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Civil Rights Pioneer and Icon, John Lewis, Passes at 80

The civil rights leaders led his life my example that fighting for justice is the only option



He never left the frontlines of getting in "good trouble" when it came to standing for civil rights. AP PHOTO

BY BRIAN W. CARTER
Contributing Writer

In the midst of a modern-day civil rights movement, birthed from the death of George Floyd, we have lost a civil rights pioneer. John Lewis endured more than 40 arrests, physical attacks and serious injuries, all the while remaining a devoted advocate to the philosophy

of nonviolence. He never left the frontlines of getting in "good trouble" when it came to standing for civil rights. He dedicated every inch of his life to fighting injustice of all kinds, from the streets to the halls of Congress.

The son of sharecroppers, Lewis was born on February 21, 1940, outside of Troy, Alabama. He grew

up on his family's farm and attended segregated public schools in Pike County, Alabama. In his youth, he was inspired by the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the words of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. to become an activist.

As a student at Fisk University, Lewis organized sit-in demonstrations at segregated lunch counters and volunteered to participate in

the Freedom Rides, which challenged segregation at interstate bus terminals across the South. He risked his life and took severe beatings by angry mobs and arrested by police for challenging the injustice of Jim Crow segregation in the South.

Standing by his con-

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Legendary Civil Rights Icon C.T. Vivian Dies at 95

"Some thoughts on the Reverend C.T. Vivian, a pioneer who pulled America closer to our founding ideals and a friend I will miss greatly," Former President Barack Obama wrote in a statement. "We've lost a founder of modern America, a pioneer who shrunk the gap between reality and our constitutional ideals of equality and freedom."



DAVID GOLDMAN/AP

The Rev. C.T. Vivian, seen in a 2012 portrait at his Atlanta home, has died at the age of 95.

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The Rev. C.T. Vivian, the legendary civil rights activist who marched alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has died.

Rev. Vivian was 95. Vivian's daughter, Denise Morse, confirmed her father's death and told

Atlanta's NBC affiliate WXIA that he was "one of the most wonderful men who ever walked the earth."

Vivian reportedly suffered a stroke earlier this year, but his family said he died of natural causes.

"He has always been one of the people who

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L.A. Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas Tackles Racial Inequality within Los Angeles County



Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas

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Naked and Bleeding: One Woman's Story of What Happened When the Sheriff's Came Through Her Front Door

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It's been almost one year since deputies from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Lancaster station armed with rifles and shotguns kicked in "Jane Doe's" door without warning, and dragged her outside naked and bleeding from her menstrual cycle. It goes without saying that Jane Doe is a Black woman.

24-year-old Jane Doe was home alone with her 5-year-old son and 13-year-old sister. She had just taken a shower when sheriff's deputies without warning came barreling through her front door, tearing the door



COURTESY PHOTO

Attorney Brian T. Dunn with The Cochran Firm, listens as his client "Jane Doe" tells her story about being dragged outside naked by Lancaster sheriff's deputies.

off the hinges. Guns in hand, the deputies ordered a naked Jane Doe — who was upstairs getting out of the shower and had run

to the stairs to see what the commotion was — to come downstairs naked. Screaming and asking to see the warrant and be al-

lowed to get dressed, she was forced at gunpoint to come downstairs naked in front of a group of male deputies.

"I had my phone recording the whole thing, and I scanned myself from head to toe with my phone's camera to show that I was completely undressed and these officers are pointing guns at me and pointing guns at the children too," Jane Doe explained. "The yelled at me to come downstairs, and I didn't want to make the officers with the weapons nervous, so I went down the stairs, and once I went down the stairs, it just went left

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2020 TASTE OF SOUL CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19

STAFF REPORT

Danny Bakewell, Sr., founder and creator of Taste of Soul Family Fes-

tival and executive Publisher of the LA Sentinel, announces that Taste of Soul 2020 is canceled.

"Due to COVID-19, Taste of Soul Family Festival 2020, is canceled. Our number one concern is in helping our community stay healthy and free of this virus; following the recommendations of our public officials and front-line healthcare providers, we felt a festival the magnitude of Taste of Soul would not be in the best interest of the community," Bakewell, Sr. said.

There will be a "Call to Action" to support Black businesses. We can all make a difference in helping our



The annual Taste of Soul family festival is canceled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. FILE PHOTO

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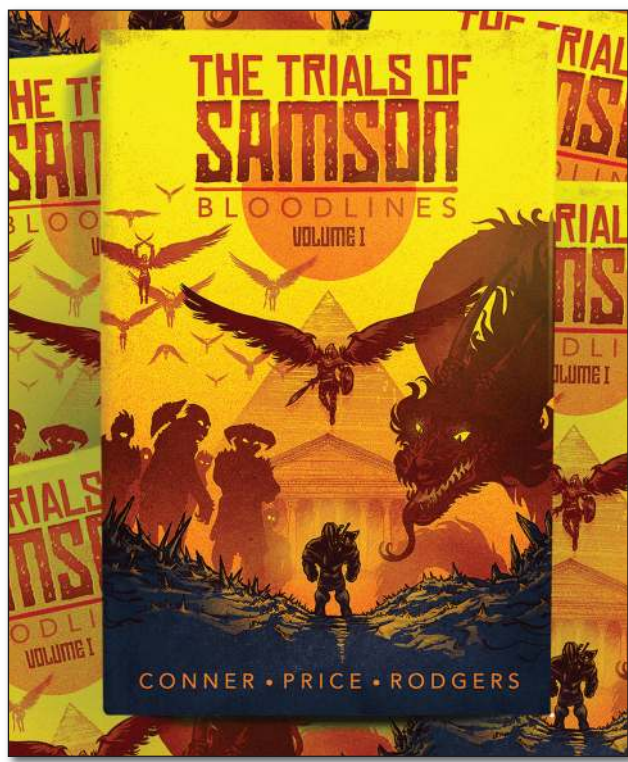
“The Trials of Samson: Bloodlines” follows the Biblical hero through modern times.

BY BRIAN W. CARTER
Contributing Writer

Comic book superheroes are staples when it comes to media nowadays. From Marvel, to DC Comics and beyond, you can find a plethora of diverse and interesting characters. Eggizō Entertainment is the latest media company to present diverse, Bible-based characters in a truly unique and engaging way. Initially releasing work books and comic book previews, they came to settle on an interesting Biblical character.

“We found an interesting verse in the book of Matthew; it happens right around the crucifixion,” said co-founder Jerrell Conner. “It talks about old testament saints that rose from their grave, so basically, they rose from the dead and were walking around.”

“We were trying to find what are Biblical grounds for bringing Samson back and doing certain things in his life, in a different setting, like a time frame? Well, this verse says that they came back—what if



“The Trials of Samson: Bloodlines” book cover

because he had a supernatural, glorified body?”

Started in 2015, Eggizō Entertainment was co-founded by Conner, Jeroll Rodgers and Pastor Frederick K. Price, Jr. Conner and Rodgers met a year before and began brainstorming ideas of bringing historical figures and Bible characters in contemporary times. They both knew Pastor

ing their stories. “[Pastor Price, Jr.] happened to have a story with Samson and we had a Samson story—he was one of our characters,” said Conner. “We were like, hey, there’s some overlap here, what if we start developing a book together?”

“The Trials of Samson: Bloodlines” is Eggizō Entertainment’s first fictional, fantasy-based novel about the life of Samson. For those who may not know, as described in the Bible, Samson was a legendary Israelite warrior, judge and divinely-inspired leader, known for his physical strength that came from his uncut hair. The Trials of Samson follows the hero trying to rectify issues with his descendants and Delilah throughout history, from Ancient Rome to the Cold War.

“It lent itself well for



(From Left-to-Right): Frederick K. Price, Jr., Jeroll Rodgers and Jerrell Conner of Eggizō Entertainment

doing animation, comic books, novels, because [Samson] is very much the Jewish version of a Hulk (Marvel Comics) or Hercules character and we just wanted to kind of play with that idea as a concept for a character in the modern context,” said Conner.

Conner continued, “Having him alive for 2,000 years and intervening in major historical events where you wouldn’t know that he was there, but he had impact ... fighting the powers of darkness or evil in these different eras.”

Eggizō Entertainment has reimagined Samson in modern times as a Black man, sporting dreads and fighting evil. The company is dedicated to using images of people of color

in their stories. As if on cue with the current social and political climate, Eggizō was already in step with reaching out to a diverse audience of readers.

The company was set to release the new book series, but the COVID-19 pandemic, and later protests and riots, changed plans.

“We were pretty much ready to go to release and to start a tour,” said Conner. “We had conferences lined up and conventions and the book was pretty close to done and then COVID and everything hit.”

To adjust to the changes the pandemic brought, they began giving away digital copies. They also sold paperback and kindle versions on Amazon. They have currently been focusing on their online presence

as most businesses have shifted most of their attention to digital.

“We started a book club because we wanted to do readings and interviews with the creative team, the writers, the artists involved; so, a lot of things we couldn’t do in person, we started digitally and virtually doing them on Facebook and different groups,” said Conner.

A locally L.A.-based, Black-owned company, Eggizō Entertainment also works with inner-city youth and provides outreach and educational platforms.

For more information on Eggizō Entertainment and “The Trials of Samson: Bloodlines,” please visit their website at www.eggizo.com.



“The Trials of Samson: Bloodlines” kindle cover

Samson was one of those saints, and he did come back and he didn’t leave

Price, Jr., who also has a love for comics, and together, they began shap-

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Supporters Kick Off 'Yes on Proposition 16' Campaign as Opposition Gets Into Gear

BY QUINCI LE GARDYÉ
California Black Media

Ahead of the November election, the Opportunity for All Coalition has begun its "Yes on Proposition 16" campaign. To kick off the drive, the group held a virtual press conference on Zoom July 14, featuring lawmakers, advocates and activists.

Supporters of the constitutional amendment followed that meeting with another that included members of the Black press and other ethnic media from across California July 16.

Proposition 16 asks voters to decide on reinstating affirmative action in California, which would allow state agencies and institutions to once again consider race in employment, contracting and college admissions. In 1996, California voters passed Prop 209, which ended any consideration of race in decision making related to the state.

"California has suffered for the last 24 years trying to create equality and justice and equal opportunity without an affirmative effort to do that. And we see a decline with regards to not only the achievement gap, but also the economic gap between people of color and women and White men in the state of California," said Assemblymember Dr.



California State lawmakers and supporters on March 10 at the State Capitol announcing ACA-5 repeal of Prop 209.

Shirley Weber (D-San Diego), chair of the Legislative Black Caucus.

State Board of Equalization Member, Malia Cohen, says the Black vote will be a deciding factor this election cycle across the United States. She said African Americans in California will also need to play a vital role in the approval of Prop 16, and the statewide campaign before it to educate voters about the benefits of the proposal.

"There are many experts out there and they are expecting record turnout this election. But one thing that we know is that Black voters are critical, and we need Black voters to turn out all the way up from the top of the ballot all the way down," she said. "Prop 16 is one of the many important ballot

measures that is going to help us chip away at the structural racism that has prevented too many Black Californians from realizing their full potential."

ACA 5, the legislation Weber introduced that paved the way for Prop 16 to become a ballot initiative, passed the California Assembly with a 60-14 vote on June 10. Shortly after, the state Senate approved the proposal with a 30-10 vote on June 24.

Eva Paterson, president of the Equal Justice Society and co-chair of the "Yes on Proposition 16" campaign, emphasized the importance of the proposition during the current national reckoning on racism that is happening across the country.

"What we hear repeatedly are calls for the end of

systemic racism. The reinstatement of affirmative action is a concrete way to dismantle systemic racism. You have heard that businesses owned by women and people of color have lost \$1.1 billion a year. Imagine what that money would have done in the pockets of our community. And so that is one concrete example of what will happen when Proposition 16 is passed," said Paterson.

People opposed to Prop 16 have already begun to organize around the state. On July 12 in Fremont, Fremont City Council member Yang Shao joined anti-Prop 16 activists for a rally that was streamed on Zoom, Facebook and YouTube.

"Some students would go to a worse school than others only because of their

race," said Jeff Yang, a student activist at the Fresno rally. "How is that fair? How does that make us feel that the United States of America is actually equal?"

At the same rally, Aparna Madireddi, a mayoral candidate in San Ramon, a town in Contra Costa County east of San Francisco, spoke.

"No matter where we came from, who we are, we are here now in the land of equal opportunities," she said. "We all have access to equal opportunities to education and in the public sector if we work hard and hard enough."

Weber said opportunity should be shared by all people across California, particularly because it is a state that is majority ethnic and has a majority of women.

In California, 37% of state residents are White. Combined, ethnic groups account for 63% of the population of nearly 40 million people. Approximately, Hispanics make up 39%; Asians, 15%, and African Americans, 6%.

White Californians make up nearly 60% of the people whose earnings rise to the top 10% of annual incomes in the state, followed by Asians whose earnings comprise close to another 20% of that category, according to the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC). Hispanics account for nearly 15% of those top earners and the number of African Americans among the people with the highest incomes in the California falls below 5%.

Less than 2% of Californians own nearly 20% of the state's net worth and they are concentrated in just 30 zip codes out of 2,597 in the state.

"Proposition 16 will give us an opportunity to restore affirmative action back to California, not to restore quotas, not to restore any kind of preferential system, but a system of outreach and opportunity that will allow California to work to acquire the kind of equal opportunity that is so necessary for the state," Weber added.

Blacks in California Split Over Vote That Could Raise Some Property Taxes

BY ANTONIO RAY HARVEY
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Proposition 15, the "Tax on Commercial and Industrial Properties for Education and Local Government Funding Initiative," is on the Nov. 3 ballot in California.

If Californians vote yes on "Split Roll" – shorthand for the proposition's title – the State will come up with a new taxation formula. The constitutional amendment would require counties to levy higher real estate taxes on businesses and industrial buildings than it does on residential homes.

The initiative has caused proponents and opponents in the Black community to draw battle lines. Each side has dug in, pointing to the benefits or the dangers of Prop 15 in opposing efforts to win the hearts, minds and votes of African Americans and other Californians. If passed, Prop 15 would overturn Prop 13, a provision that has for 42 years now placed a hard limit on

how much tax can be assessed on any property in the state.

"The property tax hike on the November ballot will hurt minority communities -- causing more gentrification, killing jobs, and increasing the cost of living for working families. We are proud to stand in opposition to the largest property tax increase in state history," said Alice Huffman, president of the California-Hawaii Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

"Despite the grand illusion presented by the initiative's proponents, no protections exist to ensure a dime of these tax dollars is actually spent on helping lift our communities out of poverty," Huffman continued.

San Francisco Mayor London Breed, the first Black female and second African American elected to the position, supports Prop 15, which would fund local governments in the state as well as provide more cash for public

schools and community colleges.

"When I look at our dire budget deficits over the next couple of years, and then I see these revenue estimates showing how much we can invest in our community without having to raise any taxes on residents, it makes it more important for me to give my full support on this initiative," Breed said.

The California Legislative Analyst Office estimates that, upon full implementation, the ballot initiative would generate between \$8 billion and \$12.5 billion in revenue per year. Of that projected revenue, 40% would be allocated to schools. The other 60% would fund local government.

At the state level, some of the Black policymakers who support Prop 15 are Sen. Holly Mitchell (D-Los Angeles), Assemblymember Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento), and State Superintendent of Education Tony Thurmond.

A few prominent African American oppo-



The property tax hike on the November ballot may hurt minority communities.

ponents of the initiative are Huffman; former state Assemblymember Gwen Moore; former state Senator Roderick Wright; former state Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, who was also a former mayor of San Francisco; and the Rev. Amos C. Brown, president of the San Francisco branch of the NAACP.

The politicians, former and current, have picked their sides. But the power to decide whether or not commercial and industrial properties should be shielded like residential properties are by Prop 13 lies in the hands of California's voters.

In 1978, voters in the state approved Prop 13, which required that residential, commercial and industrial properties be taxed based on their purchase price. Under that constitutional amendment, taxes are limited to no more than 1% of the purchase price (at the time of purchase), with an annual adjustment equal to the rate of inflation or 2%, whichever is lower.

In California, market values tend to increase faster than 2% per year, meaning the taxable value of commercial and industrial properties is often lower than the market value, according to the state Legislative Analyst's Office.

The change from the purchase price to market value would be phased-in beginning in the fiscal year 2022-2023. Properties, such as retail centers, whose occupants are 50% or more small businesses would be taxed based on market value beginning in

the California Business Properties Association, also stated his resistance to Prop 15, saying, "California already has the worst climate for business and job creation in the country. A split roll property tax will just increase pressure on many businesses that are already finding it hard to make ends meet."

On the contrary, proponents contend that top corporations in the state benefit unfairly from Prop 13 and that Prop 15 would force them to pay taxes that correspond with the market value of their properties.

"We're asking for companies like Disneyland or Universal Studios that make huge amounts of money to pay property taxes based on fair market value – the same thing that homeowners and, frankly, most businesses have to do," said Josh Pechthalt, president of the California Federation of Teachers.

Prop 15 could not only affect small Black businesses in the state that mainly rely on renting or leasing, opponents argue. There could be a spike in home prices, too, according to building industry insiders.

Developers across the state, including the California Building Industry Association (CBIA), recently announced their opposition to Prop 15. CBIA says that Prop 15 will reduce the supply of housing for Californians, especially the state's most needy, and lead to higher rents and home prices.

"California is experiencing a housing affordability crisis. Millions of families are recently unemployed and at risk of being homeless. Proposition 15 makes the current crisis worse by discouraging new home construction at the worst possible time," said Dan Dunmoyer, president and CEO of CBIA. "If California wants to resolve the state's housing affordability crisis, the first step must be to reject Prop 15."

Rex Hime, president of



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South L.A. Music School, White Hall Arts, Awarded COVID Relief Grant

BY FAITH PETRIE
Contributing Writer

“Congratulations...”
That’s all it took for Tanisha Hall to let out a scream in the lobby of White Hall Arts Academy, the music conservatory she founded over nine years ago.

Tucked into a brick-stoned building on 54th Street in South Los Angeles, the school was just granted a plethora of new opportunities thanks to the email announcing a \$25,000 COVID-19 Community Response Fund through the Lewis Prize for Music. The organization awarded a total of \$1.25 million to 32 programs in the U.S. targeted at teaching youth about music.



COURTESY PHOTO
Tanisha Hall's arts academy was awarded \$25,000 by the Lewis Prize for Music through the COVID-19 Community Response Fund.

beyond the nine years since her performing art school's inception. As a child, she took guitar lessons in school and later graduated

with labels including then Warner Bros. Records and Yab Yum Entertainment, as well as offering music lessons out of her home. Hall's career eventually found its way to singer-songwriter, Chaka Khan's nonprofit program, Chaka Khan Believes.

The organization offered tutoring and other extracurricular activities to students and took them onto excursions to places like USC and Beverly Hills three days a week in locations sometimes inaccessible otherwise.

“It became more than just three days a week, it became they're calling you on the weekend and you're doing stuff and buying prom dresses and things like that and realizing that these kids are so talented and they have so much inside of them but they don't have any opportunities for expressing [it],” Hall said.

In 2011, Hall was offered the opportunity to purchase a space in the same building her grandparents owned and decided to use it as a way to expand her music classes. Hall said within a few months, her clientele had doubled.

She advertised her services on the website takelessons.com and said that she was one of the few instructors of color at the time.



COURTESY PHOTO
A White Hall Arts Academy instructor leads a class in a guitar lesson.

“I'm super grateful to [Lewis Prize] for taking a chance on a smaller organization, which many don't,” Hall said.

For Hall, her history with music spanned

from Berklee College of Music in Boston making the cross country move from Massachusetts to California.

Hall acquired work experience by working



COURTESY PHOTO
Industry mentor and singer-songwriter Ant Clemons coaches a White Hall Arts Academy student.

“Some people would say I'm so happy, I selected you because you were Black, you're the only Black person I saw,” Hall said. “That was important to me, you know to be something that these kids could look at and say, I could be you. You look like me, you talk like me, if you can do it that means I can do it.”

With a new venture in motion, the realities of running a business were not missed on Hall— She spent \$100,000 of her own money renovating the building and making it suitable for others to learn there.

“First starting out, you have big dreams and you're like, I'm going to do this and that and the third and then life hits you and it's like yeah, okay hold on,” Hall said.

After a few years of running the school and finding additional instructors, Hall was contacted by the Department of Cultural Affairs in 2014 to administer Music LA, a program targeted at providing music lessons to young people in underserved areas throughout Los Angeles.

Only two years later,

the department was planning on stopping the program that had gone from 25 students to 150. They offered Hall an ultimatum: Music LA could continue if Hall funded and operated it herself.

Hall decided to take on the challenge noting the need for music related programs in the South LA area and set about rebranding Music LA as Music 4LA and reacquiring \$20,000 worth of musical instruments on loan by the city.

Her main motivation for continuing the program was her sympathy for young boys and the potential life paths living in an inner city can offer to Black males. According to a report submitted by The Sentencing Project, “as of 2001, one of every three Black boys born in that year could expect to go to prison in his lifetime.”

“My heart is to get these boys into music and get these boys into something that's going to save them from all the other trappings that are available here in this community,” Hall said.

The Lewis Prize for Music isn't the first donation White Hall Arts Acad-

emy has gotten, in 2017 a television show awarded the school \$30,000 during the cusp of financial worries. Hall said that her inexperience with writing grants hindered potential monetary opportunities.

“I know how to work so if I can work for the money, I'll work for it but I don't know how to just ask,” Hall said. “That might be my biggest weakness but I feel like it's enabled us to build something that's so awesome that we built ourselves.”

