



April Verrett Unanimously Elected as Secretary Treasurer of SEIU International Board

SEIU International President Mary Kay Henry nominated and Executive Board approves April Verrett as Secretary-Treasurer. Joseph Bryant also approved as Executive Vice President

BY DANNY J. BAKEWELL, JR.
Executive Editor

The Service Employees International Union's Executive Board voted unanimously June 24, to elect April Verrett as secretary-treasurer and Joseph Bryant as executive vice president, adding two dynamic young leaders to President Mary Kay Henry's leadership team as SEIU intensifies its growing "Unions for All" effort.

In their new posts, Verrett and Bryant, both presidents of large SEIU locals in California, will be key drivers of the union's push to make sure every worker has the right to join a union, no matter where they work or what ZIP code they live in. Both leaders have been at the forefront of major SEIU initiatives to help workers organize at scale in the healthcare and public sectors in California and beyond. They replace Gerry Hudson and Valarie Long, respectively, who announced their retirements earlier this month after a combined



April Verrett (COURTESY PHOTO)

81 years of service to the union.

"We've reached a moment of great reckoning in our country, where our communities are under constant attack from white supremacist violence, jobs that don't pay us enough to live, healthcare we can't access and can't afford, underfunded schools, and unaffordable housing," Henry said.

"April and Joseph's rich life and professional experiences provide them with the foundation to be the next generation of leaders that help SEIU meet this moment and ensure we rewrite the rules that have been rigged against workers and against people of color, while billionaires and giant corporations do whatever they want."

Verrett, 47, was raised by her grandmother, an SEIU member, after her mother died as a result of complications from childbirth. Her grandmother taught her to work hard, be resilient and to both have pride and be humble, and Verrett spent her adult life bringing those qualities to

her work building SEIU - in Chicago at SEIU Healthcare Illinois Indiana and its predecessor SEIU Local 20 and more recently in California, leading the 385,000-member SEIU Local 2015, the nation's largest long-term care workers' union.

Verrett chairs SEIU's National Home Care Council, co-chairs the National Organizing Committee, and is a member of the Finance Committee. Through her leadership at SEIU, Verrett has been a prominent advocate for care workers during the pandemic, emerging as one of the leading voices in the country for home care workers and chief strategist in SEIU members' fight to reimagine the future of care work in our country through federal investment in good, union, living-wage home care jobs.

"April brings ambitious vision, courageous leadership and a life experience that fuels her unshakeable belief in the power to make change

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Despite Controversies, Wesson Marks Multiple Successes in CD 10



Councilmember Herb Wesson stands before the Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex in Rancho Park. (COURTESY PHOTO)

BY CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT
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In the midst of the

months-long controversy regarding the authorized representative for Council District 10, Herb Wesson has

remained totally focused on delivering services for the area's constituents.

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L.A. Metro Hosts Dedication Celebration to Showcase Crenshaw/LAX Leimert Park Station



State Senator Steven Bradford, Metro Board Member Jackie Dupont-Walker, L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti, and Congresswoman Karen Bass join Metro employees at the Leimert Park Station. (COURTESY PHOTO)

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On June 25, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan

Transportation Authority held a press conference at the Leimert Park Station to celebrate the first station dedication of the Metro K

Line. The event brought together residents, students, businesses, commu-

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L.A. County Returns Bruce's Beach to Rightful Heirs of Charles and Willa Bruce

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The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously



Chair Holly Mitchell signs the deed to return the land back to the Bruce family heirs. At right is Supervisor Janice Hahn. Also looking on are County Supervisors Sheila Kuhl, Kathryn Barger and Hilda L. Solis and L.A. County staff members. (L.A. COUNTY PHOTO)

approved a motion from Chair Holly J. Mitchell and co-authored by Supervisor

Janice Hahn on June 28, that returns Bruce's Beach

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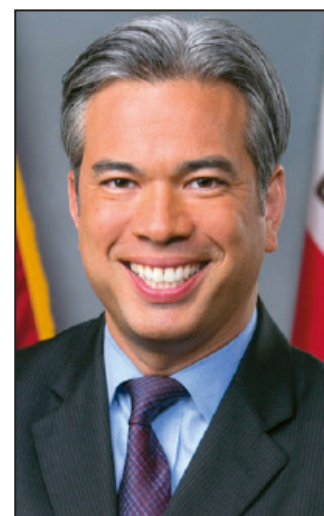
AG Rob Bonta Ruling Could Put Fate of District 10 Back In Courts Hands

SCLC-SC Lawsuit could leave the 10th District with "No Vote and No Voice" Once Again

BY DANNY J. BAKEWELL, JR.
Executive Editor

California Attorney General Rob Bonta has re-opened the possibility of a lawsuit filed by Mark Ridley-Thomas supporters to sue over the selection of Herb Wesson as a temporary member of the Los Angeles City Council, throwing the status of Los Angeles' 10th Council District back into question.

