Is Us"

Jonathan Majors, "Lovecraft Country"

Josh O'Connor, "The Crown"

Rege-Jean Page, "Bridgerton"

Billy Porter, "Pose"

Matthew Rhys, "Perry Mason"

Drama Series

"The Boys" (Amazon)

"Bridgerton" (Netflix)

"The Crown" (Netflix)

"The Handmaid's Tale" (Hulu)

"Lovecraft Country" (HBO)

"The Mandalorian" (Disney+)

"Pose" (FX)

"This Is Us" (NBC)

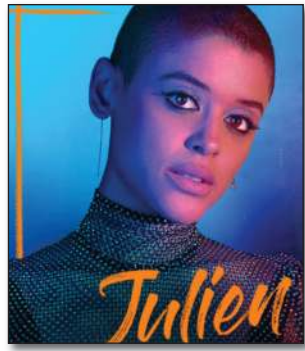
HBO Max's reboot of 'GOSSIP GIRL' - African American Girls as Optics but what's under this choices

By LAPACAZO SANDOVAL
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African American, female leads in HBO Max's reboot of "Gossip Girl" feel like a public relations move to drive stories and online chatter. I see you — creative team — you know that African Americans are culture and as a group that has been systematically stolen from, pushing these women for maximum optics seems very, very American.

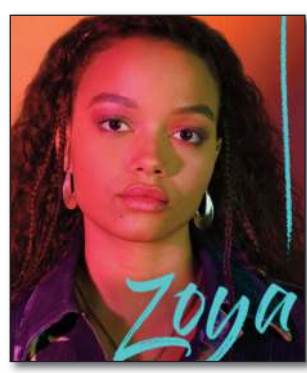
Not taking anything away from the original "Gossip Girl" because that bold series opened the doors for shows like "Elite" (Netflix), "Generation" (HBO Max), and "Euphoria" (HBO Max), the latter being one of the best television series that I've ever seen on addiction.

But back to the unrealistic world of the revamped "Gossip Girl," where two, young women of color are used as visual props with much of the same creative team for the original series returning, including showrunner Joshua Saftan and original series co-creators Josh Schwartz and Stephanie Savage. The journey might feel familiar since



"Gossip Girl" takes us back to Constance Billard, where privileged students (mostly,

White) are rigorously trained to follow their parents as titans of industry with enough



wealth and juicy gossip to earn a story in Vanity Fair and frequent items dropped in Page Six.

Every high school story about bullies needs a rising star and this school's Queen Bee is Julien, a stunning, biracial Instagram superstar and daughter of a music industry mogul (Luke Kirby). Julien is locked in a love relationship

with an uber-wealthy young man, Obie (Eli Brown) who appears to be "woke" with an honest-to-goodness conscience.

Oh, he's White, FYI, their crew includes Monet (Savannah Smith, @savannahsmith) who is African American, Luna (Zion Moreno) Audrey (Emily Alyn Lind), who's in a rather boring but loving, monogamous relationship with Aki (Evan Mock), and pansexual Max Wolfe (Thomas Doherty).

A high school is a prime place for drama and it begins with the arrival of Zoya (Whitney Peak, @WhitneyPeak), the African American new girl from Buffalo. Spoiler alert, Julien and Zoya are half-sisters. So the question looms, will the two get along, or

will they ignite WWII that will, eventually, tear the community into tiny, bite-sized pieces?

In the original series, the magic that kept the series afloat was the question, "Who Is Gossip Girl?" Fast-forward to the 2021 reboot and the question is — "What Is Gossip Girl?"

Set in a world where social media plays a tool to social contact and is the gateway to money and a kind of fame, you find yourself wishing that they had the answers, which they don't. But maybe they don't want that kind of responsibility, after all, they live in a world built by New York intelligentsia where pop culture is like gas for a moving car.

It's an interesting choice to set the reboot in a post-COVID world just as the

kids are returning to in-person schooling after a year of virtual classrooms. They skirt diving into how the isolation impacted their world. The writing is smart and although most of the key characters are still under 18, there are enough bit and love triangles to keep 20 and 30 year-olds engaged. There is the required eye candy in the casting and it's very much up to CW standards.

"Gossip Girl" — the original—set the tone for a sexy experience full of gossip, bullies, and more. As for the rebooted HBO Max's "Gossip Girl," with three African American girls in the mix, I do have hope that the series will dare to go deeper.

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GOLDENVOICE NAMES MARCUS 'DON DADA' JOHNSON TALENT BUYER

Johnson brings wealth of experience in Hip-Hop and R&B promotion and marketing to legendary concert promoter

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Goldenvoice, the Los Angeles-based concert promoter, announced that Marcus "Don Dada" Johnson will be joining the company as Talent Buyer. Johnson comes to Goldenvoice after almost two decades spent working as an independent promoter and marketer for events throughout Southern California. Johnson's responsibilities in his new role will include handling

talent buying for the company's various festivals and clubs, including The Novo in downtown Los Angeles. He will report to Goldenvoice President and CEO Paul Tollett.

The Oakland native's background lies in booking, producing, and marketing large-scale events in and around Los Angeles, as well as artist-driven experiences at top-tier Hollywood nightclubs. In addition, he has collaborated closely with Gold-

envoice since 2009, ticketing many of its shows and festivals. Some of the artists he has worked with include Post Malone, YG, Saweetie, Ari Lennox, Bryson Tiller, and the late Nipsey Hussle, among many others.

"Marcus brings a level of musical taste and knowledge that fits perfectly with what we do here at Goldenvoice," commented Tollett. "He's basically been part of the family, so I'm very excited that we are making it

official."