With the additional funds offered by the Lewis Prize for Music's COVID grant, Hall hopes to build a computer lab, hire more instructors and fix up the 100-year-old building the academy resides in.

Being a mother to three foster children has made Hall focus on teaching her kids and the students she mentors the importance of paying it forward and showing kindness.

“If everybody used their blessings to help give equity to those who don't have as much guess what, we'd all have a better opportunity. Too many times when we get blessed we take our blessings and we just run with it and hoard it all to ourselves,” Hall said.

White Hall Arts Academy is still continuing to teach students instruments, singing techniques and dance virtually through Music 4LA's summer classes every Saturday starting on July 11 to August 8. Private online sessions are also available for adults and children.

To find out more information on the program visit whitehallacademy.org/music4la.

NAACP Announces Virtual March on Washington to Channel Momentum for Police Accountability and Voter Mobilization

Virtual programming on 57th anniversary of March on Washington will advance a bold Black agenda; honor the legacy of John Lewis

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This week, the NAACP announced that it will lead a

from protestors in the streets to elected officials at all levels of government – to commit to pursuing a new agen-

in our best interest to knock down the walls of injustice and grant future generations access to higher social, economic, and political power. This is what the 2020 Virtual March on Washington is all about.”

A series of virtual and in-person programming will take place on the following dates:

THE CALL: Thursday, August 27, 8-10 p.m. ET: There will be virtual programming carried on television networks and key social media platforms, including musical performances, remarks from young activists and emerging organizations, and other entertainment.

THE MARCH: Friday, August 28, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. ET: There will be a Virtual March on Washington, D.C. streamed across key social media platforms and television networks. Led by Martin Luther King III, and the families of Black people who have died at the hands of police officers, thousands will virtually March on Washington to restore and recommit to the dream Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. defined in 1963. The virtual march will be in partnership with a socially distant, in-person march for those in the D.C. area.

THE CHARGE: Friday, August 28, 9-11 p.m. ET: The event will conclude with a night of virtual programming, including a major keynote address and musical performances by award-winning artists.

Coming days after both the Democratic National Convention and the Republican National Convention, the 2020 Virtual March on Washington will set forth a bold new Black agenda — advocating for comprehensive police accountability reform, economic empowerment, and equitable access to health care, education, and the voting booths. For more information, visit 2020march.com.



FILE PHOTO
Derrick Johnson, President and CEO of NAACP

“2020 Virtual March on Washington” alongside civil rights leaders, activists, and families of those who died at the hands of law enforcement, to call for police accountability reform and mobilize voters ahead of the November elections.

The virtual march — which will bring forward a bold National Black agenda — will take place on August 28, 2020, the 57th anniversary of the historic March on Washington, where the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech. Accompanying virtual events with music performances and keynote speakers will also take place on the nights of August 27 and 28.

“To meet both the urgency and unique circumstances of this political moment, we are driving this movement from protest to policy to power with all the innovative tools at our disposal, including and especially through virtual organizing,” said Derrick Johnson, president and CEO of NAACP. “Our 2020 Virtual March on Washington is about asking everyone --

da that prioritizes equity, justice, and equal opportunity for all. As we approach the November elections, we must mobilize to vote like we've never done before.”

This inclusive day of action seeks to channel the soaring energy from this national moment of reckoning and will call for reforms of the systems, structures, policies, and attitudes that enable police brutality, racial discrimination, and interpersonal racism. The NAACP will also execute a robust civic engagement effort with multiple levers of change, including registering participants to vote and encouraging them to participate in the Census.

“With the heartbreaking passing of civil rights titan John Lewis, good-willed people all across this country can participate in this march to honor his life and legacy and commit to pursuing a bold Black agenda that advances the unfulfilled promise of our democracy,” President Johnson continued. “We must consider the lives we are attempting to forge for our families and communities. We must act



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Lifting Up Lowery, Vivian and Lewis: Living the Legacy, Freeing the People

The recent passing of Rev. Joseph Lowery (October 6, 1921 - March 27, 2020), Rev. Cordy Tindell (C.T.) Vivian (July 30, 1924 - July 17, 2020), and Rep. John Lewis (February 21, 1940 - July 17, 2020), three major leaders of the civil rights phase of the Black Freedom Movement, rightfully causes and encourages us to lift them up and to recount and reflect on the lessons of their lives and to strive to honor their legacy in meaningful ways. This means moving any serious consideration of them and their legacy beyond the usual media portrayals and official Americana that separates them from their people and claims them as ethnically anonymous American heroes, rather than recognizing them as great African Americans who have significantly and decisively contributed to transforming the racist conception and functioning of this country. And it means we must claim them ourselves and define and discuss them in our own terms. Moreover, it means we must strive to live their legacy and continue the unfinished and ongoing struggle they inherited, embraced and advanced to free our people and expand the realm of freedom and justice in this country to include all.

Clearly, there are several lessons to be gleaned from the legacy of these freedom warriors and workers for a new society and world. And the first is to rightfully locate them in Black history among their people, our people in the midst of an unfinished and ongoing Black freedom struggle. Indeed, there can be no correct understanding, appropriate appreciation or honest emulation of their lives and the lives of all those who preceded them and made them and us possible and of those who were their co-combatants, unless we place them all in

the context of their people, our people, Black people and our struggle.

Min. Malcolm X calls this determining where we fit in the historical and global scheme of things. Molefi Asante calls it locating ourselves. And Rev. Lowery tells us also that locating ourselves historically and socially is important. Indeed, he says, "If you don't know where you came from, it's difficult to determine where you are. (And) it's even more difficult to plan where you are going." Again, this stresses the need for us to remain at the center of our own history, self-conscious agents of our own liberation.

A second lesson from the lives of these men and the generation of giants like Fannie Lou Hamer, Malcolm X, Ella Baker, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Kwame Ture of which they were a part, is that they were fighters and workers in the Black Freedom Movement which demanded Freedom Now!, took freedom rides, sang freedom songs, and studied and taught at freedom schools. Indeed, it is this struggle, the Black Freedom Movement which brought them into being, moulded their consciousness, and defined their commitment. And it is this sacred struggle for freedom to which they were a defining part, offered their lives in dedication, discipline and sacrifice.

And I stress here the distinction between the Black Freedom Movement and the Civil Rights Movement, which was one phase of our freedom struggle. The Black Power Movement, in which my organization Us and I played a major role, was also a phase. And freedom is what we have struggled and continue to struggle also for in these latest resistance initiatives against police vio-

lence and systemic racism. Here I define freedom as conditions and capacities, not repressed or restrained by domination, deprivation and degradation, and which allow and enable persons to pursue the good and come into the fullness of themselves. Thus, freedom is a larger concept than civil rights and is a human right, which, as our people have argued in their struggles in this country, is a natural and God-given right which no government can take away or give. For all the freedom warriors and workers we honor, then, and for ourselves, we must not reduce our struggle to a general civil rights struggle or be absentees from our own history, a history of struggle for the liberation of our people, upheld as a model and mirror around the world.

I have defined these three freedom fighters' legacies as ultimately one legacy, a shared legacy. And this is our third lesson to be gleaned from the lives of these honored freedom warriors. For their legacies are part of a shared legacy of struggle of their people, our people, Black people, African people. And at its very heart and soul, it is a legacy of great moral and social importance. For from its inception, this struggle sought to free an oppressed people, our people, and in the process, expand the realm of freedom, justice



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and equality in this country and the world to include all. For it was and remains our understanding that freedom, justice and equality are indivisible human goods. In a word, the Black agenda has always been an inclusive agenda. And this inclusive conception of our task is found also in Rep. Lewis' assertion that "Our minds, souls and hearts cannot rest until freedom and justice exist for all people."

There is no greater lesson than the lesson offered by Rev. Lowery, Rev. Vivian, Rep. Lewis and all the others who have dedicated their lives in struggle to the people than a deep and enduring love of the people.

And each put their lives on the line in audacious demonstration of it. Speaking of Rosa Parks' love of and dedication to our people, Rev. Lowery says that "Rosa Parks became an instrument of the people's

will" for freedom and thus, she "sat down so her people could stand up." And she accepted the responsibility of the consequences. Rev. Vivian tells us to measure the quality of what we do, not only by how well we do it, but also by its service to the people. He says, "Do what you do well. But always ask yourself the question: Is it serving people?"

A final lesson gleaned from the lives of Rev. Lowery, Rev. Vivian and Rep. Lewis and the struggle they inherited, embraced and advanced is that the struggle to expand the realm of freedom and justice in the world must continue and intensify till victory is won. Rev. Vivian invites us to understand our radical revolutionary efforts as defensive, not offensive, for we are the ones under constant attack. Thus, he says, "Revolution is always an act of self-defense." And this is a shared position clearly held by Nana Harriet Tubman, Ida B. Wells, Fannie Lou Hamer, Malcolm X and our organization Us.

Indeed, the struggle we continue to wage as a people is in rightful and righteous defense of our humanity, our human rights and our very lives. Rev. Vivian tells us that "Leadership is found in action to defeat that which would defeat you." And "You are made by the struggles you choose." Rep. Lewis tells

us "We have a mission and moral mandate to be on the right side of history." Thus, he says, "I appeal to all of you to get into this great revolution that is sweeping the nation. Get in and stay in the streets of every city, every village and hamlet of this nation until true freedom comes."

Finally, Rev. Lowery tells us that "Each of us has to assume responsibility" for the struggle. "We cannot wait for others," he says, "We must do it ourselves," each and everyone. "It is a moral imperative. We must seize the challenge" and continue and intensify the struggle. "We've got mountains to climb. We've got grief to overcome. And we've got burdens to bear" in this unfinished ongoing liberation struggle. But as he, they and all our ancestors assure us, we are well-suited and sufficient to the task, regardless of the odds and obstacles. For as our foremother, Nana Burroughs taught us, as a people, "We specialize in the wholly impossible."

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• SENATOR HOLLY MITCHELL •

Get connected and Get Counted

Have you heard about the 2020 Census? I am sure you have received mail, phone calls, or maybe drove past a billboard with information on the Census. Do you still wonder what it is about and who gets counted? The new baby just born yesterday? She gets counted. Your Uncle Leroy who is 108 years old? He gets counted, too!

Every 10 years, people across the country fill out the Census to get an accurate count of all people in the United States. The Census determines California's federal funding for important community services that help support our families and determines fair representation in California and D.C.

Unless each person is counted – from old Uncle Leroy to our precious baby boys and girls – we will lose equal representation in Congress, and that will hit us hard.

Some people are nervous about filling out the Census, but there is nothing to be afraid of. The Census is safe and secure. Information collected in the Census cannot be shared with other governmental agencies or used against you in any way. There is no citizenship question and responses are confidential and only used for statistical purposes.

Right now, California's response rate compared to our last Census is at a dismal 61 percent vs. 70 percent in 2010. My beloved Senate District 30 had one of the worst turnouts in the state, with only 48 percent of our population having completed the 2010 Census. The last time around, data shows African American people were undercounted nationwide by more than 800,000, many of whom were children.

We must do better and make sure Black counts!

Many of our resources cannot function without the



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vital federal funds provided by the Census for schools, childcare, housing, health clinics, social services, transportation, water infrastructure and more. The state received \$56 billion for Medi-Cal based on the 2010 Census data.

Simply put, we all must participate, or we will all suffer.

So what is the holdup? Why are Angelenos taking their time to fill out the Census forms either by mail, phone, or online? Maybe the low turnout is COVID-19 related, or maybe there is a link between the Census and closing the Digital Divide. We have to increase awareness of the connection between affordable internet programs and completing the Census.

A 2019 poll from California Emerging Technology Fund found that 73 percent of low-income people surveyed said they were unaware that lower prices were available to help get connected to the Internet.

What better way to invest in our children than to get affordable internet to everyone eligible while we secure our fair share of funding and equal political representation by achieving a complete Census count in California. These actions will help put our state on a path to equity and economic prosperity for all. Whether you live in a big city or small town, whether you are young or old, get counted California.

Resources: To learn about low-cost Internet options, text "Get Counted" to 5623-726925 or go visit www.GetConnectedGetCounted.org. To learn about completing the census online go to california-census.org or call 301-763-INFO.

A third-generation native Angeleno, Sen. Holly J. Mitchell is the proud daughter of career public servants and the protégé of community leaders who instilled in her a passion for

service. Mitchell, the mother of a 19-year-old son, has devoted her professional life to creating a California where ALL children thrive. She continued her family legacy of leadership when she was named the first African American to chair the powerful Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee.

The Senator's groundbreaking successes include nearly 80 bills signed into law. These bills focus on improving human services, expanding access to health care, defending the civil rights of minorities and the undocumented, and reducing the numbers of children growing up in poverty.

In addition to her chairmanship on the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee, she also chairs the Senate Select Committee on Social Determinants of Children's Well-Being and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.

Sen. Holly Mitchell is chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee. She represents nearly 1 million residents of Senate District 30, which includes Culver City and much of Los Angeles.

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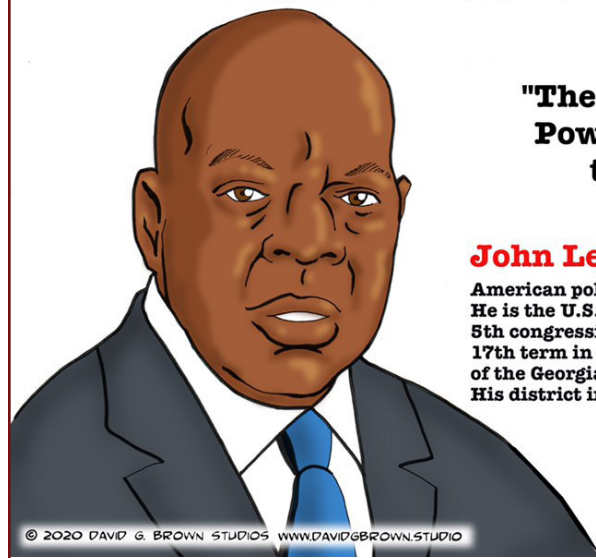
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"The VOTE is the most Powerful nonviolent tool we have."

John Lewis (1920-2020)

American politician and civil rights leader. He is the U.S. Representative for Georgia's 5th congressional district, serving in his 17th term in the House and the senior member of the Georgia congressional delegation. His district includes three-quarters of Atlanta.

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A Requiem In Memoriam Our Great Ancestors

The Honorable Rev. John Robert Lewis (February 21, 1940 - July 17, 2020)

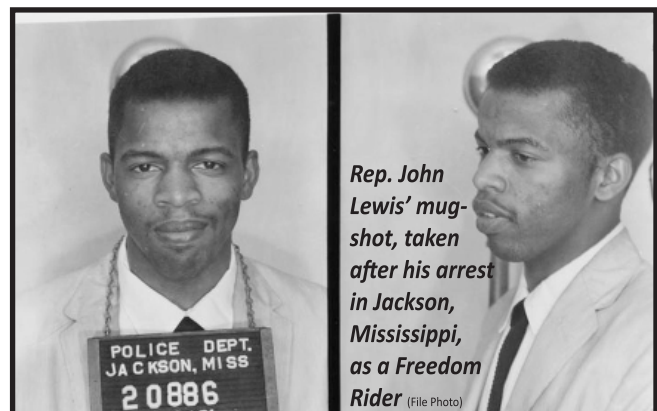
and *The Reverend Dr. Cordy Tindell "C.T." Vivian* (July 30, 1924 - July 17, 2020)

Today, we celebrate two men of moral courage, ethical excellence, and relentless diligence in making Black Lives Matter in the policies and practices of this country and world: The Honorable John Lewis and The Reverend C.T. Vivian.

Our heroes are transitioning and entrusting us to continue the work.

In 2003, Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian

hired me as Executive Director at the National Center for Human Rights Education (NCHRE) once I left the public interest law firm, Southern Center for Human Rights. He believed in me at a time in my life when I really was not sure that I could do all they entrusted me to do. I was 30 and only a few years out of seminary and law school. At NCHRE, Rev. Vivian was the chair of the board and taught me so much about dignity, humility, and caring-with-people as central to ministry, community organizing, justice, and human rights. I used to ask questions so I could listen until he got tired of talking. We didn't always agree, but I will appreciate him forever.



Rep. John Lewis' mug-shot, taken after his arrest in Jackson, Mississippi, as a Freedom Rider (File Photo)

Likewise, I remember when Congressman John Lewis came out to Los Angeles and Nashville to spend time with many BLM organizers. He encouraged our work. He always supported our work. He pushed back against the narrative of respectability in the civil rights movement. Public opinion was not on their side. They were called interlopers, carpetbaggers, and "disruptors" -- among much more vicious pejoratives. Lewis and other activists fought and disrupted EVERYTHING! Had they not disrupted traffic, commerce, business as usual, they couldn't have disrupted white supremacy. BUT THEY DID!

In response to critiques of BLM's freeway shutdowns, Lewis said: "What do you think happened with the march on Edmund Pettus Bridge?" THEY DISRUPTED the status quo! They didn't beat him because he was passive. They tried to beat him to death because he was a threat! They didn't win then. They won't win now. WHEN WE FIGHT, WE WIN!

Like many of us, C.T. Vivian and John Lewis participated in a movement -- a protest -- and it changed their lives forever.

Oh, you remember the footage....

C.T. Vivian, in a clerical collar and dark suit, led eloquently attired Black folks to vote at a Selma, Alabama government building guarded by state law enforcement officers with full riot gear and clubs in hand. There, on the steps of the Dallas County courthouse in February 1965, Rev. Vivian confronted a segregationist sheriff who blocked their path into the building. So, Vivian used the moment as an opportunity for a sermon on democracy and justice. In it, he said, "You can turn your back on me, but you cannot turn your back upon the idea of justice. You can turn your back now and you can keep the club in your hand, but you cannot beat down justice! And we will register to vote, because as citizens of these United States we have the right to do it." Clark responded to

Just weeks after the incident aired on national television, thousands of people gathered for the famous march from Selma to Montgomery. Before the year was out, as a result, Congress had passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Rev. Vivian received the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his work in 2013. But in an interview recorded for the

honor, Vivian reiterated his call to action, saying that the work for racial and social justice was far from finished. Oh, maybe you remember the Selma march? Lewis were there. You must remember that footage....



C.T. Vivian, integration leader, left, leads a prayer on the courthouse steps in Selma, Ala. on Feb. 5, 1965, after Sheriff James Clark, background with helmet, stopped him at the door with a court order. Vivian led hundreds of demonstrators armed with petitions asking longer voter registration hours. Clark arrested them when they refused to disperse. (AP Photo/Horace Cort)

At the Edmund Pettus bridge (a name that lives in infamy; soon to be renamed for Lewis) -- rabid, barbaric, and venomous racist state troopers blocked and viciously attacked the demonstrators. Then and there, the state law enforcement officers kicked and beat him with clubs. John Lewis, at 25 years old, was an organizer of that march for voting rights in Selma, Alabama, on March 7, 1965. Law enforcement brutalized and left him for dead -- like cops continue to do!



In the foreground of this photo from Selma's "Bloody Sunday," John Lewis is being beaten by a state trooper. Lewis suffered a fractured skull. (AP Photo)

Black Lives Mattered when John Lewis was a little boy growing up in rural Alabama, but you wouldn't know it by the way they... Lynched Black boys like him, Hosed Black freedom fighters, Beat, raped, and maimed our Ancestors. BUT THEY COULD NOT AND CANNOT STOP OUR PROGRESS



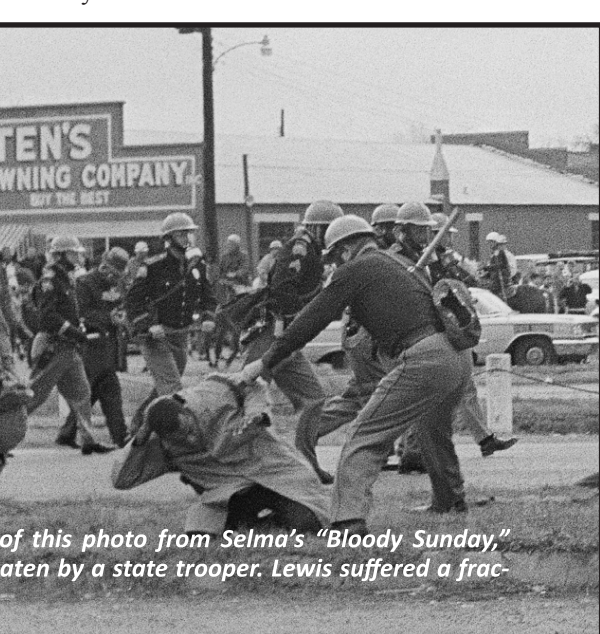
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...Not our Movement--not our FREEDOM!

We're winning because we're building on the strategies of our ancestral abolitionists. For C.T. Vivian and John Lewis, a jail cell was as familiar as a police officer's baton. Calling media attention to that systemic abuse was crucial to changing public opinion globally. These architects of democracy received scorn and ridicule but they stood re-

solved for justice.

For their human rights work, cops arrested and brutalized these activist ministers more times than they cared to count. For their democratic service, cops imprisoned and tortured them along with other CORE/SNCC protesters and imprisoned them at concentration camps, like Parchman Prison Farm. They were warriors.



Our great Ancestors, The Honorable John Lewis and The Reverend C.T. Vivian are waiting for us (you) to ACT.

C.T. Vivian and John Lewis' work didn't start on "Bloody Sunday." For years earlier, they worked as preachers and community organizers. With organizers like Septima Clark, Myles Horton, and Dr. King, Reverends Vivian and Lewis studied and trained organizers at the historic Highlander Folk School in Tennessee. They were the preachers that folks called "trouble-makers" and "radicals." Each had a long record of human rights activism that included dozens of arrests during protests against racial and social injustice.