Bonta issued an opinion granting the court challenge by the Rev. William Smart



Atty. General Rob Bonta (COURTESY PHOTO)

of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Southern California (SCLC-SC) to Wesson's appointment. Pastor Smart, Joy Atkinson, Kwame Cooper and Harry McElroy (collectively known as the Registered Voters of District 10) have argued that Wesson is ineligible to serve as an interim replacement for Councilman Ridley-Thomas, who is fighting federal corruption charges and was suspended from

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Children's Institute Celebrates New Watts Campus with Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

BY SIMONE GRANT
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On Saturday, June 25, the Children's Institute invited the community out for a ribbon cutting ceremony for a day of celebration for their new Watts campus. Designed pro-bono by renowned architect Frank Gehry, the new CII Watts campus will provide an array of therapeutic services and free programs including workshops, individual and group counseling, socialization opportunities for Head Start families, employment support, Project Fatherhood and youth groups.

CII operates out of five main campuses, and offers programs in 32 locations. This new 20,000 square-foot campus is the 116-year-old nonprofit's first ever-purpose built home in the Watt's community.

President and CEO Martine Singer told the Sentinel that Frank Gehry would be at the top of anyone's wish list for an architect. She explained how CII is fortunate that Gelila Assefa Puck, a long-term trustee of CII and a friend of Frank's, approached him about the project.

"Gelila brought a long-term vision for how CII and a new center could impact

Singer said that they've already received a huge response prior to being offi-

of our Community Celebration on June 25 — this is a welcoming space for chil-

campus. Singer assures that CII will continue to ask for feedback and honor the

way of saying that we keep our commitments and we're here to stay. Besides this new campus, we have hubs in Long Beach and Echo Park," Singer highlighted.

Singer detailed how the central feature of the building is a huge atrium that is filled with light from clerestory windows at the top - emphasizing how it feels like a cathedral. She explained how there are a lot of geometric shapes, and how the building feels "playful and welcoming, yet uncluttered and adaptable to many different purposes."

"Since we are located across from single family houses, we were mindful of the need to fit into a quiet, residential setting, so the façade has lots of articulation and a variety of colors and materials that make it feel appropriately scaled," Singer added.

This new office space will hold 150 Children's Institute staff members allowing teams to manage the various programs for the community.

For more information on Children's Institute, visit: <https://www.childrensinstitute.org/>.



Frank Gehry and children from the community at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Children's Institute new Watts campus.

COURTESY PHOTO

Watts and the surrounding communities," Singer said. "The conversation had barely begun and Frank not only said 'yes' but also volunteered to design the campus pro bono."

Saturday's event included performances, an opportunity to explore the new campus, activities, food trucks, and more.

cially open. She detailed how neighbors, local nonprofits, elected officials, have all expressed interest in using the space for convenings, programming and other events.

"We have built a big tent, and we want the community to know that this is their place," she emphasized. "That's the message

dren, families and local organizations."

Singer expressed how the community dialogue began years ago when this project was first announced. "Watts Community Chats" have been held for over two years as a way to learn what type of programming the community would like at the new

needs and wishes of the community.

Children's Institute has been providing services for families since 2007. There are six Head Start centers in Watts which includes all the housing developments and 14 throughout South LA.

"Choosing the corner of 102nd and Success for this beautiful new site is our

Alzheimer's Association Reaches Out to Underserved Communities

BY JENNIFER BIHM
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As Alzheimer's Awareness Month comes to a

close, members of the California Southland Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association are urging African Americans and Latinos to get edu-

cated on the warning signs of Alzheimer's disease - something they say is critical in addressing the disparities in health care among

the two communities. They are also letting them know that staff and volunteers are available to help.