Said Johnson: "I'm really excited to bring my skillset and expertise to such a forward-thinking company as Goldenvoice. Hip-hop and r&b play such an important part in moving the needle on popular culture, and the same can be said for Goldenvoice...the team always has a finger on the pulse. And after spending the last twelve years working closely with everyone here, this feels like a natural

progression. I can't wait to see what we all do together."

In addition to his music industry work, Johnson co-hosts the podcast "I Survived Twenty Twenty" with Goldenvoice VP of Ticketing Rhea Roberts. The lifestyle series highlights stories of perseverance and resolve in the post-pandemic world. Rhea is a co-founder of the company's internal advocacy group GV Black, a collective of Black employees who are working



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Marcus "Don Dada" Johnson

to create initiatives that highlight the Black experience at the company and expand representation of the Black community across all of Goldenvoice's concerts and festivals.

PA Supreme Court Judge Rips Cosby Prosecutor: 'He Broke the Rules'

BY STACY M. BROWN
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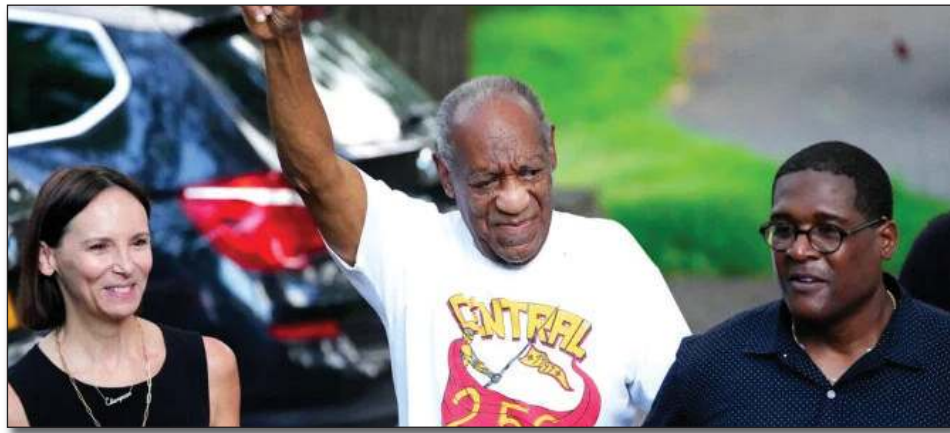
While social media and many who still have not understood the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's decision to overturn Bill Cosby's conviction continue to mislabel their decision as a "technicality," the chief justice remarkably refuted those claims.

He also blasted Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin Steele, saying the case was a case of "bait and switch."

"[Steele] didn't just break the deal [Cosby had with former prosecutor Bruce Castor], he broke the rules," Chief Justice Max Baer told Philadelphia's local ABC News affiliate.

"What we said is we're not gonna let the commonwealth, the state through the district attorneys to engage in that kind of reprehensible bait and switch," Justice Baer asserted.

He emphasized that the court's decision wasn't to protect Cosby but the "13 million Pennsylvanians against that kind of conduct."



Bill Cosby

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Justice Baer concluded that it wasn't the Supreme Court's duty to find guilt or innocence on the part of Cosby. However, what the court did find was an illegal prosecution on the part of Steele.

"What we found was what the state did was inappropriate," Justice Baer insisted.

Cosby won his freedom on June 29 after spending nearly three years in prison after a 2018 conviction of indecent aggravated assault.

The comedian and his team have since argued with those who have called the decision by the Supreme Court to overturn his con-

viction a technicality.

"You're sitting in a room trying to explain something, and there is a knock on the door. You say, 'who is it?' [The response is], 'It is the truth.' So, people start jumping out of the window," Cosby told the Black Press in his only extensive interview since his release.

"The court's decision was not a technicality," said Cosby. "These people sound like they haven't read what the judges have written. It's not a technicality. These [detractors] don't want to know anything. It's like the woman who said she knows five women that I drugged and raped. Well, where are they?"

Steele responded to Justice Baer.

Despite former prosecutor Bruce Castor providing written affidavits directly to Steele and offering his testimony in pre-trial hearings, Steele incredulously claimed he didn't know a previous deal existed between the commonwealth and Cosby.

"To be very clear, prosecutors, in this case, did not believe there was an agreement not to prosecute or immunity for the defendant at the time we moved forward on the case, and we do not believe it now," Steele told ABC News. "If we had believed there was an agreement or immunity, we

would not have moved forward in our attempt to bring Cosby to justice."

Meanwhile, Cosby has already begun plans to resume his stand-up career.

He plans to appear at an autism event in August to entertain those supporting that cause.

The "I-Spy" legend is also taking part in a documentary about his life and trials produced by former ABC Good Morning Ameri-

woodworks as termites. The infestation of when [former President] Donald Trump came through, and they just let it all hang out. That's who they are.

"That's who their ancestors are. They want their ancestors to be people who came here for religious freedoms after being persecuted - but by whom? Things weren't right in dear old England.

"They got on these



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"What we said is we're not gonna let the commonwealth, the state through the district attorneys to engage in that kind of reprehensible bait and switch," Justice Baer asserted.

ca producer Michelle Major.

"There's a big smile on my face," Cosby insisted. "A big smile on my face because I was there.

"I know what happened, and I'm watching and hearing these fascists and Nazis, and I watched them really come out of the

ships, but you were criminals, and people signed on to look after wealthy people's findings. Christopher Columbus got as lost as a White man can get, but got off the boat, took a flag, and said he would name this and so forth and so on."



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