John Lewis said, "We do not want our freedom gradually; we want to be

free now," as a keynote speaker at the historic 1963 March on Washington. He had that opportunity because for many years prior he studied and apprenticed within the human rights advocacy of his Ancestors and elders. He went door-to-door, canvassing Black communities that stretched for many miles to educate our people about their hu-

man rights. Civil and political rights were important for Lewis, but he also spoke to the need for economic, cultural, and social justice.

Like Lewis, C.T. Vivian was also part of the Freedom Riders -- activists who rode through southern states to make sure bus terminals and other public facilities were not segregated. Vivian, however, had been in justice actions since his first nonviolent protest in 1947 -- a lunch counter sit-in in Peoria, Illinois. Later, he joined with other ministers and founded the Nashville affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which helped organize sit-ins and civil rights marches. He's most well known for saying, "Do what you can do and do it well, but always ask your question: Is it serving people?"

These courageous human beings, now among our greatest Ancestors, disrupted the status quo -- commerce/business-as-usual -- FOR YEARS before anyone took notice. They were attacked, despised, and criticized relentlessly by mainstream society and their own people, but they persisted. Only in their latter years did they receive honor commensurate with their titanic contributions.

Perseverance, tenacity, and determination (among other things) in this struggle link us to them. None of us is free until all of us are free, so we commit daily to the work of making Black Lives Matter in policy and practice knowing our struggle for justice is a part of the same continuum of human rights struggle led by those before us.

HERE'S WHAT WE'VE DONE AND CONTINUE TO DO to further the legacy of our ancestral freedom fighters...to continue the work of abolition!

We educated, fed, organized, listened to, and grieved with innumerable Black people in historically neglected and over-policed communities. We cared for numerous families who lost a loved one due to police murders. We got the LA City Council to vote to defund the LAPD by \$150 million; half of their prior budget allocation. We got LAPD Chief Charlie Beck fired for leading the most murderous police department in the country. (He can call it an early retirement.)

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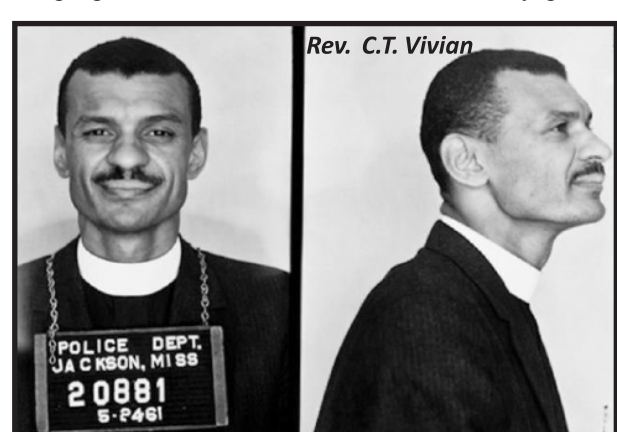
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We co-sponsored our first piece of legislation, the "Know Your Rights" bill which will make investigations accessible to the public when police kill people or are found guilty of serious misconduct.

We grew the #Give-Black, #BankBlack, #Buy-Black program as part of our #BlackXmas efforts.

We grew Los Angeles #BlackLivesMatterIn-Schools and made it a national model adopted by the National Educational Association.

We partnered with the Reverence Project to provide ongoing mental health and wellness support to the families of those killed by police.

However, to attempt to measure our "wins" solely in terms of electoral victories, legal processes, legislation, public policy, or service numbers is, in effect, to submit to the existing hegemony that we seek to transform and to miss the whole point.

Our victories cannot be confined to quantitative measures. Like those upon whose shoulders we stand, our wins are much greater than the small buckets in which they seek to place us. In the last seven years, we have:

Awakened Black people to our own POWER.

Made it ok to say BLACK, be BLACK, and fight for BLACK freedom.

Made RESISTANCE to oppression the new normal.

Affirmed and practiced the centering of ALL BLACK LIVES.

Directly challenged state oppression and violence and DISRUPTED THE EXISTING SYSTEM.

Engaged in a radical

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L.A. Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas Tackles Racial Inequality within Los Angeles County

BY BETTI HALSELL
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Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas orchestrated a six-page measurement addressing institutionalized racism among the county walls of Los Angeles. It is a call for a recourse and a movement for Antiracist sensibility. Supervisor Ridley-Thomas held a virtual briefing, accompanied by Senior Deputy for Human Services and Child Welfare Emily Williams and Chief Deputy Dorinne Jordan to break down the benchmarks of the “Establishing an Antiracist Los Angeles County” Policy Agenda. During the wake of health and wellbeing, the time is now to act on the need for equality for people of color in Los Angeles.

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas opens his measurement from a quote from Professor Cornel West, “Race Matters” (1993) describing an ideology of not just addressing Black people problems but facing the flaws within American society. There has not been a formal address, acknowledging the blood spilled among the road to the creation of this country. The current motion is looking to cut through the callus that grew over the incomplete work to eradicate the residue that was left behind due to the chattel slavery conducted in this country.

This movement was made to dive into a serious

conversation about race. In order to see meaningful change among the community, structural and systemic racism must be ripped out from the root. The principle of this measurement stands on the accountability of handling racism from an institutional level and creating an action to solve the inequities among underserved communities. This measurement carries the weights of the community into a place where it can be lifted and those who are in need can be supported.

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas described the all-inclusive motion as a bit dense, he stated, “In terms of the directives, because of the intent, we have to go deep into the bureaucracy to magnify transparency and to build more avenues for accountability.” The Policy Agenda of Establishing an Antiracist Los Angeles County will be up for consideration among all the board members July 21. The community can voice their opinion about the motion by calling 844-767-5651 and the extension is 9676434.

Past efforts are working as steppingstones for this motion to come to pass. Much of the research surrounding the unsheltered population in relation to race was conducted in 2018, it brought sobering data to light; 34% of the unsheltered population are Black people. The measurement included other studies such as Afri-



Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas at the Virtual Meeting about Anti-racist Los Angeles County Motion. SCREEN SHOT

can Americans account for 11% of COVID-19 related fatalities; (County Department of Public Health, July 2020), 27% of LAPD cases in 2017 where someone was shot or seriously injured in the county were people of color; (California Department of Justice, 2018.) Supervisor Ridley-Thomas addressed that this should not be.

Sr. Deputy Williams and Chief Deputy Jordan broke down the benchmarks within the motion and some noted directives are the following: “Recognize, affirm, and declare that racism is a matter of public health in Los Angeles County and that racism

against Black people has reached crisis proportions. Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to establish an eighth Board-directed priority to address the elimination of racism and bias in the county. Direct the CEO and other departments to evaluate existing county policies, practices, operations, and programs through a lens of racial equity...”

There are nine benchmarks in total that calls for accountability and action among the lines of public leadership. This motion is a flag planted to change the course of history and hold Los Angeles elected officials accountable to what is

happening within the community. Department heads will be expected to look at their branches, search for areas of weakness due to inequality or imbalances and develop a goal to strengthen equality and eradicate any sense of misconduct with a racial lens.

“This is a moment of unprecedented consequence and unusual global realities and therefore we need to act accordingly.” Ridley-Thomas further explained within the backdrop of a global pandemic and heightened sense of awareness of racial inequality, those in seats of monitoring the health and wellbeing in all commu-

nities, need to address the division in disproportioned resources that are being seen clear within the affects of COVID-19.

Ridley-Thomas used other grass roots organizations as example of bodies of people under the same goal of equality and what can be accomplished under a racial lens. He described many outright disparities within the Black Community and expressed this should not be looked at as normal or simple data. These are livelihoods that do not share the same human rights as their neighbors.

This measurement is to bring racial issues into the walls of power and create energy around investigating and resolving these issues in a real way. Ridley-Thomas expressed this motion as a self-examination among the L.A. Board of Supervisors, the first of its kind within 150 years of governance. The goal is to create no area to run away from the inequities that are blatantly visible within underserved communities.

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas stated, “We need explicit action against institutionalized inequities and or inequality in this region.” The motion along with its data is on the table on July 21, it is a pilot to a new chapter of equality and hopefully serve as an example for the rest of the world to follow.

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25-year-old Lancaster resident “Jane Doe” wants justice and to make sure that no other woman is treated like she was by Lancaster sheriff’s deputies.

me off the stairs and tried to take my phone out of my hand. I was able to throw my phone to my little sister before they had me in handcuffs.”

While her 13-year-old sister recorded the events, video shows deputies at one point threw a blanket over her head like she was an animal.

Jane Doe chokes back tears while painfully reliving what she says was the most humiliating day of her life. The deputies would go on to take her outside, where the blanket hiding her body would fall, leaving her nakedness exposed and blood dripping down her legs. She says that’s when deputies jumped on her and tied her up like chattel before throwing her in the back of a patrol car.

“They wrapped the blanket — the comforter — around me, but it wasn’t secure,” Jane Doe explains. “The officer was barely holding onto it. I could feel the wind coming up under me because I wasn’t dressed. I could just feel all air. By the time I got out the door, he opened my cover and released it so it could drop. When that dropped, I fell to the ground because I didn’t want all these police officers that was [sic] outside — it was a bunch of male police officers — to see me naked.”

Jane Doe says that her dropping to the ground was viewed as resisting by the deputies, so they flipped her over and forced onto her stomach. A group of deputies came and jumped on top of her, touching her breasts and private areas in the process. She says deputies also retaliated against her for telling her son and sister not to talk to them.

Jane Doe continued, “An officer had his hand on my head and pulled my hair. I had bald patches from where he pulled my hair out. Another officer used both of his knees on my neck and back — I ended up with two sprained wrists and ankles and my left shoulder was sprained. One officer said, ‘Aw shit’ and started giggling when his hands touched my private part and I was like ain’t no aw shit you know exactly what you’re doing. I kept telling the deputies I couldn’t breathe and one of the deputies yelled for someone to bring him the ties.”

The deputies ignored her pleas not to tie her up and dragged her naked across her front lawn to the patrol car.

Crying, Jane Doe recounts one of the deputies smiling and laughing at her naked body in the back of the patrol car.

“I turned around and looked at him and he was back there smiling like something was funny.”

She says that she thought she had suffered the ultimate humiliation but that it got worse.

“I was sitting in the back of the police car bleeding from my menstrual cycle,” she cries. “My aunt pulled up. The only way for me to identify to her that I was back there like that was to smear blood on the window to show her that I am back here undressed on my period.”

Initially, the deputies would not even let her aunt give her a tampon but



wouldn’t let her use the bathroom to put it on telling her aunt that she might conceal evidence if allowed to do so.

“Fifteen minutes later, one officer comes to the car and turns the AC on, rolls down the window, and lets my aunt throw me a tampon. I had to put my tampon on in public in the back of the police car.”

After asking her where her clothes are, she recounts that deputies went into her house and brought out her clothes and left them on the trunk, refusing to give them to her. After putting her tampon on, a deputy uncuffed her and allowed her to put her clothes on.

To add insult to injury, Jane Doe was arrested and charged with three counts of resisting arrest.

She says a detective gave her an ultimatum at the Lancaster sheriff’s station — either sign a document agreeing that she was illegally recording the deputies in her house and that they can have a copy of the recording or get maced.

Weighing the consequences of being maced while being handcuffed, Jane Doe chose to sign the paperwork.

When she was given her phone back, most of the video she had captured at the beginning of the incident was missing. The video was edited to just capture deputies throwing the blanket over her head.

On top of that, she was never given a copy of the documents she was forced to sign under duress.

So what was the cause of the sheriff’s deputies

against someone Black almost every day. It’s gotten to the point that it’s hard to keep up even for those of us who make it our business to follow these stories. It’s important to note that victims of police violence don’t always die — so their stories don’t always make the national news.

More often than not, they live and are left to go through life suffering extreme mental and physical pain, including anxiety, grief, shock, and humiliation for the rest of their lives, most never seeking or getting justice.

The good news is that Jane Doe will not be a part of the majority of people who experience police violence and live and never seek justice.

She’s currently represented by The Cochran Firm. She has filed a civil rights lawsuit against the County of Los Angeles, citing a violation of her civil rights, battery, negligence, and negligent infliction of emotional distress and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Interestingly enough, since filing her lawsuit, the three counts of resisting arrest have been dropped.

“If there is an unclothed suspect that is female, law enforcement nationwide is required to have a female officer present who is the officer who puts hands on that particular person,” said attorney Brian Dunn.

“The fact that you had only male deputies handling my client, it demonstrates a further abrogation from the national standard of what it is that they’re supposed to do. The only way that they could bypass that rule and go around it is if they have some type of justification that would equate to an immediate defense of life situation or exigency that would require them to not take steps to ensure that a female officer was there. They had all the time in the world here. They just didn’t care enough to have a female deputy present,

and that’s another problem that we have with their approach to this incident.”

The only phrase more infuriating from law enforcement than “I feared for my life,” is their standard canned response when refusing to discuss these types of incidents and instead choosing to hide behind “pending litigation.” But we know — even if there were no litigation pending — they still wouldn’t speak on it.

I don’t think there’s a woman alive in her right mind that’s going to willingly be dragged out of her home naked — let alone while she was on her menstrual cycle.

As a woman and a Black woman, this story infuriates me and again shows the callous disregard for which law enforcement has for Black women and our bodies. You cannot convince me that they would do this to a white woman — take her outside naked and let her bleed all over the place in front of a bunch of men. Never!

When Jane Doe’s story first aired on television, her now six-year-old son identified his mother immediately — even though her face was blurred.

“My son remembers that day. Even though’s he was five-year-old, he will never forget it. He told me, ‘Mama, I remember they pointed their guns at me, and I thought I was going to die.’”

Jasmyne A. Cannick writes about the intersection of politics and race and continues to be an outspoken voice in an effort to shape public opinion and encourage civic engagement for positive social change while advocating for underrepresented and marginalized communities. More at iamjasmyne.com

Princell Hair Named President & CEO of the Black News Channel

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Princell Hair joins The Black News Channel (BNC) as president and chief executive officer (CEO) of the nation's first and only 24-hour news network culturally specific to the diverse views of the Black community, it was announced today by Chairman and interim CEO, J.C. Watts. With the announcement of a new CEO, Watts will return to his role as chairman. Hair's appointment is effective immediately.

Hair brings a unique background in diverse platforms including general management, experience leading a national news network, a regional sports business and several local television news departments. He has reimaged programming lineups in his career discovering new,

engaging talent, enhancing linear audience reach and vastly growing digital user engagement.

Hair grew up in South Florida and started his career there in local news and rose to vice president of News for the CBS Television Stations group, before becoming the first and only African American to lead CNN-US as executive vice president and general manager, achieving major ratings growth during key news events including the Democratic and Republican National Conventions plus CNN's Election Night in America 2004. He joined Comcast in 2008 supervising news operations and talent for the Comcast regional sports networks. In 2012, Hair was named senior vice president of News and Talent for the NBC Sports Group. He was promoted in 2016 to senior vice presi-



Princell Hair's experience as a news and sports executive is unmatched for its breadth and success.

dent and general manager of NBC Sports Boston, leading the regional sports network to audience growth across all platforms as well as generating several of the network's most profitable years in its history.

"Princell's experience as a news and sports execu-

tive is unmatched for its breadth and success. As a programmer, he will bring energy and fresh thinking to the Black News Channel," said BNC Chairman, J.C. Watts. "We are delighted to welcome him and excited to see him build on the foundation we have laid

with the launch of the Black News Channel."

"I am grateful to Chairman Watts and the Board of Directors for this opportunity," said Hair. "I'm thrilled to return to daily newsgathering and compelling storytelling at the only 24-hour cable news

channel aimed specifically at African Americans and other people of color, as the world responds to a pandemic, systemic racism and an economic crisis, all of which disproportionately impact the Black audience. I'm equally excited to join and support the talented team of journalists and staff across BNC's platforms as the high stakes 2020 Presidential Race enters the red zone."

Hair received his Masters degree in Business Administration from the Goizueta Business School at Emory University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Broadcast Journalism from Florida International University in Miami, Florida. He is a member of National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) and the National Black MBA Association (NBM-BAA).

We are a collective of voices fighting against the status quo, focused on creating real social, political, and economic change.

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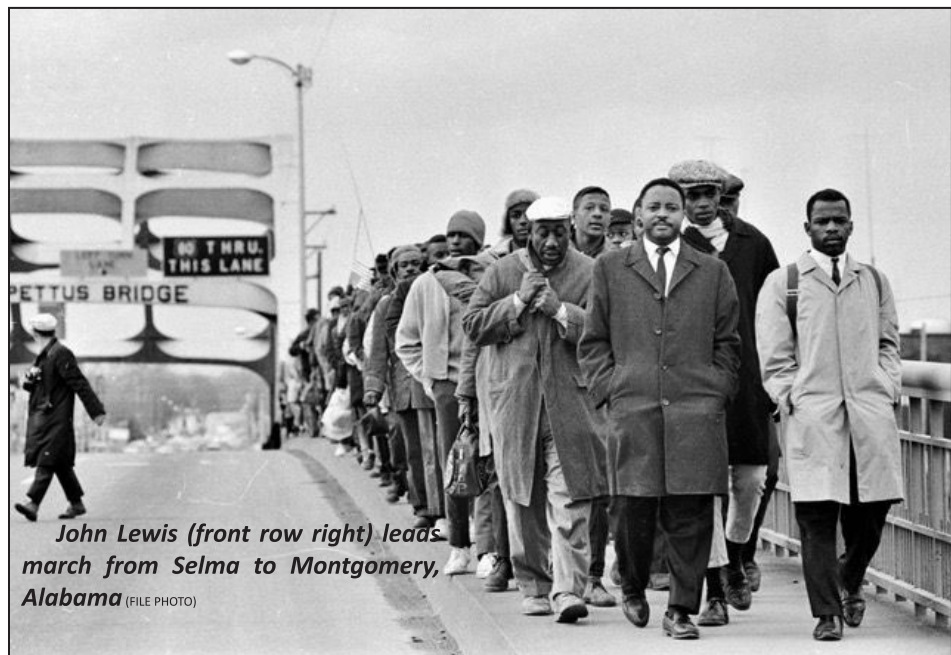
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John Lewis (front row right) leads march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. (FILE PHOTO)



Rep. Lewis was a driving force of courage and determination in the civil rights movement. (MARC HUMPHREY/AP PHOTO)



U.S. Rep. John Lewis stands in front of John Lewis Freedom Parkway moments after its new name was unveiled in Atlanta, Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2018. Atlanta is honoring Lewis by renaming a street after the civil rights icon. (AP PHOTOS/BRINLEY HINEMAN)

University, the NAACP Spingarn Medal, the National Education Association Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Award, and the only John F. Kennedy "Profile in Courage Award" for Lifetime Achievement ever granted by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation.

Other accolades include Lewis working 15

Utah, Henderson State University, University of Illinois Springfield, Washburn University, and many others. He is also the author of "Across That Bridge: Life Lessons" and "a Vision for Change," written with Brenda Jones, and winner of the 2012 NAACP Image Award for Best Literary Work-Biography. His bio-



Georgia Congressman John Lewis speaking during an Arthur Ashe Boulevard ceremony at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture in Richmond, Saturday, June 22, 2019. (ALEX WATSON/EUROIMAGES/GETTY IMAGES/REUTERS VIA AP)

victions by standing for what he believed in, Lewis became a nationally recognized leader. From 1963 to 1966, Lewis was named chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). The organization was responsible for organizing student activism including sit-ins and other activities. He was named one of the Big Six leaders of the Civil Rights Movement. At the age of 23, he was an architect of and a keynote speaker

unteer agency. In 1981, he was elected to the Atlanta City Council, where he was an advocate for ethics in government and neighborhood preservation. He was elected to Congress in November, 1986 and has served as U.S. Representative of Georgia's Fifth Congressional District since then. Lewis was Senior Chief Deputy Whip for the Democratic Party in leadership in the House, a member of the House Ways & Means Committee, a



In this Feb. 15, 2011, file photo, President Barack Obama presents a 2010 Presidential Medal of Freedom to U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington. Lewis, who carried the struggle against racial discrimination from Southern battlegrounds of the 1960s to the halls of Congress, died Friday, July 18, 2020. (AP PHOTO/CAROLYN KASTER, FILE)

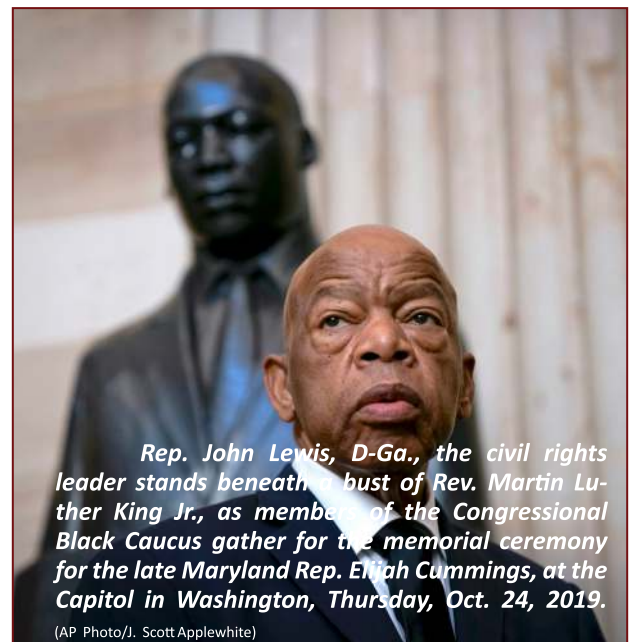
Those in Congress, and many others, who worked closely with Lewis and across social media, shared their thought and memories about Lewis.