Carl V. Hill, Ph.D, MPH, who is the chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer for the organization, said the campaign is important because often, residents in underserved communities are diagnosed when it is too late to receive adequate care and support for both patients and caregivers.

Hill, a Morehouse College alum, said he developed a passion for social justice in healthcare there, where the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Civil Rights Era was rooted.

For Alzheimer's in particular, it was his work with the National Institute of Aging that shed light on the need for education among African Americans who make up almost 20 percent (compared to 14% of Hispanic adults age 65 and older and 10% of White older adults.)

This higher risk, or incidence, of Alzheimer's and other dementias, according to the group's website, "appears to stem from variations in medical conditions, health-related behaviors and socioeconomic risk factors across racial groups."

"Chronic health conditions associated with higher dementia risk, such as cardiovascular disease and diabetes, disproportionately affect Black and Hispanic populations. Social and environmental disparities including lower levels and quality of education, higher rates of poverty, and greater exposure to adversity and discrimination increase risk for these chronic conditions and risk for dementia in Black and Hispanic populations."

"Research also suggests that structural racism may also play a role. Structural racism pervades many aspects of life that may directly or indirectly alter dementia risk. Structural racism influences environmental factors such as where

people can live, the quality of schools in their communities, and exposure to

and other factors that can help with reducing risks," said Hill.



Dr. Carl V. Hill, chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer for the Alzheimer's Association.

harmful toxins and pollutants. It also influences access to quality health care, employment prospects, occupational safety, the ability to pass wealth to subsequent generations, treatment by the legal system and exposure to violence..."

"Knowing the warning signs is key," Hill said. There are 10 in particular, he said, that especially those with a family history of the disease should look for:

1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life
2. Challenges in planning or solving problems
3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks
4. Confusion with time or place
5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships
6. New problems with words in speaking or writing
7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps
8. Decreased or poor judgment
9. Withdrawal from work or social activities
10. Changes in mood and personality

"We want people to engage with our chapter to learn of the latest research

Currently, the organization, he said, is really "honing in on the types of physical activity and diet can help."

"We're investigating the very important parts of lifestyle," Hill, who advocates for a whole foods diet high in fiber low in saturated fat, told the Sentinel.

Knowledge is also important for caregivers, Hill said. According to the Association:

When compared with White caregivers, Black caregivers are more likely to provide more than 40 hours of care per week (54.3% versus 38.6%) and are also more likely to care for someone with dementia (31.7% versus 11.9%).

Hispanic, Black and Asian American dementia caregivers indicate greater care demands, less outside help/formal service use and greater depression compared with White caregivers. Black dementia caregivers were found to be 69% less likely than White caregivers to use respite services.

"We want to make sure that these groups receive resources in an equitable way," Hill said.



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McDonald's USA Teams Up with Marcus Graham Project to Provide Opportunities for Aspiring Marketing Professionals of Color

The iCR8™ is Addressing Industry Disparities While Uplifting the Next Generation of Diverse Marketing

BY DEVYN BAKEWELL
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During the beginning of June, McDonald's USA teamed up with the fifteen-year-old non-profit organization Marcus Garvey Project (MGP) to host their summer 2022 iCR8™ Bootcamp.

Black professionals only make up about 5% of the marketing industry in the United States—the lowest compared to those of other ethnicities. This inequality only emphasizes the need for more inclusivity and diverse talent across the marketing industry.

MGP's organization has spent years dedicating themselves to diversifying the talent pipeline within the marketing and media industries. In this Bootcamp, the non-profit with McDonald's hosted twelve future marketers to work an integrated team to impact real-life marketing campaigns for the company.

Participants received training, mentorship, and even internship opportunities with two of McDonald's marketing and PR agencies to help strengthen the pursuit

of careers within fields of marketing and media.

This is the second year MGP is hosting their Bootcamp in Los Angeles. The Bootcamp is an eleven-week program, designed to help accelerate opportunities for passionate, rising leaders of color to grow and learn no matter where they are in their career path.

"As a person of color, MGP's continued education in real-time experiential workshops is the tangible value that is needed to get [people] further, faster." Said Clayton A Pasley Jr., iCR8 Program Director, "Their ecosystem provides a community with a deeper purpose that's full of knowledge, experience, hope, faith, and trust."

Pasley continued with, "I embarked on my preparation almost 8 years ago, and those twelve weeks have affected the way I express myself today. The ROI on the impact of MGP can't be calculated because the return is still giving."