"I saw John Lewis last week. He was still that determined John Lewis that was a man of faith. He knew from the time that he started at 15, that any day could be his last. He lived like he didn't want to waste a single day -- and he

mala D. Harris

"All of us were humbled to call Congressman Lewis a colleague, and are heartbroken by his passing. May his memory be an inspiration that moves us all to, in the face of injustice, make 'good trouble, necessary trouble.'" — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

"A pioneering civil rights leader who put his life on the line to fight racism, promote equal rights,



Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., the civil rights leader stands beneath a bust of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., as members of the Congressional Black Caucus gather for the memorial ceremony for the late Maryland Rep. Elijah Cummings, at the Capitol in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019. (AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

at the historic March on Washington in August 1963.

In 1964, Lewis coordinated SNCC to organize voter registration drives and community action programs during the Mississippi Freedom Summer. Along with Hosea Williams, Lewis led over 600 peaceful, orderly protestors across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama on March 7, 1965. The march, from Selma to Montgomery, was to demonstrate the need for voting rights in the state. The marchers were attacked by Alabama state troopers in a brutal confrontation that became known as "Bloody Sunday." News broadcasts and photographs revealed the senseless cruelty of the segregated South helped to bring about the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

After leaving SNCC in 1966, he continued his commitment to the Civil Rights Movement as associate director of the Field Foundation and his participation in the Southern Regional Council's voter registration programs. He went on to become director of the Voter Education Project (VEP). Under his leadership, VEP added nearly four million minorities to the voter rolls.

In 1977, Lewis was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to direct more than 250,000 volunteers of ACTION, the federal vol-

member of its Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, and ranking member of its Subcommittee on Oversight.

Lewis holds a B.A. in Religion and Philosophy from Fisk University, and is a graduate of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, both in Nashville, Tennessee. He has been awarded over 50 honorary degrees from prestigious colleges and universities throughout the United States, including Harvard University, Brown University, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Duke University, Morehouse College, Clark-Atlanta University, Howard University, Brandeis University, Columbia University, Fisk University, and Troy State University.

He is the recipient of numerous awards from eminent national and international institutions, including the highest civilian honor granted by President Barack Obama, the Medal of Freedom, the Lincoln Medal from the historic Ford's Theatre, the Golden Plate Award given by the Academy of Excellence, the Preservation Hero award given by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Capital Award of the National Council of La Raza, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Non-Violent Peace Prize, the President's Medal of Georgetown

years to gain approval for the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. He met bipartisan success in Congress in 2006 when he led efforts to renew the Voting Rights Act, but the Supreme Court later invalidated much of the law.

Lewis co-authored of the #1 New York Times bestselling graphic novel memoir trilogy "MARCH," written with Andrew Aydin and illustrated by Nate Powell. Garnering many accolades and awards, The MARCH series is used in schools across the country to teach the Civil Rights Movement to the next generation of young activists, and has been selected as a

raphy, published in 1998, is entitled "Walking With The Wind: A Memoir of the Movement."

He has been interviewed for numerous documentaries, news broadcasts, journals and recently featured in the documentary, "John Lewis: Good Trouble." The documentary traverses his life as an activist set among interviews, images and footage of the early Civil Rights Movement.

Lewis had announced in late December 2019 that he had been diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer. The announcement of his death came just hours after the passing of the Rev. C.T. Vivian, another civil rights leader, who died



He risked his life and took severe beatings by angry mobs and arrested by police for challenging the injustice of Jim Crow segregation in the South. (AP PHOTO)

First-Year common reading text at colleges and universities such as Michigan State University, Georgia State University, Marquette University, University of

early Friday, July 17 at the age 95. Lewis' wife of four decades, Lillian Miles, preceded him in death in 2012. They are survived by their son, John Miles Lewis.



Rep. John Lewis was named one of the Big Six leaders of the Civil Rights Movement. (AP PHOTO)

didn't!" —Andrew Young

"#JohnLewis was a longtime personal mentor, a hero and a friend. It's a devastating loss." —Marc Morial

"It was the honor of my life to serve alongside such a kind, courageous, and persistent leader and public servant. I considered John and his late wife, Lillian, dear friends, and my heart is heavy with the magnitude of the loss of one of our nation's most beloved sons. My sincere prayers and deepest sympathies are with his son, John Miles Lewis, family, friends, staff, and constituents during this difficult time." —Congresswoman Maxine Waters

"Congressman John Lewis was an American hero—a giant, whose shoulders upon many of us stand. Throughout his life, he showed unending courage, generosity, and love for our country. We are grateful that John Lewis never lost sight of how great our country can be. He carried the baton of progress and justice to the very end. It now falls on us to pick it up and march on. We must never give up, never give in, and keep the faith." —U.S. Senator Ka-

and bring our nation into greater alignment with its founding principles." —Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell

"We danced all night. My heart hurts. We've got some big shoes to fill. Let's make him proud of us. RIP Congressman John Lewis." —Jennifer Lewis

He got into "good trouble" for a country he believed in, for a country that oftentimes, doesn't believe in its people. It was a necessary effort and his life proved that point, that getting into "trouble," for the right reasons, will result in better lives for everyone. He summed it up best and has left us with more than few indelible words of wisdom.

"When you see something that is not right, not just, not fair, you have a moral obligation to say something, to do something. Our children and their children will ask us 'what did you do? what did you say?'" stated Lewis.

"We have a mission and a mandate to be on the right side of history."



President Barack Obama, center, walks as he holds hands with Amelia Boynton Robinson, who was beaten during "Bloody Sunday," as they and the first family and others including Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., left of Obama, walk across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala. for the 50th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday," a landmark event of the civil rights movement, Saturday, March 7, 2015. From front left are Marian Robinson, Sasha Obama, first lady Michelle Obama, Obama, Boynton and Adejide Sanjard, also in wheelchair. (AP PHOTO/JACQUELYN MARTIN)

LA Activists Drill Down on who Deserves Reparations for Slavery and Why

BY ALDON THOMAS STILES
California Black Media

Two bills calling for the study of reparations owed to African Americans are making their way through both the California legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives.

As state and federal lawmakers grapple with whether or not the State of California – and the United States as a whole – should take a closer look at what it owes the descendants of enslaved Africans in the United States, a group of Black California activists are getting ahead of the conversation. They are distilling the case for reparations down to why African Americans deserve to get paid for centuries of free labor and the Jim Crow laws and other forms of state-enforced discriminatory practices that followed. They are also specifying which segment of Black Americans should get those payments.

On July 12, the Los Angeles chapter of American Descendants of Slavery (ADOS) hosted a live stream that dug down into the complexities of securing reparations for the descendants of enslaved Black people in the United States.

They broadcasted the 90-minute special both on YouTube and Facebook. Experts on the history of the Black experience in America laid out the case for reparations. After that, ADOS activists followed with a no-holds-barred conversation on race, racism and reparations. They discussed how some Americans, people of other races and some Blacks, too, often misunderstand the arguments at the foundation of their agenda.

The live stream featured Dr. William A. Darity and A. Kirsten Mullen, co-authors of “From Here to Equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the Twenty-First Century.” The husband-and-wife duo started the show with denouncing the notion that slavery in America is ancient history.

“When you’re thinking about slavery from a generational perspective, it’s not that long ago,” Mullen



Chad Brown and Friday Jones hosts of Politics in Black Podcast in Los Angeles June 28, 2020.

said. “The legacy of slavery is something that we’re still feeling today.”

Darity noted that reparations should not be distributed exclusively to mitigate the effects of generational slavery, but to recompense for all of the oppressive economic systems that have targeted Black people in America for centuries.

“The case that we build in ‘From Here to Equality’ is not restricted to so-called slavery reparations in the first place,” Darity said. “Our premise is that there is a series of atrocities that have been inflicted on Black Americans that have affected their economic status. So, we begin with slavery but then we move into the post-slavery era where the first atrocity was the failure to provide the formerly enslaved with any form of restitution.”

Darity mentioned the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, also known as the fall of Black Wall Street, citing it as one example of the ways Black people experienced economic violence in America.

He asserted that the racial wealth disparity in the US can be directly tied to atrocities like those committed by citizens as well as systemic discriminatory practices, and it can be assuaged with reparations.

“While 25% of White households have a net worth in excess of \$1 million, it is only 4% for Black households in the United States. So, to close that gap would require an allocation of funds that would at least amount to 10 to 12 trillion dollars and that’s what we

think should be one of the central objectives of a Black reparations project.”

As far as policy, Darity briefly talked about speaking to Congress about H.R. 40, also known as the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act, which is a bill that was introduced last year that if implemented would create a commission to determine the merits and logistics of providing reparations for the descendants of Black slaves.

Since its televised introduction in the House Judiciary Committee last year, legislators in the lower house of the U.S. Congress have not revisited H.R. 40. The bill would expire if no action is taken on it before the 116th Congress ends in January.

In California, on June 11, the State Assembly voted 61-12 to approve AB 3121, titled the Task Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans. The Senate Judiciary Committee is now reviewing the legislation before it holds a hearing and votes on it. If passed, the bill would be referred to the full Senate for an up-or-down vote.

Last week, in Asheville, North Carolina, the city Council apologized for the town’s role in slavery and discrimination and is voted to provide reparations for its Black residents in the form of investments in areas where Black residents face inequities.

Antonio Moore, a Los Angeles-based attorney and ADOS co-founder, says the distinction between descendants of

slaves and other Black Americans does make a difference when it comes to generational wealth, citing former President Barack Obama and U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) as his examples.

“What do you do in a world where your first Black president inherited \$500,000 from his White lineage and your possible, most likely, first Black Vice President basically lived as an elite ‘Indian’ – they out earn White folks; and then told you that she’s just as Black as you because she went to Howard,” he said.

Moore was referring to \$500,000 in stocks President Barack Obama and his wife Michelle Obama reportedly inherited from the former POTUS’ maternal grandparents’ estate. Regarding Harris, he was pointing to Insight Center study, The Color of Wealth, that revealed that “Asian Indian” families (Harris’ mother, who is deceased, was Indian) have the second highest median net worth (\$460,000) of all sub-groups in Los Angeles County. They are outpaced



A member of the community speaking at the Fight to Save Black LA Candidate Forum in Los Angeles February 2020.

in L.A. County by Japanese households (\$592,000) and followed by Chinese ones (\$408,000). U.S. Black median net worth in Los Angeles County ranks the lowest at \$4,000.

According to a Gallup News poll conducted in 2019, 27 % of Black Americans are opposed to the United States making cash payments to individuals for reparations.

“I’m not saying that acknowledging history doesn’t matter. It does. I’m saying that there is a difference between acknowledging history and allowing history to distract us from the problems we face today,” said Coleman Hughes, a columnist at the online magazine Quillette and a 2020 graduate of Columbia University.

Hughes, who testified against HR 40 before the House Judiciary Committee in June 2019, says

Paying reparations to all descendants of Black people in the United States who were slaves “is a mistake.”

“Take me as an example. I was born three decades after the end of Jim Crow into a privileged household in the suburbs. I attend an Ivy League school,” he said at the congressional hearing. “Yet, I’m descended from

slaves who worked on Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello plantation.”

ADOS has faced pointed criticisms from several prominent media personalities and other Black activists. They say the organization engages in disinformation and divisive rhetoric, some saying the movement’s specific focus on descendants of slaves weakens Black communities, pitting Black immigrant groups against Black American descendants of enslaved people in the United States.

“The movement relies heavily on right-wing, anti-Black, anti-immigrant talking points, and a series of policy positions reliant on a person’s ability to produce documentation or what I am calling ‘slave papers’ in order to verify Black native identity,” said Jessica Ann Mitchell Aiwuyor, a writer for the Institute of the Black World 21st Century. “If implemented, the end result of these policies could be a weakened, further marginalized Black population.”

Yvette Carnell, co-founder and host of the ADOS media outlet “Breaking Brown,” addressed some of these criticisms during the show.

Senator Steven Bradford Hosts Fresh Fruit and Produce Drive-Thru Giveaway

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Last week, Senator Steven Bradford (D-Gardena), in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture, hosted a

help families impacted by food insecurities. And also thanks to LA Sheriff’s Community Relations Deputy Rafer Owens, and officers Lang and Yarbrough with CHP for

pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables to community members. This event brings food into food deserts and economically disadvantaged communities utilizing the Senator’s community relationships in partnership with USDA’s 2020 Farmers to Families Food Box Program.

Other partners included Senator Brian Dahle (R-Bieber), Assemblywoman Megan Dahle (R-Bieber), Citizens of Zion Church, Ag Link Food Hub, Tri-Tipery Restaurants, and Fresh Innovations CA.

“I can’t think of a better way to serve than by helping those who need it most during these tough times,” continued Bradford.

As part of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program announced on April 17, the USDA has exercised its authority under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to purchase and distribute agricultural products to those in need. Through this program, USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service purchased up to \$3 billion from American producers of all sizes.



Steven Bradford assists in distributing food thousands of pounds of food at drive-thru giveaway.

Food Giveaway and distributed thousands of pounds of fresh food to the community.

“Unfortunately, the healthiest option is usually the most expensive,” said Senator Steven Bradford. “Fresh fruits and vegetables can also be the hardest to find — especially in the middle of a pandemic. That is why I want to thank all our partners, volunteers and participants for the sacrifices they are making to

protecting and serving the community.”

Over 1,800 attendees were provided with supply food boxes of fresh fruits and vegetables, totaling an approximate 21,600 pounds of food.

Senator Bradford in Partnership with USDA distributed agricultural food boxes to those in need through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. The program supplies boxes packaged with 12

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FORMER PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

“Considering his enormous impact on the history of this country, what always struck those who met John was his gentleness and humility. Born into modest means in the heart of the Jim Crow South, he understood that he was just one of a long line of heroes in the struggle for racial justice. Early on, he embraced the principles of nonviolent resistance and civil disobedience as the means to bring about real change in this country, understanding that such tactics had the power not only to change laws, but to change hearts and minds as well.”

FORMER PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

“Laura and I join our fellow Americans in mourning the loss of Congressman John Lewis. As a young man marching for equality in Selma, Alabama, John answered brutal violence with courageous hope. And throughout his career as a civil rights leader and public servant, he worked to make our country a more perfect union. America can best honor John’s memory by continuing his journey toward liberty and justice for all.”

FORMER PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON AND FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY CLINTON

“From a small farm in Alabama, to life-risking service in the civil rights movement, to three decades in Congress, he was always ‘walking with the wind,’ steered by a moral compass that told him when to make good trouble and when to heal troubled waters. Always true to his word, his faith, and his principles, John Lewis became the conscience of the nation.”

FORMER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER

“He made an indelible mark on history through his quest to make our nation more just. John never shied away from what he called ‘good trouble’ to lead our nation on the path toward human and civil rights. Everything he did, he did in a spirit of love. All Americans, regardless of race or religion, owe John Lewis a debt of gratitude.”

U.S. SENATOR KAMALA HARRIS

“Congressman John Lewis was an American hero—a giant, whose shoulders upon many of us stand. Throughout his life, he showed unending courage, generosity, and love for our country. “As the son of sharecroppers in Alabama, John Lewis’ courage and vision placed him at the forefront of the civil rights movement. As the youngest speaker at the 1963 March on Washington, John Lewis knew the importance of bringing people together for an America that lives up to its ideals of liberty and equality for all.”



Senator Kamala Harris with U.S. Representative John Lewis at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala.



From left, Brown Chapel AME Church pastor James Jackson, then-Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, Lewis and Rev. Cleve Kiley sing at the end of a church service in March 2007 in Selma, Ala.

CONGRESSWOMAN MAXINE WATERS

“Today is a sad day in American history. We have lost my dear friend and colleague of nearly three decades, Congressman John Robert Lewis. John Lewis was a revered civil rights icon who dedicated his entire life to what became his signature mantra, making ‘good trouble.’ Despite being one of the youngest leaders of the Civil Rights Movement, John Lewis galvanized and inspired hun-



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Reps. John Lewis, D-Ga., right, and Maxine Waters, D-Calif., are seen in the Capitol Rotunda before a memorial service for the late Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., in Statuary Hall on Thursday, October 24, 2019.

dreds of his peers to join in the fight for equal rights. He was a founder and leader of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee; he organized and led countless marches and freedom rides across the Jim Crow South; and he worked alongside Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the struggle to secure the right to vote and end the demoralizing discrimination, unconscionable violence, and debilitating poverty facing African Americans. Very few people could have been harassed, arrested more than 40 times, beaten within inches of their lives, and still espouse Dr. King and Mahatma Gandhi’s teachings of nonviolence, peace, and love. However, these principles were core philosophies to John Lewis, and our nation is forever indebted to him for his humble sacrifices.”

CONGRESSWOMAN KAREN BASS

“We must live up to the legacy that Congressman Lewis has left us. We must never stop fighting for social justice. And again, the first thing we need to do is to pass the Voting Rights Act and get it signed, because we’re very concerned about the election coming up and voter suppression, and the fact that people are going to have to vote in dangerous conditions. They need to be able to vote from home.”

CONGRESSMAN JIM CLYBURN

“The country lost a hero last night. The movement lost an icon. And I lost a personal friend. But I do believe that as the sun set on John Lewis’s life last night, the sun rises on a movement that will never die. Thank you, John, rest in peace my brother.”

THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS

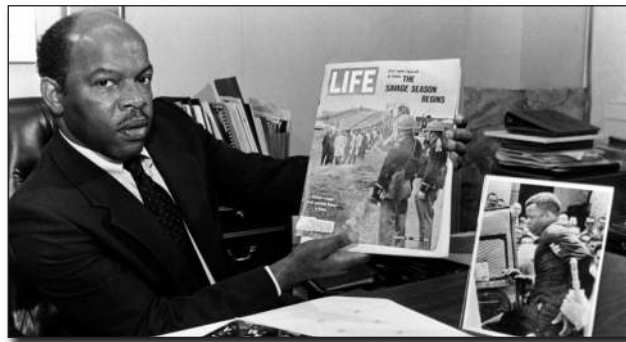
“The world has lost a legend; the civil rights movement has lost an icon, the City of Atlanta has lost one of its most fearless leaders, and the Congressional Black Caucus has lost our longest serving member. The Congressional Black Caucus is known as the Conscience of the Congress. John Lewis was known as the conscience of our caucus.”

REV. JESSE JACKSON

“We met as fellow protesters in 1960. Two weeks ago, John agreed to co-chair this year’s voter registration drive. He was the gift that kept on giving. This has been a difficult season. First, Rev. Dr. Joseph Lowery, Dr. King’s Chairman of SCLC’s Board for 27 years, and now we have lost Rev. C.T. Vivian and John Lewis, on the same day. In the 1960’s we broke out of the bubble of segregation. John became the valedictorian of our class. John Lewis is what patriotism and courage look like. He sacrifices and personifies a New Testament prophet. Andrew Young and I prayed for John Lewis & C.T. Vivian on Thursday as we convened those who I went to jail with in 1960. Good Night, I will see you in the morning. #GoodTrouble”

ATLANTA MAYOR KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS

“The City of Atlanta’s Congressman Lewis is an American hero and one of



Then-Atlanta Councilman Lewis holds the March 1965 issue of Life Magazine in his office in Atlanta in August 1986. The cover photo shows Lewis leading the first Selma, Ala., civil rights march with Hosea Williams.

the pillars of the Civil Rights Movement. Congressman Lewis was also revered as the dean of the Georgia Congressional delegation whose passionate call to “make good trouble” became a generational rallying cry for nonviolent activism in the pursuit of social justice and human rights.”

HANK AARON, BASEBALL GREAT

“John and I connected to the roots. By that I mean we were born and grew up in the highly racist and segregated south, in the state of

Alabama. He committed his life to the struggle for justice and equality for all people. He was one of the great civil rights icons and led a life of service for the betterment of all mankind. We have lost a giant of a man.”

THE NAACP

“He fought harder and longer than anyone in our nation’s continuing battle for civil rights and equal justice.”

THE REV. AL SHARPTON

“My friend, role model, and activist extraordinaire has passed. Congressman John Lewis taught us how to be an activist. He changed the world without hate, ran-



Six leaders of the nation's largest Black civil rights organizations meet in New York's Hotel Roosevelt in July 1963 to plan a civil rights march on Washington. From left: John Lewis, chairman, Student Non-Violence Coordinating Committee; Whitney Young, national director, Urban League; A. Philip Randolph, president of the Negro American Labor Council; Martin Luther King, Jr., president Southern Christian Leadership Conference; James Farmer, Congress of Racial Equality director; and Roy Wilkins, executive secretary, NAACP.

cor or arrogance. A rare and great man.”

BERNICE KING, DAUGHTER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

“Farewell, sir. You did, indeed, fight the good fight and get into a lot of good trouble. You served God and humanity well. Thank you. Take your rest.”

STACEY ABRAMS, GEORGIA POLITICIAN

“Defender of justice. Champion of right. Our conscience, he was a griot of this modern age, one who saw its hatred but fought ever towards the light. And never once did he begrudge sharing its beauty.”

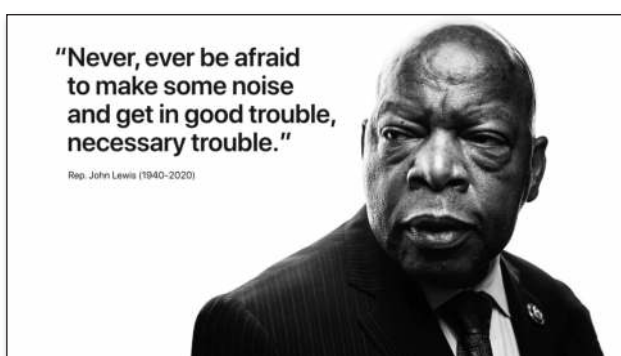
TOM PEREZ, CHAIR OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

“Congressman Lewis never failed to remind us of our moral obligation towards one another. He lived his life acting on behalf of those facing injustice and oppression and then encouraged us to do the same -- from the streets of Selma to the halls

of Congress.”

ASSEMBLYMEMBER MIKE GIPSON

“Congressman John R. Lewis was a giant whose life was spent in the pursuit of racial justice. This sharecropper’s son valiantly marched and strived for equality and civil rights for all. Rep. Lewis was one of the original 13 Freedom Riders and founder of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee which integrated lunch counters. He never backed down and repeatedly placed himself in harm’s way, charging into



COURTESY PHOTO

fires of hate, emerging with a bloodied body and a re-energized mission. Photos of the violent beatings of Rep. Lewis and protestors shocked and spurred the nation into action. In 1965, within days of Bloody Sunday in Selma where he suffered a fractured skull, the

al Urban League recognized him with our highest honor, the Civil Rights Champion Award. In his presence, I was reminded that I stand on the shoulders of history. That this icon reached back to pull the next generation of leaders like me to the front of the line was at once life-affirming and humbling. He was always affable, always available, always fighting—until the very end. May he rest in power.”

DR. CHARLES STEELE, JR., PRESIDENT & CEO SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

“John Lewis will always be known as a civil rights icon. He was a fighter and a great man that was anointed by God to stand on the bridge of Selma. He became world renowned for his courage, endurance, commitment, and nonviolent approach in the fight for justice for all mankind. His collaboration with other organizations is what made the movement what it is today. That is why we have an extension and expansion of the civil rights movement through Black Lives Matter. Congressman Lewis sup-

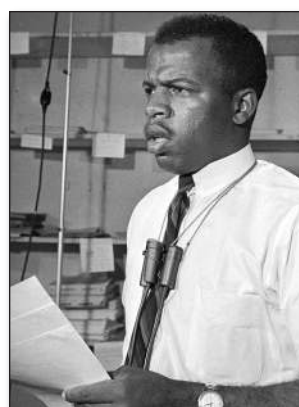


Lewis speaks during a media conference on Capitol Hill in May 2006. The bipartisan group of House and Senate officials met to voice support for legislation to reauthorize the Voting Rights Act for an additional 25 years.

change and always choose love over hate. I now challenge everyone in this country to honor his legacy of activism by becoming a change agent, get into some ‘good trouble’ and exercise our right to vote.”

MARC MORIAL, PRESIDENT & CEO NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE

“John Lewis is one of the great Americans of his generation. He walked side-by-side with civil rights legends, and stood toe-to-toe with presidents - always serving as a moral compass pointing toward justice. At the age of 21 he chose to put himself in harm’s way as one of the original Freedom Riders, rolling into the angry and segregated South to shine a light on the injustice and brutality that was commonplace. He was knocked unconscious at the Greyhound station in Montgomery; 40 years later he publicly forgave the former Klan supporter who led the attack. Alabama state troopers fractured his skull as he tried to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama on Bloody Sunday. The list of sacrifices and acts of heroism is endless. Always, he emerged steadfast, with his eyes, his heart and his moral certitude focused on creating a better America. We will miss his voice. John was also a personal hero, a friend and a mentor. In 2013, the Nation-



Lewis speaks during a news conference in Jackson, Miss., in June 1964. He called on President Lyndon Johnson to protect summer volunteers in Mississippi and said civil rights workers face harassment arrests and violence in Mississippi.

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Dreams Really Can Come True — Part 1

Over two decades ago, I met a man that instantly captured my heart. We were introduced by a mutual friend, who thought he would be able to help me with one of my work projects. When she introduced us, she said, "Wendy is the female version of Ron and Ron is the male version of Wendy." As we continued to work together and got to know each other better we chuckled, because she was right. Over time we

developed a friendship that was built on trust, respect, and mutual admiration that has stayed with us over the years. We knew we genuinely wanted the best life had to offer for each other. Our friendship has been the foundation that brought us back into each other's life's years later.

As life would have it eventually, we both went through divorces and although our paths would cross from time to time,

there was always something that got in the way of us taking the relationship beyond friendship. Periodically, we would check in to see how the other was doing and once again the pieces still had a hard time falling into place to take the relationship to another level. Timing was not on our side. After almost two decades it would be the death of another mutual friend that would bring us together and this time it

was the right time for both of us. We began to talk, spend time together and get to know each other in a new way. As the relationship developed, we realized what we both still felt the way we did years ago. The compatibility was still there. Yes, he put a ring on it, and he proposed this past Christmas Eve. He said to me and my family that miles, mistakes, and marriages got in the way and I plan to put an end to that.

Overall, I feel I have been successful in life. I am not referring to money, but rather I have learned how to overcome many of the trials and tribulations that have been thrown my way. I have beautiful children and grandchildren. I have been fortunate to live a life of service and my purpose is about helping others and providing hope and encouragement when things seem difficult. However, when it came to marriage I have struggled, and honestly, I have felt

like a failure. I enjoy being a wife and taking care of a husband and family. I have given much thought about marriage and understanding the difference between who we think we should marry and who God has in mind for us to marry. I understand that unless God builds the house, we labor in vain. I am grateful that God gave me another opportunity to live out my dream of being the best wife possible and this time with the man I have held in my heart since the first day we met.

Ron and I were married a few weeks ago and while we were relaxing and enjoying our honeymoon, I read the book, "Think and Grow Rich" by Napoleon Hill. The book focuses primarily on how to set your mind up to attract what you need to be financially successful, however, it also has some good pointers on how to be successful in life. The chapter on "Organized Planning," shares, tempo-

rary defeat should mean only one thing, the certain knowledge that there is something wrong with your plan...when defeat comes, accept it as a signal that your plans were not sound, rebuild your plans and set sail once more toward your coveted goal. I believe God must be in the plan. If we turn everything over to Him dreams can come true. If you have failed at something that you truly desire, never give up, learn from your mistakes, and set sail again! For more of the story stay tuned next week.

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"State Of The World" "The Way Out" Part 1 "What's The Next Big Surprise?"

Well, you have heard about the supernatural dramatic devastation of the Pharaoh and his army with the war between God (THE LORD) JAH (the name of the redeemer) and the gods of Egypt? Those who were enslaved (Hebrews) had been desiring to be redeemed from their slave status for more than 400 years. The appointed deliverer, Moses, was

slated to carry out the "exodus-the way out." This record is recorded in the Old Testament--the book of "Exodus," the book of Redemption. The Exodus itself is the work of redemption. Many of these words can be related to New Testament as types. As the account ensues, we find Moses knew he was to be the "deliverer," but he acted too soon (prema-

turely) on his commission. This is common among persons that they act precipitously (too soon) expected to be able to run the course before God, but they do not know the long term plan of God, who knows the end from the beginning. Therefore, God knew and Moses did not know that God's long range plan of "how" this deliverance was to occur--free the Hebrews,

and that JAH's method was to be quite unique. Moses doesn't gain a sense of security and self confidence until many years later and he has to spend 80 years on the "rough side of the mountain," so to speak, before he is actually equipped to do the difficult work which God planned for Moses to do. The name of the redeemer is published throughout the book of Exodus. In recollection, we find that Moses asks God, "What is Your Name?" and who shall I tell, or what name shall I tell to the people to identify and offer a "key" to my "license or credential" to do this work? Moses asks Him, "What is your name?" Isn't that what we ask practically anyone, "What is your name?" God answers him, "I AM THAT (WHO) I AM." Therefore, tell them, "I AM" sent you. That name is my eternal, perpetual name. "I will be what I will be or what I will become." Jesus identifies Himself as "di-

vine deity" in His "I AM" statements---several different "I AM" testimonies in the New Testament. One of which quite commonly known, "I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14.6)" Therefore, the eternal; the same today, yesterday and forever.

Pharaoh doesn't get the message until Almighty God Jehovah has to break it down to him. As is common with people, men and women of pride, great power and prominence, they don't get the message until God has to beat them up (so to speak) until they get the message, which is: there is THE GOD who knows and sees all and influences and sets into place the outcomes of this age. The record of Moses interaction with the Pharaoh is noteworthy. God sends, plagues: flies throughout, hail, boils on the Pharaoh's and people's bodies (not Hebrews), locusts (next week I will talk more about this devouring insect)

and other demonstrable plagues. The last convincing one was the killing of the firstborn of Pharaoh's people and animals, etc. Pharaoh finally gets the message and surrenders allowing his enslaved captors to go out and worship. He doesn't give up, however, he chases them across the sea until swallowed up. Here is the question. What is our next big surprise. Now it is COVID-19. What's next? What do we do? Will I be caught up in it too? Fear Not! Every hair on your head is numbered! If you are obedient, you will not be left alone or deserted. You're never alone. There is a "way out!" Thanks for reading!

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Case No. 20STCP01938 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: Essence Sarai Davie and Journey Saffi Davie, Minors by Darrius Spears, Parent for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Essence Sarai Davie and Journey Saffi Davie, Minors by Darrius Spears, Parent filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Essence Sarai Davie to Essence Sarai Spears Journey Saffi Davie to Journey Saffi Spears 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: September 02, 2020, Time: 3:00 pm, Dept.: 20, Room: 310 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: The Los Angeles County Sentinel News Date: June 17, 2020 David J. Cowan Judge of the Superior Court

7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6/20 **CNS-3379413#** **LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 20TRCP00080 AMENDED Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: Michelle La Kilra Greenhill for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Michelle La Kilra Greenhill filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Michelle La Kilra Greenhill to Michelle La Kilra Lewis 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: 08/07/2020, Time: 8:30 am, Dept.: B, Room: 340 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: March 16, 2020 Ramona See Judge of the Superior Court 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6/20 **CNS-3379033#** **LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 20STCP01524 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: Lauren Renee Waggoner for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Lauren Renee Waggoner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Lauren Renee Waggoner to Lauren Renee Rose 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: August 25, 2020, Time: 10:30 AM, Dept.: 44, Room: 418 The address of the court is 111 N. 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: April 29, 2020 Edward B. Moreton, Jr. Judge of the Superior Court 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30/20 **CNS-3378657#** **LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 20STCP01522 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: Nadxchielli Hitzajaya Carranza and Steven Alexis Riley for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Nadxchielli Hitzajaya Carranza and Steven Alexis Riley filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Anabell Noelani Carranza to Anabell Noelani Riley 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: 08/27/2020, Time: 8:30 am, Dept.: A, Room: 904 The address of the court is 200 West Compton Blvd., Compton, CA 90220 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel Date: 07/01/2020 Gary Y. Tanaka Judge of the Superior Court 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30/20 **CNS-3378249#** **LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Notice of Hearing: Date: September 03, 2020, Time: 3:00 p.m., Dept.: 20, Room: 310 The address of the court is 111 North Hill Street, Room 118, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Los Angeles Courthouse 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, 2020 David J. Cowan Judge of the Superior Court 7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6/20 **CNS-3378572#** **LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 20CHCP00143 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: Tony Chico Curtis Jr. for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Tony Chico Curtis Jr. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Tony Chico Curtis Jr. to Tony Chico Curtis Jr. 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: 08/19/2020, Time: 8:30 am, Dept.: F47 The address of the court is 9425 Penfield Avenue, Room 1200, 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 17, 2020 David B. Gelfound Judge of the Superior Court 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30/20 **CNS-3378322#** **LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 20CMCP00083 AMENDED Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: Yeisha Qiana Ward for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Yeisha Qiana Ward filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Yeisha Qiana Ward to Yeisha Qiana Davis 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: 08/27/2020, Time: 8:30 am, Dept.: A, Room: 904 The address of the court is 200 West Compton Blvd., Compton, CA 90220 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel Date: 07/01/2020 Gary Y. Tanaka Judge of the Superior Court 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30/20 **CNS-3378969#** **LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

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Case No. 20STCP01522 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: Mark Hyman Rosenberg for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Mark Hyman Rosenberg filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Mark Hyman Rosenberg to Mark Magnus Rose

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: August 25, 2020, Time: 10:30 am, Dept.: 44, Room: 418 The address of the court is 111 N 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: April 29, 2020 Edward B. Moreton, Jr. Judge of the Superior Court 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30/20 **CNS-3377884#** **LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 20STCP01932 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of: Nadxchielli Hitzajaya Carranza and Steven Alexis Riley for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner Nadxchielli Hitzajaya Carranza and Steven Alexis Riley filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Anabell Noelani Carranza to Anabell Noelani Riley 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: September 3, 2020, Time: 3:00 PM, Dept.: 20, Room: 310 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, 2020 David J. Cowan Judge of the Superior Court 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30/20 **CNS-3378488#** **LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2020099769 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ADEPT THOUGHT, 2851 W. 120TH STREET SUITE E-305, Hawthorne, CA 90250 City of LOS ANGELES Registered owner(s): C H E R M O N I Q U E MORELAND EL, 2851 W. 120TH STREET SUITE E-305, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250; State of Incorporation: CA This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant(s) started doing business on 07/2010. 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/ CHERMONIQUE MORELAND EL, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/29/2020. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITY

for Contractors, Subcontractors, Suppliers
Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts Invite Bids For The Construction of:
Arcadia-Sierra Madre Trunk Sewer Sections 2 & 5 Rehabilitation (Bid Opening September 1, 2020 - Estimate \$3,120,000 - \$4,680,000)
Contracting And Supply Opportunities Include: CIPP liner, sewer manhole rehabilitation with calcium aluminate cement or polyurethane coating system, sewer cleaning, CCTV inspection, flow bypass pumping, traffic control
Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts encourage participation of minority, women, disadvantaged, disabled veterans, and small business enterprises.
Plans and Specifications may be obtained through Quest Construction Data Network (QuestCDN) for a nonrefundable fee of \$15.00. This can be done via a link on the Districts' Listing of Advertised Construction Projects webpage <https://www.lacsd.org/opportunities/bidspur/constribids.asp> or by inputting Quest project number **7211657** through the QuestCDN website (www.questcdn.com). Visit our Web site at "www.lacsd.org" and click on "Opportunities, Construction Bids"
CNSB#3382092

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2020095951 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: 1. PRISSY & CHIC, 2. PRISSY AND CHIC, 3330 E. FOOTHILL BLVD SUITE 104, PASADENA, CA 91107 County of LOS ANGELES Registered owner(s): JASMINE NICOLE THOMAS, 3330 E. FOOTHILL BLVD UNIT 104, PASADENA, CA 91107 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant(s) started doing business on 05/2020. 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/ JASMINE NICOLE THOMAS, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/17/2020. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Original Filing 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13/20 **CNS-3380749#** **LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2020099879 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Out The Mud Carwash, 1202 S Temple Ave, Compton, CA 90221** County of LA Registered owner(s): Edward Sims, 1202 S Temple Ave, Com, CA 90221; CA This business is conducted by: an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2020. 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/ Edward Sims, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on June 29, 2020. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Original 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30/20 **CNS-3376935#** **LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2020100488 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: **Mike and Keys, 16000 Ventura Blvd Suite 1102, Encino, CA 91436**, County of LA Registered owner(s): Futuristic Music Group, 16000 Ventura Blvd Suite 1102, Encino, CA 91436; CA This business is conducted by a Corporation The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/2020. 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/ Michael Cox, CEO Futuristic Music Group This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on June 30, 2020. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Original 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30/20 **CNS-3378488#** **LOS ANGELES SENTINEL**

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NOTICE INVITING SUBMITTALS FOR AS-NEEDED COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY APPRAISAL SERVICES

The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors is seeking qualified and experienced Vendors to enter into Master Agreements with Los Angeles County to provide, on an as-needed basis, commercial real estate property appraisal services required in the Department's management of the County's Marina del Rey leaseholds. The successful Vendors must have a minimum of five years of substantial experience in valuing ground leases, square foot (minimum) rents, and percentage rents.
Vendors submitting Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) must also demonstrate five years of substantial experience in providing expert witness testimony in legal proceedings regarding the valuation of real property and have a California certified General Real Estate Appraiser's License in good standing. The County may require additional minimum qualifications. The initial deadline for submitting SOQs will be 2:00 p.m., August 13, 2020, however, County will continuously accept SOQs

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Contracting And Supply Opportunities Include: CIPP liner, sewer manhole rehabilitation with calcium aluminate cement or polyurethane coating system, sewer cleaning, CCTV inspection, flow bypass pumping, traffic control
Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts encourage participation of minority, women, disadvantaged, disabled veterans, and small business enterprises.
Plans and Specifications may be obtained through Quest Construction Data Network (QuestCDN) for a nonrefundable fee of \$15.00. This can be done via a link on the Districts' Listing of Advertised Construction Projects webpage <https://www.lacsd.org/opportunities/bidspur/constribids.asp> or by inputting Quest project number **7211657** through the QuestCDN website (www.questcdn.com). Visit our Web site at "www.lacsd.org" and click on "Opportunities, Construction Bids"
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

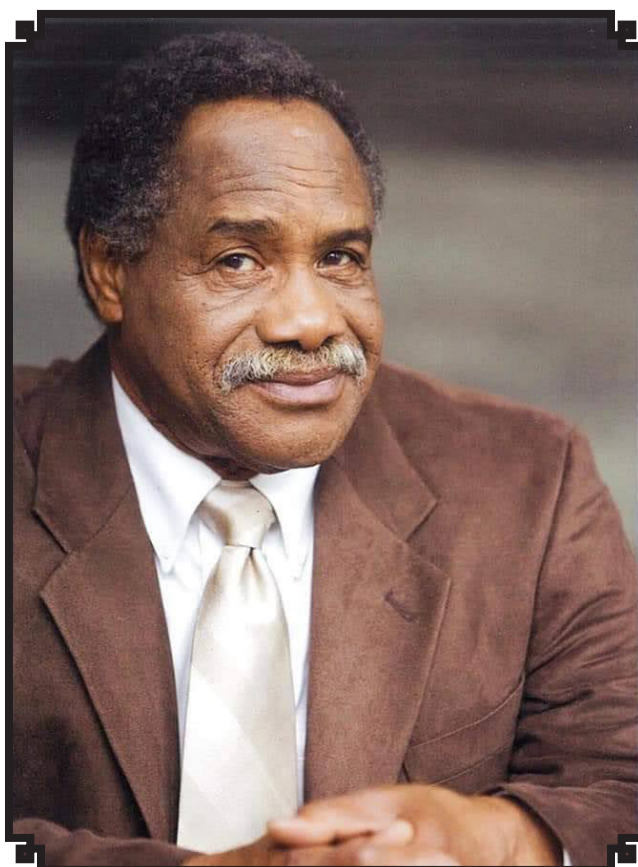
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Celebration of Life

Kenneth Earl Snell

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and he delighteth in his way. Psalm 37: 23

Sunrise May 3, 1939 – Sunset July, 7, 2020



Kenneth Earl Snell

A dearly-loved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and mentor, Kenneth Earl Snell, 81, passed away peacefully at his home on July 7, 2020 with his family at his side, after he bravely confronted and fought cancer. Kenny was born on May 3, 1939, in Ozark, Alabama, the second of four children born to the late Raymond and Lena Bell Snell. Kenneth was reared in a Christian home and, at an early age, he joined and was baptized at First Missionary Baptist Church in Ozark, Alabama.

Kenny was educated in the Ozark, Alabama school system. After graduating from D. A. Smith High School in 1958, where he played football and basketball, Kenneth volunteered for service in the United States Army at the ripe old age of 17. He completed Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and immediately realized

he didn't much enjoy being bossed around. He stuck it out for a short period and decided pursuing an education was a better choice.

After being honorably discharged from the Army, he attended Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama. He later earned a Bachelor of

Science degree in Sociology and Human Services from The University of Phoenix.

Kenneth moved to California and met the love of his life. He was united in holy matrimony to Alpha Butts-Snell. To this union, three children were born; two daughters, Jacqueline (Jackie) Snell, Yolonda Snell; and one son, Kevin Snell.

Mr. Snell was employed at Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), Pasadena, California, for many years. He left the JPL to start his own business, ALPH-KEN Enterprises. In addition to his entrepreneurial pursuits, Kenneth Snell was an accomplished actor. He was a member of the Screen Actors' Guild - AFTRA One Union member. Some of his television and film credits include Cagney and Lacey, Knots' Landing, Happy Days, The Innocent and the Damned, Mod Squad, Cannon, Police Story and Ironside.

Kenneth was an avid golfer, and he touched the



lives of many people with his smile and generosity. He maintained his trademark sense of humor all the way to the end.

Mr. Kenneth Earl Snell was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond & Lena Bell Snell and a brother, Raymond Snell, Jr. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Alpha Snell; two daughters, Jackie Snell

and Yolonda Snell; a son, Kevin (Teresa) Snell; two loving grandchildren, Bailey Gabrielle Brown and Blake Miles Brown; a sister, Anne Bridgette of Enterprise, AL; a brother, Arthur Ray Snell of Pasadena, CA; a loyal and dedicated friend, Dr. James Bolton; and, a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

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Black businesses recover from the challenges experienced through the economic shut downs within our city due to COVID-19," said Danny Bakewell, Sr.

As the Los Angeles community and nation struggles to deal with the new normal of sheltering-in, Black businesses have been greatly impacted. In an effort to con-

tinue the spirit of Taste of Soul and its commitment to the health and safety of our community, Taste of Soul 2020 will not happen on the historic Crenshaw Blvd. in 2020. Instead, the LA Sentinel intends to shine light and awareness on Black business locations, store fronts and online services.