MGP's partnership with McDonald's marks the debut of the non-profit working with a quick-service organi-

zation. The iCR8™ Bootcamp is an immersive experience with participants operating a pop-up agency delivering tangible marketing and communication outputs to McDonald's.

Bootcamp participants



were also given exclusive access to McDonald's senior executives and partner agency staff who provided guidance and mentorship as they worked through the process of developing their marketing campaigns.

"As we celebrate our fifteen-year anniversary, we're

crystal clear about how lives and career paths can drastically change when immersed in real-world learning. This is why we're honored to work with McDonald's to provide Bootcamp participants with invaluable insider knowl-

edge and experience they can use in careers in marketing and media," said Lincoln Stephens, Co-Founder and Chairman of the Marcus Graham Project.

Both, recent college graduates and experienced individuals looking to make transitions into the marketing

and media industry were welcomed to attend.

Isaiah Belvin, MGP Bootcamp participant from New Jersey, shared that "in dealing with imposter syndrome, I struggle with giving myself grace. However, in these last few weeks of the iCR8 bootcamp, I have finally allowed myself to see the potential in myself that others close to have already seen. This Bootcamp gives me the reassurance that I belong in the marketing industry as a Black professional gamechanger."

To conclude Bootcamp, McDonald's will be hosting the participants at its corporate headquarters in Chicago.

Cohorts will tour the headquarters and Hamburger University, enjoy menu items from their Global restaurant and test kitchen, network with staff, as well as present their work to executives.

This partnership with Marcus Graham Project is just one of the ways McDonald's has worked to create opportunities for advancement in diverse communities, and it doesn't stop here. The brand is committed to

feeding and fostering the communities it serves, providing scholarships for HBCU students, education and mental health resources for Asian American students, and has provided Hispanic students with scholarships for 30+ years.

The company has many other initiatives centered around educational opportunity and financial equity. For more information visit: <https://www.mcdonalds.com/us/en-us/community.html>. On their website, you can also see the pledge McDonald's has made as a community to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

For more information about the iCR9™ Bootcamp, visit [marcusgraham-project.org](https://www.mcdonalds.com/us/en-us/community.html).

"I've gained so much insight from my first three weeks with MGP. The workshops and client projects helped reestablish my confidence as a black professional by building my life, network, and career trajectory. I'm just getting started and excited from my next chapter." – Sonny Mercer, Strategist from Cleveland, OH.

The Painted Lady LA: Grand Opening of Black-Woman Owned Tattoo Shop

BY BETTI HALSELL
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The Painted Lady LA is a Black woman-owned business, The Los Angeles Sentinel had an exclusive interview with founder and owner Autumn Armstrong before the grand opening.

The Painted Lady is set up in Silverlake, located at 4220 W. Sunset Blvd. in Los Angeles. Armstrong reflected on her expansion, she stated, "Leaving my first shop almost felt like leaving an old friend behind. It was bittersweet. We didn't expect to have to find a new location 6 months after our grand opening, but God works in mysterious ways." Her former location was located on Venice Blvd.

Armstrong continued, "Our new location in Silverlake is bigger, better, and starting to feel like home. We're so excited to be a part of the community and share our art and our message of inclusivity in the tattoo industry."

The seeds of The Painted Lady LA were planted almost 12 years ago. In considering the beginning of her journey, the founder of The Painted Lady LA said, "When I first started tattoo-

ing over 12 years ago, I realized tattoo shops weren't really a female-friendly environment."

Armstrong continued, "There was also a lack of customer service, which seems insane to me. Over the span of my career, I've helped other shop owners make their shop work better and create a more welcoming environment."

It was only a matter of time before she saw her transformative gifts within herself, "I had been working on the business plan for my shop for years, so once the right location was available, I could jump on it. The COVID pandemic was that final push for me to finally break out on my own."

Armstrong created a space that would build loyal clients. She stated, "At The Painted Lady LA, we want our clients to keep coming back. Not only are we an all-female staff tattoo shop, but all our tattoo artists also have solid backgrounds in art, we give certificates to first-time tattoo collectors, and offer fully detailed after-care kits."

The founder of The Painted Lady LA admitted to being afraid of needles until she was diagnosed with

juvenile diabetes also known as type 1 diabetes.