In the coming months,

Bakewell Media will send information to its multi-million Taste of Soul Nation attendees who have supported the festival over the years, to share the Taste of Soul "Call to Action" to support Black businesses affected by COVID-19.

Until then, Bakewell Media asks that you continue to support Black businesses,

and spend your money in our community whenever possible. Also, remember COVID-19 is not over, continue to practice social distancing, wear a mask anytime you are out in public and please don't gather in groups of more than 10.

These are the keys to flat lining this pandemic and returning to a healthier stronger community as soon as possible.

Taste of Soul 2021 planning is already underway and is currently scheduled for October 16, 2021 and will be BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!

To learn more about Taste of Soul and view videos from past years, go to the official Taste of Soul website www.tasteofsoulla.org

Be sure to follow Taste of Soul on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. Stay tuned in your



The annual Taste of Soul family festival is canceled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (FILE PHOTO)

weekly LA Sentinel www.lasentinel.net (print and digital) for more informa-

tion on how you can support Black businesses.

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state violence.

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This is not an exhaustive list and there is so much more to do. We have not done it alone and we are not the first to lift up the mantle of Black freedom struggle. There have been many missteps and mistakes along the way. It is important, though, that we take inventory of the ways in which our work is transforming the world and ourselves.

As organizations slide in on policy, expand, gain recognition, get funding,

and collaborate with existing systems, we cannot lose sight of who and what we are. Black Lives Matter is our sacred duty that honors those who walked before us; it is not our job. It is the freedom dreams of our Ancestors, not a policy outcome. It is the collective purpose of our people, rather than a campaign. Black Lives Matter is a MOVEMENT NOT A MOMENT.

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Monthly meetings
Bail fund donations
Sign the petition (<https://campaigns.organizefor.org/>)

petitions/tell-the-city-of-los-angeles-to-implement-the-people-s-budget),

Show up on Tuesdays for police commission meetings

Come out on Thursdays at 4pm for "Jackie Lacy Must Go" bc killer cops must be accountable the people

Talk with others about why we must DEFUND THE POLICE and REIMAGINE PUBLIC SAFETY

Now, it is our turn. Our responsibility. Our opportunity.

One protest, one movement, one life can change the world. How will you continue this work? How

will your life's work reflect that Black Lives Matter?

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Thank you, Rev. John Lewis and Rev. C.T. Vivian, for being freedom fighters. Thank you for not relenting when folks attacked you. Thank you for not kowtowing to power, position, and prestige. Thank you for your service to our community, country, and world. We're winning.

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JUSTICE CANNOT BE KILLED.

JUSTICE CANNOT BE LYNCHED.

LIKE THEN, THEY CAN TRY TO BEAT THE

LIFE OUT OF JUSTICE -- and

LIKE THEN, WE WILL CONTINUE TO GET UP!

Now, what will you do??
Come, on! Get up!
Get up, Mothers...
Get up, Fathers...
Get up, Daughters...
Get up, Sons...
We've got work to do.

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Los Angeles Pro Teams Unite to Battle Social Injustices

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK
Sports Writer

The 11 professional sports teams that represent Los Angeles came together to create "The Alliance," a group designed to empower marginalized youth in Los Angeles through sports.

The Alliance has made a five-year commitment to galvanize Black and Brown communities. The teams came together for the first time on May 31, in the wake of the civil unrest for the murder of George Floyd.

"In many cases we're rivals, but in this case, we're allies to push against racial injustice to take on important issues and communities of color and particularly the Black community," said Tom Penn, the president and co-owner of the LAFC. "We expect this alliance to be a beacon and a magnet for cooperation and collaboration in Los Angeles."

The teams are partnering with the Play Equity Fund and the Los Angeles



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LAFC co-owner and president, Tom Penn noted how team presidents helped the Alliance and how multiple representatives from each franchise are involved.

84 Foundation (LA84). Renata Simril, president and CEO of LA84 sees play equity as a social justice issue because the lack of funding, volunteers, and mentors.

"This is all a hindrance to positive engagement activities for kids and their connection for support systems that help them realize their true potential," Simril said. "When kids play, they are healthier, both physical-

ly and mentally and do better in school."

Dodgers general manager, Dave Roberts, spoke on behalf of his franchise. The Dodgers Foundation powers the Dodgers RBI youth baseball and softball program that serves 368,000 kids and has created 51 Dodgers Dream Fields. LADF earned the 2020 ESPN Sports Humanitarian Team of the Year Award for their efforts.

"I know that me being the first African American minority manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, it took people when I was younger to invest in me," Roberts said. "I'm hopeful that this spurs a movement."

The Play Equity Fund website will track the progress the Alliance makes, they will also create an advisory board that will be made up of one representative from each pro team.

Blake Bolden, the first African American woman to become a pro hockey player, represented the Los Angeles Kings. She became the first African American Scout in the NHL when the Kings hired her six months ago. Throughout her childhood, she was the only Black hockey player.

"Growing up in a Black community, it was evident that the challenges and the access that I have and it just wasn't fair," Bolden said. "I don't want it to be a coincidence anymore for more

Black and Brown kids to be playing more sports."

The Alliance has already been in talks with

"Being involved and finding our own way and even creating a space for young women throughout



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Los Angeles Rams head coach, Sean McVay explained that sports have the power to eliminate prejudice and negative stereotypes.

social justice organizations to work with them, they are also looking for community organizations to partner with to create a cohort of young leaders between the ages of 14-18. They want to track the impact of their programming based on graduation rates over their five-year commitment.

this platform and helping to be that leading voice is something we're excited about," said Los Angeles Sparks president and CEO Danita Johnson. "I think five years from now, we'll all be able to look back and be really proud of the work that we were able to do and accomplish together."

Los Angeles Sparks Set Out to Conquer the 2020 Season

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK
Sports Writer

The Los Angeles Sparks will tip off their season on July 25 at 12:00 p.m. against the Phoenix Mercury. The team is working to be a versatile power as they gear up for this unorthodox season.

While training for a new season, WNBA players are taking a stand against social injustices. Several WNBA players, including guard, Tierra Ruffin-Pratt, will have the name Breonna Taylor on the back of their jerseys.

"Her killers have not been arrested," Ruffin-Pratt said. "So we're still trying to fight for justice for her and make a statement as a league that we're still standing with her, and even though we're not out there on the front lines, we're still trying to make some noise



TWITTER PHOTO

(L-R) Guard, Chelsea Gray, forward, Nneka Ogumike, and center, Candace Parker

here in the Wubble."

While the Sparks reached the WNBA semifinals last season, they suffered through injuries and suspensions. A key precedence this season is to not put too much competitive

stress on their core players so they can maintain good health.

The COVID-19 pandemic forced the Sparks to start their training camp with most of their roster present, while some players

missed part of it due to overseas and collegiate commitments in previous seasons. This also allowed the Sparks to build chemistry amongst each other.

"I think the circumstances that have been difficult for all of us around the world has really forced us as a group ... to buy [in] together and come together more often to support each other," said head coach, Derek Fisher. "I think we've seen that type of energy since we've been here together."

With travel being a major issue in the WNBA in previous seasons, the Wubble allows players to spend more time working on their game than on commuting. This is a benefit to forward, Candace Parker, who had a one-hour commute from her home to Staples Center.

"We'll get on a bus and we'll ride 20 minutes and we'll be back at our apart-

ments and we can do recovery," Parker said. "We're all here and the focus is basketball. There's other things to do, but there's not a lot of other distractions as well."

During practices, rookie guard, Te'a Cooper has been assigned to defend guard, Chelsea Gray. Cooper's defensive skills was one thing she noticed.

"She's trying to find her voice and how to command out there on the court," Gray said. "I think she's on the path of doing that, understanding and learning."

Fisher designed practices to ease the players back into their typical intensity. His desire is to keep injuries at a minimum throughout the season. They did not start doing five-on-five full-court transition drills until last week after being in the IMG Academy for two weeks.

"We practice three days full strength and then we take a day off," said guard, Seimone Augustus. "He's been doing a great job at slowly ramping up practice to get us to where we need to be."

Early in their stay at the Wubble, forward, Nneka Ogumike treated the Sparks and other teams to a meal catered by Chipotle. Other perks that players are getting are yoga classes, spots at the IMG Academy driving range and personalized birthday cakes for players celebrating their birthday during the season.

"I'm gonna try to get more Chipotle. That was an amazing thing that Chipotle had set up," Ogumike said. "We're constantly surveying players and asking questions and a part of conversations between the league to create a more home experience."

COVID-19 Brings Premature End to the CIF 2019-2020 Season

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK
Sports Writer

On April 3, the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) announced that high school sports were cancelled for the rest of the school year due to the



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Baseball and softball are some of the sports that were affected by the shutdown.

COVID-19 pandemic. The order terminated all basketball state championship games. Spring sports like track and field, baseball, softball, boy's tennis and boys' volleyball were cut short. Senior student athletes face new challenges in the college recruitment process.

On March 12, the CIF announced their decision to cancel the basketball state championships that were to begin the next day. Their decision came when the NBA, MLB, and MLS suspended their seasons.

The St. Francis boys' basketball team had their bags packed and ready to battle the Weston Ranch Cougars for the Division II State title when they learned their season was over.

"When you're a high school senior, it's your last shot, a lot of these kids are never gonna play organized sports again," said St. Francis boys basketball head coach, Todd Wolfson. "It's a tough thing for them and

we really didn't understand the magnitude of what this pandemic was gonna cause at that time."

For View Park football and track and field coach, Ken Henderson, the impact of the Coronavirus did not hit until the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) announced they would close as of March 16. He kept practices for track going so the team could stay in shape.

"They said, maybe a couple of days before we closed the schools that we couldn't practice and I was like 'whoa, that's serious,'" Henderson said. "Being off and out of school started to hit home, like we might not go back to the school year." The View Park track team only participated in two meets before the shutdown. Coaches are currently not allowed to send work outs to their students.

The pandemic soured what could have been a championship-worthy season for the Dorsey boys' and girls' track and field



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The CIF canceled all spring section, regional, and state events due to the COVID-19 pandemic

teams. "Their goal was to win a state championship in the 4x400m," said Dorsey track and field head coach, Ken Matthews. "They never quit; they're still practicing on their own because they're still in disbelief that they're gonna be able to run in June."

Matthews had garnered the financial backing of several local businesses for

Dorsey Track and landed a Nike sponsorship.

"The workout formats, the training schedule, the academic plan, everything was really enhanced, and we were really, really, having a good sense of momentum," said Dorsey track assistant coach, Irvin Davis.

Sources mentioned how the lockdown impacted the recruiting process for col-

leges. Unable to meet with the students in-person, universities must get a gauge of their competence through emails of highlight reels and transcripts.

"I was very upset as far as our students that were seniors that needed to be able to run certain times in order to obtain scholarships," Matthews said.

Coaches have to mentor from a distance, helping their students get to their online schoolwork. Lack of motivation, trouble with internet access and unstable home environments are some issues that student athletes face.

All coaches interviewed for this article explained how they miss interacting with their students in person but encourage them to stay optimistic.

"While we've been off, I've talked to some of my athletes," Henderson said. "I told them first and foremost, stay healthy and make sure that you're following all the state safety guidelines."

J.R. Smith is Bringing Showtime Lakers to Orlando with Social Media Viralness

BY LAUREN A. JONES
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On the first night of the Los Angeles Lakers' arrival to the NBA bubble in Orlando, FL, newly signed J.R. Smith took to Instagram Live to give his followers a behind-the-scenes look into what players were experiencing. He lightheartedly criticized everything from his view of the parking lot to the size of the blanket the NBA provided, pointing out that it was too small for most NBA players who are well above average height. He questioned how players were expected to stay healthy with the bags of candy that were placed as snacks in each players' room. He went on to show his teammates in the hallway simultaneously grabbing their first meal and ran through the dinner menu. Before long, Smith shared with his captive audience that he was instructed to shut it down.

"Aw man, they mad at

me bro," Smith said. "I'm gone. Just got the text. Exposing too much sh*t. Gotta go. My bad. My bad."

The spirited, yet short-lived performance by Smith on Instagram proved that he will fit in seamlessly among his new social media savvy teammates. Lakers' center, Dwight Howard, has been on Instagram Live nearly every day interacting with fans and fellow big man, JaVale McGee launched a YouTube vlog showing what life is like inside the bubble.

As the Lakers explored free-agent options to replace Avery Bradley after he opted out due to family concerns, the focus was on adding a replacement who could add depth, play alongside LeBron James, shoot the ball, and play wing defense. Enter J.R. Smith as Bradley's replacement, who won a championship with James in Cleveland in 2016.

No one can forget Smith's infamous blunder in Game 1 of the 2018 NBA

Finals against the Warriors, when he forgot how much time was on the clock. On Friday's Zoom call with reporters, Smith



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J.R. Smith practices with the Lakers for NBA season restart in Orlando, FL.

detailed how James has grown since the last time they played together with the Cavaliers.

"I'd say more than anything, he's more patient now," Smith described James. "I think when he was younger, he had that more of a shorter fuse with things I would say."

"I just think he's more relatable and easier to get along with," Smith continued. "Before, he was always so focused on his drive and winning and stuff like that, but I feel like that pressure is kind of off his shoulders, and he can just be him."

Smith expressed no qualms, however, about challenging James when needed.

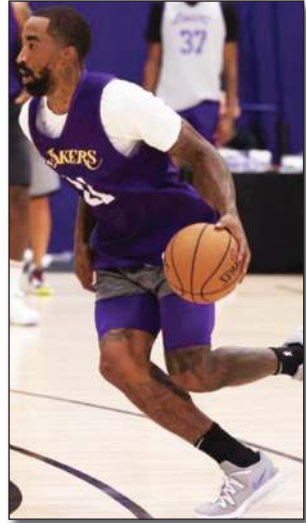
"It's just a good balance, I think, between myself and him, because he knows just as well he can challenge anybody else, I'll challenge him, and vice versa," Smith told the L.A. Sentinel.

Smith adds a veteran presence with ample playoff experience. With 15 years in

the NBA under his belt, Smith has made 11 playoff appearances and been to the NBA Finals four times. Smith was an impact player for Cleveland, especially in the postseason. He averaged 11.3 points per game on 41.2 percent shooting from the field through four seasons and is ranked sixth among active players in 3-point field goals made.

Lakers' coach, Frank Vogel continued to sing Smith's praises and mentioned that he was impressed by Smith's ability to stay in basketball shape since he last appeared in an NBA game in November 2018.

"It's clear that he's done a remarkable job of keeping himself in shape and staying ready," stated Vogel. "His nickname is Swish for a reason. He's a shot-maker."

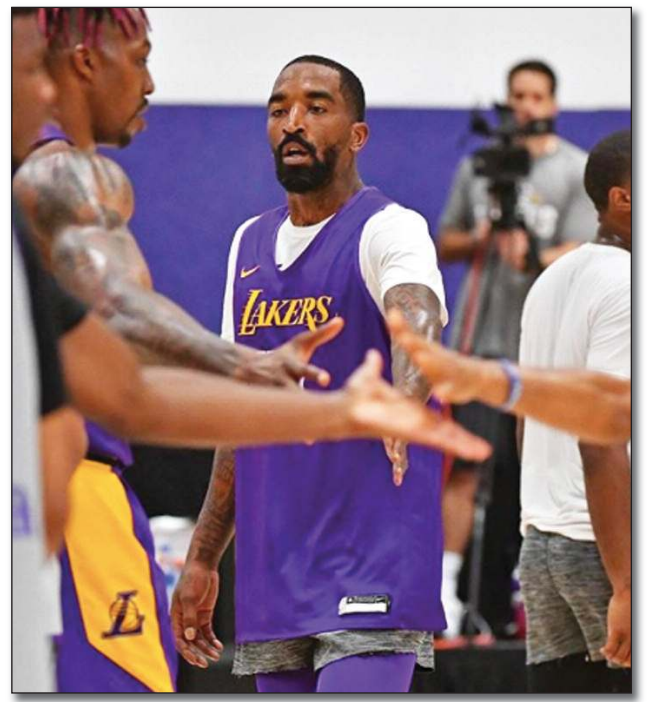


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Lakers' guard, J.R. Smith scrimmages with the team inside the NBA bubble in Orlando, FL.

"In terms of what he brings to the table: the experience factor. This guy's a big-time player. He's proven it over the course of his career. We know he can help us. We almost added him earlier in the year when we added Dion Waiters, and now we have the luxury of having both."

Smith worked out for the Lakers back in March and instead, they signed Dion



COURTESY LAKERS

Lakers' guard, J.R. Smith shakes hands with teammates in a team huddle during practice in Orlando, FL.

Waiters to fill the open roster spot. Vogel expressed that Smith had a great workout for the team and that the team nearly signed him but thought that Waiters would immediately fit into the system. Waiters had not played a game for the Lakers when the season shut down due to the coronavirus pandemic in March.

"They both bring toughness and swag. Those guys are killers," Vogel said of Smith and Waiters. "They go after it with a great competitive spirit and they have the talent to back it up and be highly productive on the court. They've proven that throughout their careers."

Waiters was recently asked how it felt to play with both James and Smith after a trade back in 2015 sent Waiters from the Cavaliers to the OKC Thunder and Smith to the Cavaliers. When Waiters fielded the question, Smith immediately barked from the sideline, "Stop trying to start sh*t."

It is this type of unabashed response that continues to make Smith one of the few straight shooters in the NBA. On the

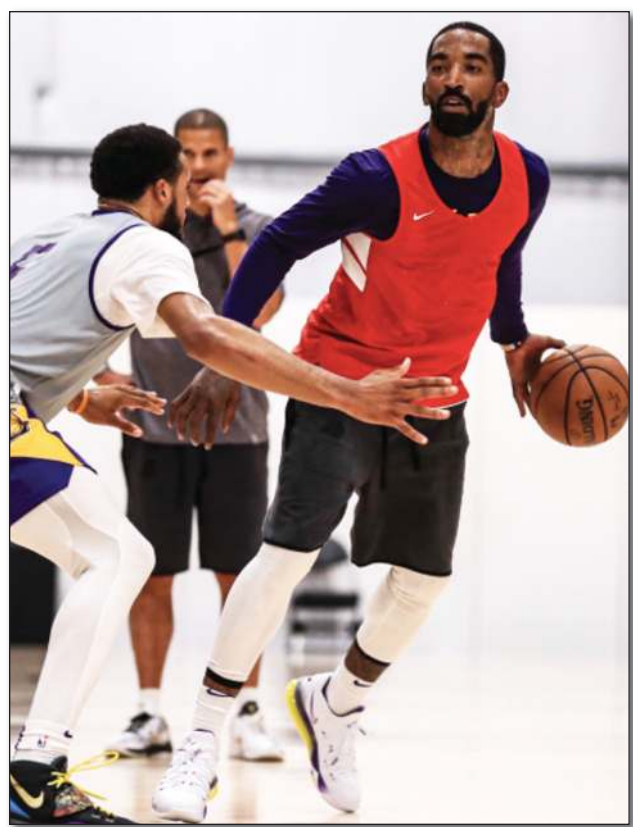
court, Vogel said that his plan is to integrate both guards into the rotation, but he is undecided on how many minutes they will play in Orlando.

Smith has mentioned multiple times that he is just soaking up his time being back in the NBA after such a long hiatus.

"I went through a very depressed state for a long time," Smith admitted. "It lasted for a few

months where I'm a big video gamer and I didn't even want to play [NBA]2K anymore. I didn't want to hoop. I didn't want to work-out."

"For being somebody who has been around the league predominately for most of their adult life, when that's kind of taken away from you, it kind of gives you that culture shock and you obviously don't understand what you lost until it's gone," said Smith. "So, for me, more than anything, I just want to appreciate the moment for what it is, and whether it be next year or never again, I just want to enjoy every possible moment that I get."



COURTESY LAKERS

Lakers' guard, J.R. Smith handles the ball during a team practice in Orlando, FL.

Doc Rivers Says Clippers Should Give Team's Game Plan to White House

BY KHARI JONES, JR.
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NBA Commissioner Adam Silver spoke a few weeks ago about the NBA



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Amir Coffey speaks out on George Floyd.

being a good platform to speak out on racial equality, and that there needs to be diversity in the coaching ranks.

Clippers head coach, Doc Rivers was asked by reporters his thoughts on what it would take to have

that kind of representation. He laughed and said, "I think it would take owners hiring more. I don't think it's that complicated."

Rivers shared more thoughts, "You hire who you know, you hire who you're comfortable with. If we can improve, it would be doing something where the owners can be comfortable with more people than that's in their circle. I don't know how to do it but it has



SCREENSHOT

Reggie Jackson excited to contribute to the cause of social reform.

to be done."

The Clippers have been following all health protocols, and following the league rules regarding social distancing. Rivers said, "As far as our health, we have an appointment every morning that you have to do. Everybody is wearing face masks when you're out in public." Rivers jokingly stated, "Maybe we should give our game plan to the White House."

Players of all races are now speaking up against social justice issues. They are taking this opportunity of being in the bubble to keep racial equality talks going.

Rivers said, "I'm very proud of all our players, Black and White. J.J. Redick has been very outspoken. It's what we have to do." Rivers expressed that they are in a fortunate situation. "Our health is

good. Most importantly, we cannot allow these talks to



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Kawhi Leonard expressing the need for unity with reporters.

die down. It's so important, we have to keep going. We can't lose steam."

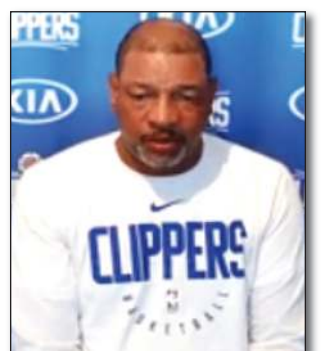
Rivers acknowledges the fact that there is real life outside the bubble. "No matter what we're in, sometimes real life comes into play."

A couple of Clippers players have been using their platforms to speak on

issues to make a change. Guard, Reggie Jackson is ecstatic about having a message on the back of his jersey. "Oh, I can't wait! I'm looking forward to having a chance to try to push this social justice reform and movement," says Jackson.

Clippers guard, Amir Coffey spoke on the George Floyd murder and the profound impact it had on society. "People were fed up. And it kind of sparked an outrage at this point in time. There has been an outpouring for everybody. This was just one nationwide outcry, and it was the media that covered this more than the others."

Coffey said the NBA has been working with players, and keeping the dialogue open for them to address their concerns. He states, "They're definitely working with us. Even a



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Doc Rivers address media in the bubble.

thing like the jerseys; I know a couple guys on our team are going to have some messages on there. Small things like that and having a conversation about it."

Kawhi Leonard tells reporters that this time in the bubble shows unity. He expressed, "We all have to come together and figure out what we're going to do. The bigger the voice is, I think the bigger the impact you have on whoever is watching."

Kobe Bryant Posthumously Receives Local Emmys Governors Award

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

The late Los Angeles Lakers star, Kobe Bryant posthumously received the 72nd Los Angeles Area Emmys Governors Award for his legacy of philanthropy, community building and inspiration that extended beyond the basketball court.

Composer John Williams presented and accepted the award on behalf of the Bryant family during Saturday's virtual ceremony that originated from the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences' Saban Media Center in

North Hollywood.

Williams was a close friend of Bryant and composed the score for the Oscar-winning 2017 animated short film, "Dear Basketball," which Bryant wrote and narrated.

The award is presented to an individual, company or organization that has made an outstanding, innovative and visionary achievement in the arts, sciences or management of television as well as a substantial contribution to the greater Los Angeles area.

Bryant was selected for the award by the Television

Academy's Los Angeles Area Governors Award committee. He was nominated by Spectrum SportsNet, the regional sports network that carries the Lakers games.

He was a legendary fixture on Southern California television screens during his 20 seasons with the Lakers as he helped them to five NBA championships.

The 41-year-old Bryant, his 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, and seven others were killed Jan. 26 when their helicopter crashed into a hillside in foggy weather in Calabasas.



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Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant acknowledges the crowd as he leaves the court after their 112-104 win over the Boston Celtics in his final regular season NBA basketball game in Boston Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015.



Andrea Davis Pinkney and Brian Pinkney, Award-Winning Husband and Wife Children Authors Believe a Vote Can Save Your Child's Life

Black authors discuss new book "Loretta Little Looks Back: Three Voices Go Tell It"

By LAPACAZO SANDOVAL
Contributing Writer

Well, it's 2020 and at the time of filing this story, the world was still spinning, that "dude" was still in the White House spreading lies and showing his consistent lack of knowledge, wisdom, and basic common sense. So, what to do? We are now less than four months away from one of the most impor-

B., members of the Little family, each present the vivid story of their young lives, spanning three generations. Their separate stories – beginning in a cotton field in 1927 and ending at the presidential election of 1968 – come together to create one unforgettable journey.

"Right here, I'm sharing the honest-to-goodness." – Loretta

"I'm gon' reach back,

images reflecting a wide range of interests for children — experiences that are both specific and universal.

The couple has been named among the "25 Most Influential People in Our Children's Lives" by Children's Health magazine. They are the recipient of the Regina Medal for their outstanding contributions to children's literature. The Pinkney's books have been

under Little, Brown Books for Young Readers) had to share about why they decided to write their most recent book:

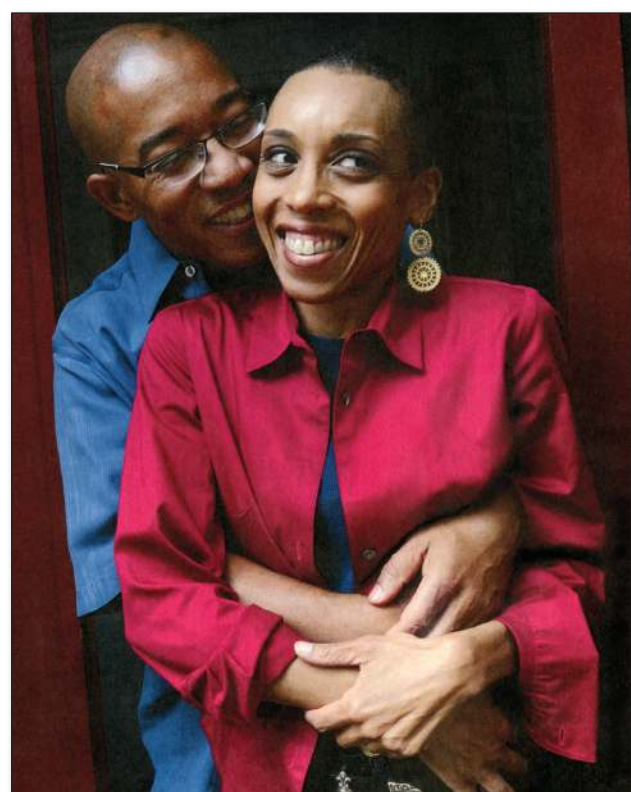
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL: How did this story and these characters first come into your minds?

ANDREA and BRIAN PINKNEY: 'Loretta Little Looks Back: Three Voices Go Tell It' is a book that's been in the works for five years. It's a story that stems from the roots of our respective family trees. As a husband and wife team, we spend a lot of time talking about ideas that resonate with both us.

This story – centered around a series of first-person narratives that plunge readers into the lives and times of a Mississippi sharecropping family – is inspired by the experiences of our own southern relatives. Between the two of us, there's an abundant tapestry of family stories about enduring racism, pushing past bigotry, and forging the way to new freedoms. We wanted to share these through words and illustrations. Loretta Little Looks Back began to take shape through notes scribbled on napkins and sketches jotted in notebooks. We've collaborated on numerous books, but this one has taken on special meaning because it spans generations -- beginning in a cotton field in 1927 and ending at the presidential election of 1968, when African Americans claimed the right to vote. The fight for election equality during the 1960s happened when we were born, and is the result of the hard work and determination of our grandparents and parents. We grew up hearing stories about that struggle. We wanted to honor that. With this in mind, the book's core began to take shape. It's always been important to us to keep those stories alive for the next generation who are carrying on the civil rights torch. That's what we hope this book will do – inspire action and ignite the minds and hearts of young people.

LAS: What's it like working as a husband and wife team?

ABP: As a married couple, we share everything from the same tube of toothpaste, to the carton of almond milk in our family fridge. We've been collaborating for thirty years and



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Andrea Davis Pinkney & Brian Pinkney

have published nearly sixty books together. Working with the one you love can be a beautiful experience or a total disaster! Thankfully, we've developed some great strategies for making books while staying happily married. It's been a learning experience. Like every couple who lives under the same roof and juggles careers and family life, we've hit some snags. These have turned out to be gifts that have helped us find ways to work together while keeping our love alive.

There are three iron-clad 'rules' that have worked for decades of bookmaking as an author-artist team. 1) Carve out designated times for discussing work.

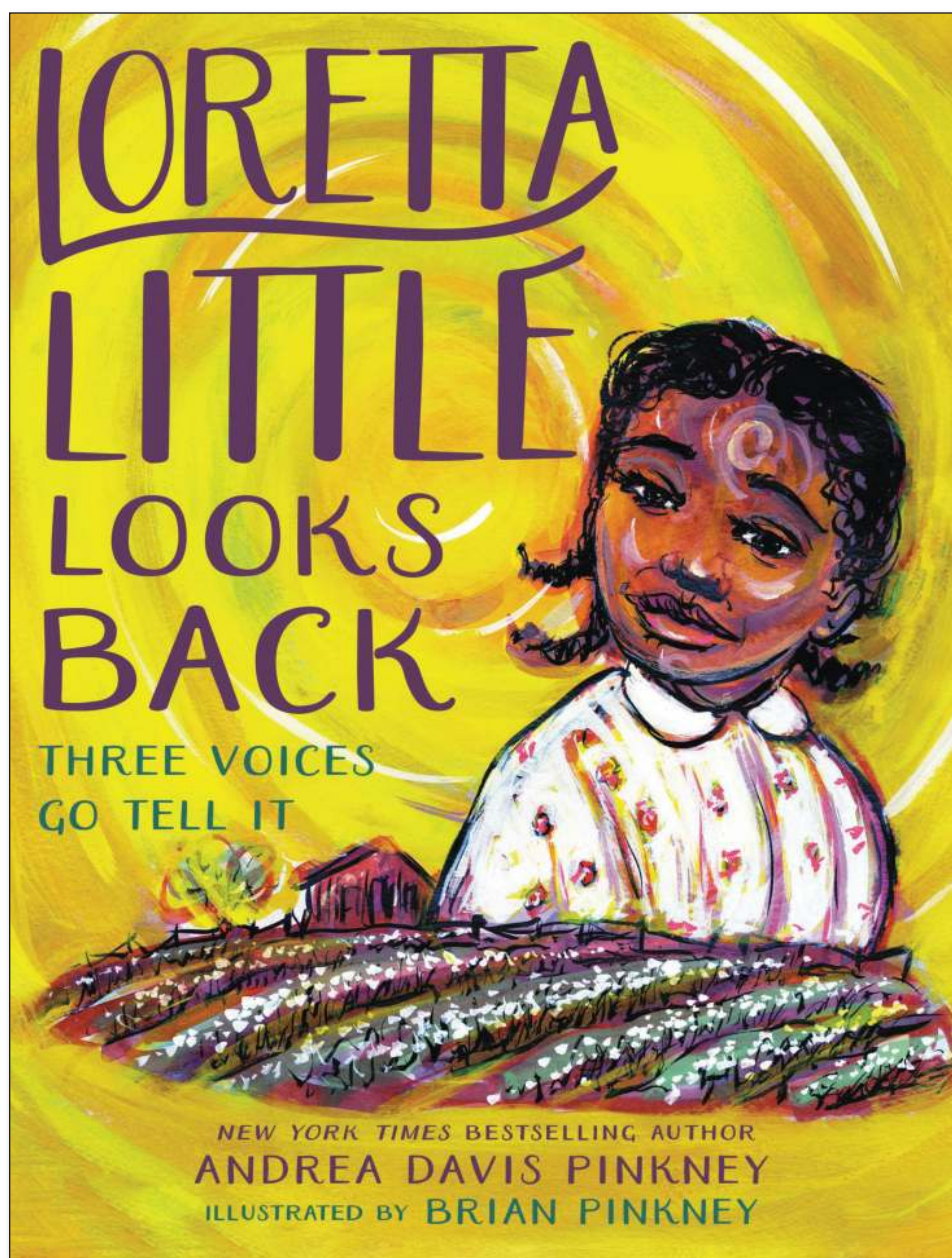
To do this, we have a weekly 'meeting' each Saturday at our dining room table to review our projects and to sit down together to talk about them. Before and after the meeting, we don't discuss work at all. We came up with this plan when we realized that we were chattering on and on about work 24/7 and that we need to establish some healthy boundaries around work-life balance.

Once, during a family car trip, our son was in the backseat re-enacting a dialogue between the two of us. My daughter was cracking up because the impersonation was of us talking all about work. The kids kept making jokes about it, but we didn't think it was funny. We immediately realized that our book projects were encroaching on our precious family time – and our kids were noticing it. That's when our weekly dining room table sit-downs took on even greater importance. These meetings happen when the kids are out of the house, so we are no longer the brunt of their backseat re-enactments! 2) Have sep-

LAS: People keep telling me that 'no one reads anymore' and they provide me with updated data. Got it. Got it. As a children author myself - I know (I don't think, I know) that creative people must step up, write, and get published. Your thoughts?

ABP: From our perspective, kids and families are reading more than ever. One of the gifts of being quarantined is that reading has taken on even greater importance. Also, in light of recent events surround the Black Lives Matter, doors are opening for more Black writers. We have a long way to go, but change is happening.

"Loretta Little Looks Back: Three Voices Go Tell It" on sale September 29, 2020. Published by Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.



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tant presidential elections of our lives.

I shudder to think what our foremothers and forefathers in the struggle of justice and equality would think of what we have all allowed to step in and push back many of their hard-won accomplishments.

Imagine what they are collectively thinking? Have this generation learned nothing? What can we do differently with the new generations to help ensure this colossal mistake (or worse) doesn't happen again?

As human beings, are we capable of lasting and positive change? How can we help our children and their children's children understand the need to vote and make sure that our vote counts?

Maybe this generation needs a refresher course on what it took for African Americans to get the right to vote in the first place?

Enter award-winning husband and wife team, Andrea Davis Pinkney and Brian Pinkney, whose new children book, "Loretta Little Looks Back: Three Voices Go Tell It" (on sale September 29, 2020, published under Little, Brown Books for Young Readers), delivers a front-row seat to the dramatic events that led to African Americans earning the right to vote.

Loretta, Roly, and Aggie

and tell how it all went. I'm gon' speak on it. My way." – Roly

"I got more nerve than a bad tooth. But there's nothing bad about being bold." – Aggie B.

Through an evocative mix of fictional first-person narratives, spoken-word poems, folk myths, gospel rhythms and blues influences, Loretta Little Looks Back weaves an immersive tapestry that illuminates the dignity of sharecroppers in the rural South. Inspired by storytelling's oral tradition, stirring vignettes are presented in a series of theatrical monologues that paint a gripping, multidimensional portrait of America's struggle for civil rights as seen through the eyes of the children who lived it. The novel's unique format invites us to walk in their shoes.

Each encounters an unexpected mystical gift, passed down from one family member to the next, that ignites their experience—what it means to reach for freedom.

The Pinkney's are a New York Times bestselling and award-winning couple who have made outstanding contributions to the field of children's literature, both as individuals and as an author-artist team. Between them, they have published nearly 60 children's books, a rich treasury of words and

awarded multiple Caldecott Honor Medals, Coretta Scott King Awards, and Boston Globe/Horn Book Honors. They are five-time nominees for the NAACP Image Awards and have received many Jane Addams Children's Literature Honor citations, as well as multiple parenting publications gold medals.

Their notable books include "Martin Rising: Requiem for a King," "Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra," "Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America," "Boycott Blues: How Rosa Parks Inspired a Nation," "Martin & Mahalia," "Sojourner Truth's Step-Stamp Stride," and "Ella Fitzgerald."

Additionally, Brian and Andrea speak in schools and at educational conferences nationwide about their work as children's book creators. Each year they inspire more than 10,000 school children and educators with their presentations and workshops. The Pinkney's call Brooklyn, New York, home where they live with their two children.

Here is what award-winning husband and wife team Andrea Davis Pinkney and Brian Pinkney, whose new children book "Loretta Little Looks Back: Three Voices Go Tell It" (on sale September 29, 2020, published



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Andrea Davis Pinkney & Brian Pinkney

Mayor Garcetti Announces \$10-million L.A. Regional COVID-19 Team Recovery Program

BY BETTI HALSELL
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On Friday, July 17, Los Angeles City Mayor Eric Garcetti announced new updates regarding the COVID-19 escalation. This past week, new state orders closed all gyms, places of worship, offices, and personal care services. Community transmission has been on the rise since the end of May; noted positive case counts are among the ages of 18-40. The mayor disclosed news to guide the city through the turbulence of the virus. He discussed resources for small businesses during the current shutdown of certain firms.

Garcetti addressed the demand for testing and that some residents do not have a car to drive through testing sites. The mayor mentioned they are still deploying mobile testing to reach people who may not have a way to get to a physical site. 9.5% of tests are coming back positive, the virus continues to spread like wildfire through communities. He says the safest way to avoid infection is to stay home as much as possible.

With recent shutdowns, small businesses are at high-risk of not being able to keep afloat during this time. Garcetti announced another step forward in helping local



Mayor Eric Garcetti

businesses and their staff by providing funds to help solidify their footing during the waves of closing and reopening of the economy. The mayor is working with Councilmember Curren Price, Council President Nury Martinez, and other public officials, to invest an additional \$10-million dollars in funds towards the L.A. Regional COVID-19 Team Recovery Program.

This is in collaboration with the county; the new funding is applied to the already existing three-million dollars within the initiative. There will be grants given to eligible small businesses and non-profits that are the cornerstone of the Los Angeles economic structure. It will be direct cash assistance for those who need it the most, such as firms who did not receive any assistance on a federal level.

For the firms that remain open in the past two weeks, there has been over 500 complaints about sectors not complying with the mandated health officer orders. Starting on Monday, the mayor is relaunching the L.A. Business Ambassadors Program; it made a significant impact in the earlier stages of COVID-19. Business Ambassadors will educate

and monitor firm practices, encouraging them to meet new standards of health and safety for the city.

According to the news buzzing around the scientific circuit, there are two vaccines that are showing "deep promise," but the mayor stressed the mission lies within individual preventative care. The goal is to keep people from getting infected. The virus must be repudiated at the early stage of spread by upholding physical distancing and maintaining thorough hygienic practices. The pandemic has gotten worse across the country; the numbers are still headed in the wrong direction. "This is an extremely dangerous situation, and it remains that way," said Mayor Garcetti, focusing on a record 4,000 deaths due to coronavirus in Los Angeles.

Testing remains prioritized for those most susceptible to the virus, but as

previously mentioned, there is a new online platform "designed to provide more user-friendly experiences" for scheduling tests was announced on Monday. Key benefits include the reduction in delayed results and appointment modifications. The new website to schedule an appointment is la.fulgentgenetics.com. Mobile and pop-up testing sites are still in action, especially among those who are most susceptible to the virus.

The mayor reiterated the way to move forward is through individual concern for safety. Wearing a mask, physical distancing, and being mindful during this global pandemic will save lives. Additionally, the effects of taking steps backwards in the face of escalation will show up in future data; the mayor is hopeful in seeing the numbers lower and Los Angeles getting off the state watch list.

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Legendary Civil Rights Icon C.T. Vivian Dies at 95

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President Barack Obama awards minister and civil rights activist Cordy Tindell "C.T." Vivian the Presidential Medal of Freedom in the East Room of the White House, Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013, in Washington. (AP PHOTO/JACQUELYN MARTIN)

The Rev. C.T. Vivian, the legendary civil rights activist who marched alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has died.

Rev. Vivian was 95. Vivian's daughter, Denise Morse, confirmed her father's death and told Atlanta's NBC affiliate WXIA that he was "one of the most wonderful men who ever walked the earth."

Vivian reportedly suffered a stroke earlier this

year, but his family said he died of natural causes.

"He has always been one of the people who had the most insight, wisdom, integrity, and dedication," said former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, a contemporary of Vivian who also worked alongside King.

"The Reverend Dr. C.T. Vivian was one of my strongest mentors in the Civil Rights Movement," National Newspaper Pub-

lishers Association President Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., stated.

"Rev. Vivian, like Martin Luther King, Jr. and Joseph Lowery was a visionary theologian, genius, and a leading force in the tactical and strategic planning of effective nonviolent civil disobedience demonstrations. C.T. has passed the eternal baton to a new generation of civil rights agitators and organizers."

In a statement emailed to BlackPressUSA, the NBA's Atlanta Hawks expressed their condolences.

"The Atlanta Hawks organization is deeply saddened by the passing of Civil Rights Movement leader, minister, and author, Dr. Cordy Tindell "C.T." Vivian. The city of Atlanta and the entire world has lost a distinguished icon whose leadership pushed the United States to greater justice and racial equality for African Americans," team officials wrote in the

— a demonstration spurred by Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat to a White rider. The 13-month mass protest drew international attention.

Rev. Vivian went on to become an active early member of the group that eventually became the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, according to his biography.

Like King, Vivian was committed to the belief that nonviolent protests could carry the day.

"Some thoughts on the

march.

By 1965, Rev. Vivian had become the director of national affiliates for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference when he led a group of people to register to vote in Selma, Alabama.

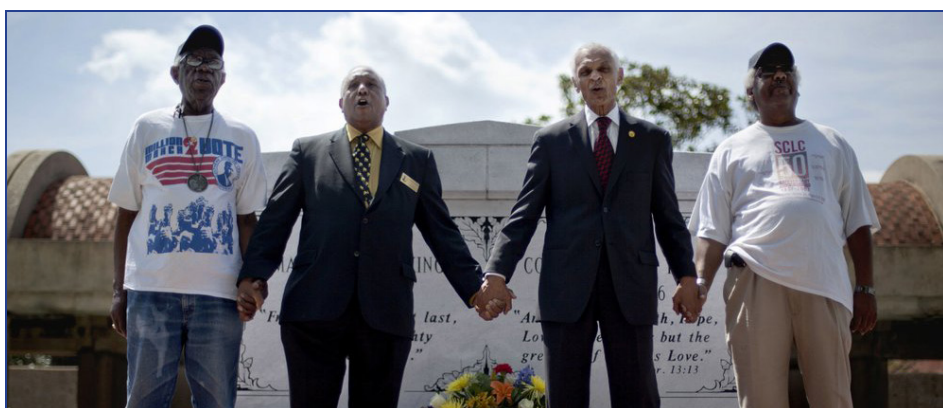
CNN memorialized Rev. Vivian, noting that, as the county Sheriff Jim Clark blocked the group, Vivian said in a fiery tone, "We will register to vote because as citizens of the United States we have the right to do it."



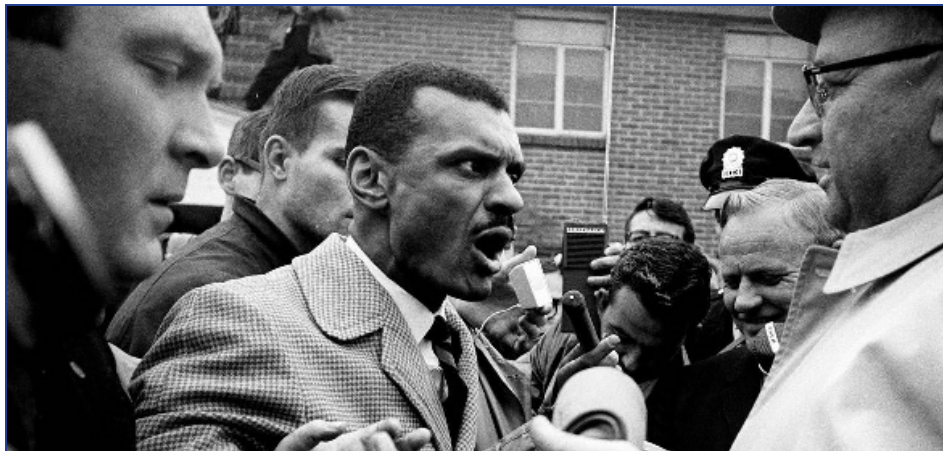
In this June 19, 2014, file photo, Civil Rights pioneer Rev. C.T. Vivian preaches during a commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act in Knoxville, Tenn. (PAUL EHRD/KNOXVILLE NEWS SENTINEL VIA AP)



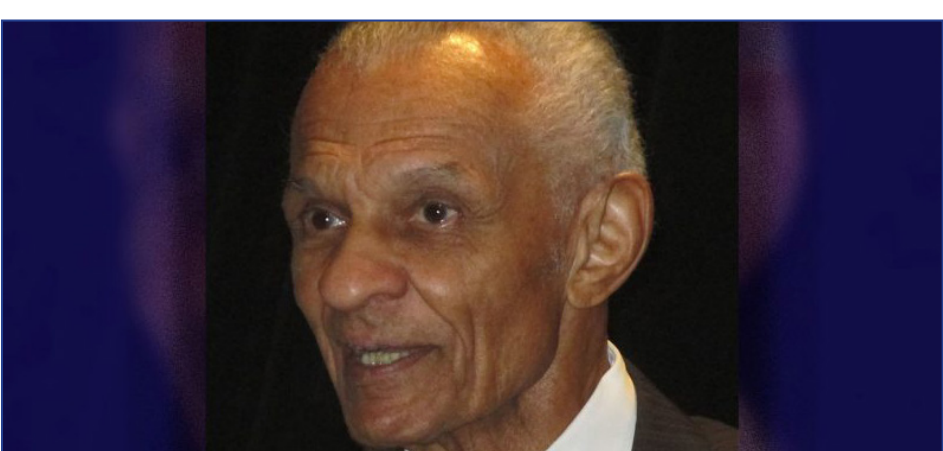
Rev. C.T. Vivian, left, and Rev. James Lawson take part in a discussion at Middle Tennessee State University about the Voting Rights Act Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015, in Murfreesboro, Tenn. The two legends of the Civil Rights Movement say they're encouraged by efforts to maintain equality at the polls amid what they see as attempts to thwart it. (AP PHOTO/MARK HUMPHREY)



In this April 4, 2012 photo, civil rights activists and Southern Christian Leadership Conference members, from left, Ralph Worrell, Dr. Bernard Lafayette, Jr., C.T. Vivian and Frederick Moore, join hands and sing "We Shall Overcome" at the Atlanta gravesite of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., marking the 44th anniversary of his assassination. (AP PHOTO/DAVID GOLDMAN, FILE)



He risked his life and took severe beatings by angry mobs and arrested by police for challenging the injustice of Jim Crow segregation in the South. (AP PHOTO)



C.T. Vivian addressing the annual convention of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History in Atlanta, September 27, 2015. (FILE PHOTO)

email.

"To inspire the next generation, Vivian founded the C.T. Vivian Leadership Institute in Atlanta, with the intent to create a model of leadership culture in the city that would be dedicated to the development and sustainability of our communities."

They continued:

"Vivian also started Basic Diversity, one of the nation's first diversity consulting firms, now led by his son, Al, who has been a great partner to our organization. We are grateful for Dr. Vivian's many years of devotion to Atlanta and thankful that we had the opportunity to honor and share his legacy with our fans. The entire Hawks organization extends its most sincere condolences to the grieving family."

Rev. Vivian was active in sit-in protests in Peoria, Illinois, in the 1940s, and met King during the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott

Reverend C.T. Vivian, a pioneer who pulled America closer to our founding ideals and a friend I will miss greatly," Former President Barack Obama wrote in a statement. "We've lost a founder of modern America, a pioneer who shrunk the gap between reality and our constitutional ideals of equality and freedom."

Rev. Vivian was born in Boonville, Missouri, on July 30, 1924. He and his late wife, Octavia Geans Vivian, had six children.

With the help of his church, he enrolled in American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville in 1955.

That same year he and other ministers founded the Nashville Christian Leadership Conference, an affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, according to the National Visionary Leadership Project. The group helped organize the city's first sit-ins and civil rights

Clark responded by beating Vivian until blood dripped off his chin in front of rolling cameras. The images helped galvanize more comprehensive support for change.

Vivian also created a college readiness program to help "take care of the kids that were kicked out of school simply because they protested racism."

"I admired him from and before I became a senator and got to know him as a source of wisdom, advice, and strength on my first presidential campaign," Obama stated.

"I'm only here to thank C.T. Vivian and all the heroes of the civil rights generation. Because of them, the idea of just, fair, inclusive, and generous America came closer into focus. The trails they blazed gave today's generation of activists and marchers a road map to tag in and finish the journey."



Hundreds of marchers hold hands as they cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala., on Sunday, March 7, 2004. It is the 39th anniversary of the civil rights march across the bridge when state troopers used tear gas and billy clubs against activists marching. Front row from left: U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., U.S. Rep. Artur Davis, D-Ala., Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rev. C.T. Vivian. (AP PHOTO/DAVE MARTIN)



Democratic presidential candidate Jesse Jackson, center, joins hands with Mrs. Louise Wadley, left and Rev. C.T. Vivian to say grace before having dinner at Carver Homes in Atlanta, Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1984. (AP PHOTO/JOE HOLLOWAY)



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YWCA Greater Los Angeles Convened Virtual Town Hall Conversation ‘Standing in Solidarity’ Addressing Racism, Social Injustice and Reform

Hosted by YWCA GLA President and CEO, Faye Washington, and moderated by local anchor and journalist, Pat Harvey and the Honorable Karen Bass, U.S. Congresswoman of California, District 37.

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

On Friday, June 26, the YWCA Greater Los Angeles convened a virtual Town Hall discussion, “Standing in Solidarity” that spoke on the current state of our country. The conversation addressed important topics, such as the most recent Justice in Policing of 2020, racism, reform, and social injustice.

For 127 years, the YWCA GLA’s mission has been to eliminate racism and empower women. In the wake of protests fueled by the tragic death of George Floyd, a Black man murdered callously at the hands of a White public servant, our nation is finding itself grappling with a reality it can no longer avert, a powerful reality steeped with long standing racial injustice.

Faye Washington opened the Town Hall with a message of solidarity and



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Faye Washington, YWCA Greater Los Angeles President & CEO



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Rep. Karen Bass



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Pat Harvey

a Call to Action. “The imperative of YWCA’s mission has been ‘the elimination of racism wherever it exists and by any means necessary.’ The unrests that have unfolded these past few weeks underline the precarious state of race relations in this country brought forth by long standing legacy of structural racism and entrenched inequalities that can no longer be dismissed or brushed away with eloquent prose or speeches,” said the president and

CEO. Washington went on to say, “The worldwide demonstrations have amplified the voices of those who can’t speak for themselves. Well, we heard you, and we marveled at those moments of protests.”

Special Guest speaker, Honorable Karen Bass, U.S. Congresswoman of California, District 37, then spoke on the recent death of George Floyd. “We all need to recognize the significance of this all, George Floyd’s murder was so grotesque and it lasted to

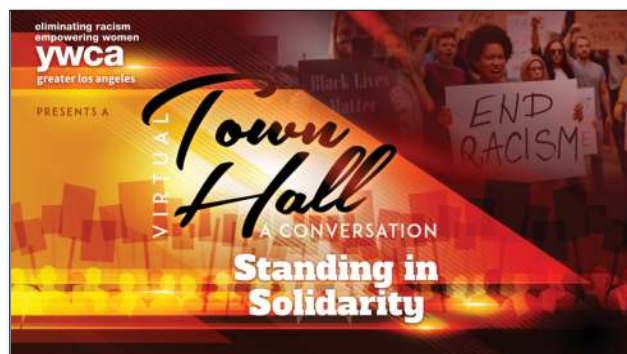
long and everyone watched it and the guy was looking at the camera with such impunity that has caused a seismic shift,” said the Congressmember.

Pat Harvey, Emmy award-winning broadcast journalist, who is a news anchor at CBS2/KCAL9 in Los Angeles, served as the moderator.

The virtual event also included guest speakers such as, Dr. Melina Abdullah, co-founder of the Los Angeles Chapter of Black Lives Matter; Avis Ridley-Thomas, co-director of the

Institute for Nonviolence in Los Angeles and Days of Dialogue; Honorable Sydney Kamlager-Dove, Assembly Member California, 54th District.; Honorable Nury Martinez, President of the Los Angeles City Council; Capri Maddox, Executive Director Los Angeles Department of Civil and Human Rights; Kristin Clarke, President and executive director,

Roberts LLP; Carl E. Douglas, president at Douglas/Hicks Law; Angeline Chen, YWCA Board President Pasadena; Tanis Crosby, YWCA Executive Director, Silicon Valley; Terra Russell Slavin, Los Angeles LGBT Center Director of Policy and Community Build, and Jorja Leap, Director of UCLA Social Justice and Research Partnership.



FILE PHOTO
YWCA Greater Los Angeles virtual town hall, “A Conversation Standing in Solidarity.”

Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; Justin Sanders, co-managing partner of Sanders

The Town Hall is available via YouTube, and all other social media platforms.

Rep. Waters Recognizes National Clinicians HIV/AIDS Testing & Awareness Day



PHOTO: HOWARD UNIVERSITY/JUSTIN D. KNIGHT
Rep. Maxine Waters (CA-43) meets with representatives of the Howard University College of Medicine HIV Project to discuss National Clinicians HIV/AIDS Testing and Awareness Day.

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This week, Congresswoman Maxine Waters (CA-43), chair of the

Financial Services Committee and a leading advocate in Congress for HIV/AIDS prevention, testing, and treatment,

introduced a resolution in recognition of National Clinicians HIV/AIDS Testing and Awareness Day, which is celebrated every

year on July 21.

“With more than 1.1 million people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States today – roughly 15 percent of whom do not know they are infected – I am proud to have authored legislation that recognizes National Clinicians HIV/AIDS Testing and Awareness Day and supports the efforts of medical professionals who are on the frontlines of this fight,” said Congresswoman Maxine Waters. “This important day is an opportunity to highlight the critical role that doctors, nurses, dentists, and other clinicians play in HIV/AIDS awareness, testing, and treatment efforts. By encouraging their patients to be tested for HIV, doctors and nurses can enable infected individuals to access appropriate medical care and begin taking action to avoid spreading the virus

to others.”

The Congresswoman’s resolution urges physicians, nurses, dentists, and other clinicians nationwide to become actively involved in HIV/AIDS awareness, testing, treatment, and referral services. It also urges individuals to get tested for HIV and educate themselves about the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS. The resolution is cosponsored by 19 Members of Congress.

Congresswoman

Waters is a leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS. She is continuing her efforts to expand the Minority AIDS Initiative, which she established as chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus in 1998. On March 13 of this year, she sent a letter to the House Appropriations Committee requesting \$610 million for the Minority AIDS Initiative in fiscal year 2021, which was signed by 93 of her colleagues.

Maternity Care at Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles Ranks Among the Best in the Nation



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Whether helping moms recover more quickly after a cesarean birth or protecting families and babies during the COVID-19 pandemic, Kaiser Permanente West Los Angeles has a reputation for top-notch maternity.

West Los Angeles was one of 22 Kaiser Permanente hospitals recognized among the “Best Maternity Care Hospitals 2020” by Newsweek magazine. The elite designation, awarded to only 231 hospitals in the United States, identifies leading maternity care programs based on rigorous quality and safety standards. Kaiser Permanente hospitals represent nearly 10% of those named to the prestigious list nationwide – and 44.4% of those listed in California.

Newsweek’s Best Maternity Care Hospitals demonstrate the highest performance in the United States as verified by the

2019 Leapfrog Hospital Survey. Designated hospitals meet Leapfrog’s rigorous standards for excellence in maternity care — including low rates of C-section, episiotomy (an incision to enlarge the vaginal opening for childbirth), and early elective delivery — and follow important protocols to protect moms and babies, among other measures. Additionally, all of the hospitals named earned either an A or B on the Spring 2020 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade.

The Kaiser Permanente hospitals that received the “Best Maternity Care Hospitals 2020” designation in Southern California are: Anaheim, Downey, Fontana, Panorama City, Riverside, San Diego, West Los Angeles and Woodland Hills.

For more details on methodology and a complete list of designated maternity care programs, please visit Newsweek’s “Best Maternity Care Hospitals 2020.”

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See You There!!!

Over 2,500 South L.A. Families were Provided Groceries at Community Food Bank Drive-Through

BY KHARI JONES, JR.
Contributing Writer

In the heart of the Crenshaw District, in South L.A., a community food distribution drive through was held at the Los Angeles Sentinel on Saturday, July 18, 2020 from 9M – Noon, to provide groceries for community members experiencing economic hardship due with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bakewell Media, Los Angeles Sentinel, Mothers In Action, AFGE, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, Labor Community Services, the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, Miguel Contreras Foundation, Teamsters National Black Caucus, Councilmember Herb Wesson of CD 10 and County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas of the 2nd District collaborated to successfully distribute groceries to 2,500 families in Los Angeles and surrounding areas.

The president of American Federation of Govern-



Covid-19, unemployment and various other things. Anything that we can do to help our community get through these difficult times is necessary, and

ship at the top, so they had to come together and fill this void. "Right now we are trying to save lives, we are trying to help families that we know are underserved."

We are in an important time in history, this country, and city where people are struggling. The need to come together could not be more urgent. Councilman Herb J. Wesson said we need to become one family. "Here we are helping



ment Employees (AFGE), Roslyn Austin-Stewart, mentioned they are striving to make a bigger footprint in South L.A., to let the people know they support the community. "With the positive tests going up (Covid-19), and the com-

something that we feel is a responsibility to do."

Bakewell, Jr. feels the next step is empowering the community with resources, so they do not have to be codependent on food drives. In order to do that, he continued, "We have to



munity that we have struggling the way we are here in California, we felt that it was a need to contribute that much as well," she said. According to Austin-Stewart, there are predictions of a second wave of cases, so as long as the people let AFGE know there is a need, the organization is committed to supporting

continue to collaborate and work together to set our own course. The support we get from our elected officials like Herb Wesson, Mark Ridley-Thomas, and others, are greatly appreciated, in providing services and resources. We must also support our Black businesses; so that they can grow, so that they can con-



these kinds of causes as much as possible.

The executive editor of the Los Angeles Sentinel, Danny Bakewell, Jr., stated, "As most people know, in South L.A. Black and Brown are disproportionately affected as a result of

tinue to hire and empower residents in our community, so we don't have to depend upon food giveaways for our survival."

Yvonne Wheeler, national representative of AFGE District 12, says there is no national leader-



out people today, there may be the need for somebody to help us out tomorrow. So that's the only way we are going to work our way through this situation is to come together as a community and help one another. I just love being out with the folks. It always inspires me when I see other people helping people."



Councilman Wesson reminds everyone to make sure your friends are who they say they are in times of adversity. "It's during these difficult times you find out who your friends are, and who your friends are not. So, I'm just impressed with the community, we have come together, we've done



some remarkable things. Somehow, somehow, we will find our way through this. We all have to lock arms and walk our way out of this together.

Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas said there is a food scarcity in the black community. "Food insecur-



ity is real. In this moment of pandemic, communities just like the one we're in right now are in dire need of our support."

Supervisor Thomas acknowledged organizations such as Mothers In Action, church groups, and everyone who helped make the message clear that they will not abandon their own and they will support them in the hour of need. "We are going to push for people to register to vote, so we can change conditions in our communities, change conditions in our nations. That's the ultimate way we are going to tackle food insecurity. That's why I'm here, and I'm proud to be in solidarity."

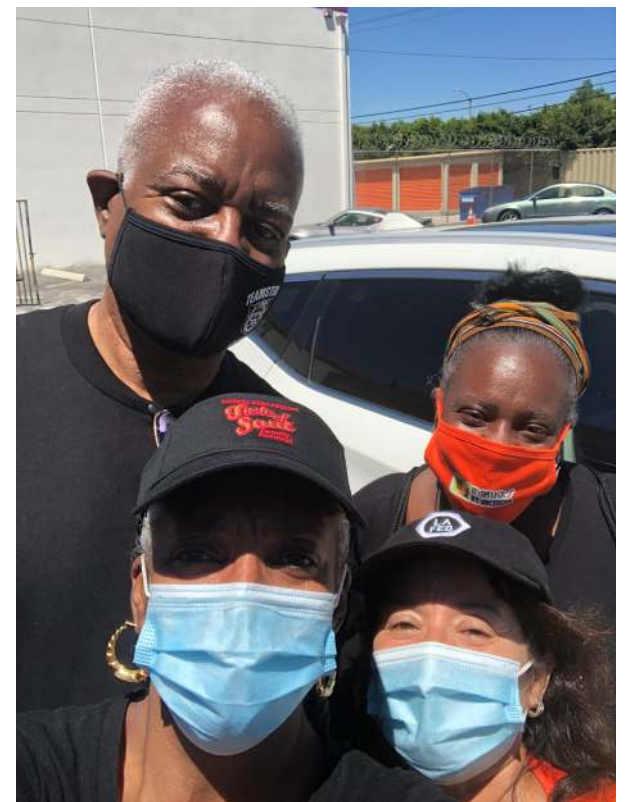
President of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, Ron Herrera, gives thanks to the volunteers. "You have to give credit to the volunteers that are out here risking their own health to feed those in need. At the LA County

hammad, who is a Professional Hurdler, and a member of the Nation of Islam. "It's always good to get into the community, and be a blessing to somebody else. When you get blessed, it's always important to bless other people. We just wanted to get out and help any way we can, especially

unteers who supported the Community Food Distribution on Saturday at the Los Angeles Sentinel."

Mitchell went on to say, "It takes a village to take care of our families and community. We are stronger together!!!"

Mothers In Action wanted to thank all of the companies and people who provided the resources necessary to put on an event like this. She acknowledged Bakewell Media, Los Angeles Sentinel, LAPD South Traffic Division, the radio partners, KJLH, and 94.7 the Wave, Quality Equipment Rentals, the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza and Fred Leeds Properties. Ms. Mitchell



in these times we're living in."

Muhammad continued, "You want to keep your immune system up with COVID-19 going around. You want to keep the community vibe alive, that's important. We are a part of the Nation of Islam, we seek to assist in any way possible."

Mothers In Action President Tracy Mitchell, was more than thankful for everyone involved in Com-

pointed out that this event takes hours of time and resources and also expressed appreciation for Danny J. Bakewell, Sr., Robert Turner, Roslyn Austin-Stewart, Yvonne Wheeler, Michael Flood, Ron Herrera, Elda Martinez, Armando Olivas, Councilmember Herb Wesson Jr., Supervisor Mark-Ridley Thomas, Earle's On Crenshaw, the staff of Mothers In Action & LA Sentinel, Kimani Black,



munity Food Distribution. She proudly stated, "On behalf of Mothers In Action, The Bakewell Company, and The Los Angeles Sentinel and the 2,500 families we served, we would like to thank our village of sponsors, community partners, elected officials and vol-

Steven Neal, Sharon Polk, Patrick Muhammad and sons, Jabril & Khallifah, Latisha LaRue & Family, Dr. Pat Joseph-Thomas, She Works, all the families and unions that came out and help serve the community together.



help the community."

The volunteers at the Community Food Distribution felt honored to make a difference. With smiles on their faces, they were proud to be a part of a cause bigger than themselves.

The LA Sentinel spoke to volunteer Khallifah Mu-



TASTE OF SOUL CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19

The 15th Annual Taste of Soul was scheduled to be held Saturday, October 17, 2020. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 Pandemic has changed Los Angeles, The United States and The World. Therefore, after careful consideration and several discussions with elected officials, healthcare professionals and community leaders, we have made the decision to cancel this year's Taste of Soul Family Festival for the general health and welfare of our community.

Bakewell Media, The LA Sentinel, our valued partners and sponsors are already hard at work planning Taste of Soul 2021 to ensure that when Taste of Soul returns on October 16, 2021, it will be Bigger and Better than ever!!!

As you know, Taste of Soul shines a bright light on our Black Businesses, especially Black Restaurants and Black Catering Businesses. We can all make a difference in helping our Black Businesses recover from COVID-19 and the challenges experienced through the economic shut downs within our city. In the coming weeks, we will publish more information in the Sentinel on **A CALL TO ACTION PLAN** for our readers and the 350,000+ Taste of Soul Nation (attendees) to support our community, register people to vote and support all the Black Businesses in the community severely affected by COVID-19.

If you are interested in sponsoring a Black Business, please contact our staff at the LA Sentinel.

Yours In Brotherhood,

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