Armstrong elaborated



The Painted Lady LA is a Black woman-owned business.

on her challenge in overcoming needles through her new lifestyle, she stated, "At 15, I was diagnosed type 1 diabetic (juvenile diabetes). I had to get over my fear quickly, injecting myself multiple times a day. Eventually, I started hanging out in tattoo shops; I think the industry always fascinated me. There's something very sacred about a practice that

has been around for centuries. The permanence and commitment, it's something

to admire."

Armstrong shared that she has been an artist for as long as she could remember. "I had been painting and drawing my whole life, tattooing just seemed like the best way to create and still be able to make a livable wage. I'm fortunate enough to give that opportunity to other female artists in an industry that doesn't want us

here," she said.

Her inspiration came from women who are tattoo pioneers. She stated, "I was inspired by female tattoo artists like Tatu Baby and Kat von D - feminine, talented, and badass."

Armstrong continued, "I didn't know women like me had a place in this mostly male field until I saw them. Being a queer Black woman, I think I bring something completely new and refreshing to the game."

As a Black woman tattoo artist, Armstrong faced a lot of energy that tried to snuff out her dreams. The owner of The Painted Lady stated, "I remember when I told my tattoo artist I wanted to learn to tattoo, he promptly told me not to waste my time. That one statement has kept me going through my career, because why not me?"

When pursuing the goal of her tattoo shop, she had to maneuver past many obstacles. This included finding the right location, staff, marketing, and funding. "It took time to find the right place, but I found that standing my ground and negotiating my terms got me into the right location. The best advice I got about finding a store-



The Los Angeles Sentinel had an exclusive interview with founder and owner Autumn Armstrong before the grand opening.

front is not to settle. You want to feel proud of your space; you have to see the vision of what could be before anything is there," Armstrong said.

The founder of The Painted Lady credited her success to her team and the new levels she had to climb as a leader. Armstrong stated, "My current team is incredible, but I've had to make some decisions as a boss that I didn't think would arise. I had to learn to set good boundaries so that everyone feels respected."

Armstrong shared the latest updates on the new location, she stated, "Our art gallery is open, and we're taking appointments for private tours until our grand opening in August!"

For more information go to <https://thepaintedladyla.com>.

CBCC Opens Resource Center in Inglewood

BY JENNIFER BIHM
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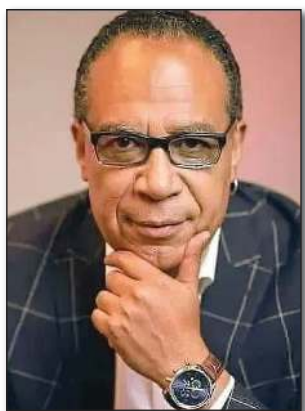
California Black Chamber of Commerce officials announced their expansion to Inglewood with the grand opening of a new resource center in the city on June 24.

"We aim to use our reach and our resources to help African American small business owners [to grow and thrive]," said CBCC President and CEO Jay King.

"A large number of African American small business owners are sole proprietors. So, just having access to a place where they can organize themselves, gather information becomes very important. Even down to needing access to a computer and a way to print

things that you need."

CBCC Foundation Inc. was created in 1998 "as a



CALIFORNIA BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Jay King, CBCC president and CEO

public charity dedicated to education, training, community growth, and youth entrepreneurial development," according to officials of the organization.

"The Foundation has formed unique and viable partnerships with many private corporations... Since its inception, the Foundation has granted in excess of \$200,000 to local chambers and community based organizations across the state."

King said he chose Inglewood because of the progressive nature of the city.

"Inglewood is a center point, with the new stadium and it being near the (LAX) airport," King said.

The center will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. "The California Black Chamber of Commerce Foundation is pleased with the growth and alliances created by its organization," say Chamber officials.

"While realizing there is still much work to be done. We continue to address the issues that affect small business survivability, growth and the multiple effects of community development."

"Today, the California Black Chamber of Commerce is committed to being a resource for local and statewide communities. Our mission starts with educating local and statewide communities of the importance of financial literacy. Through financial literacy we can build small businesses with strategic coalitions and plug into the mainframe of the American capitalistic system to create a new paradigm for Sole Proprietorship."

King, who is a Grammy Award winning singer and

music industry exec, was elected to head up the CBCC in 2019, right before the COVID 19 pandemic hit.



CALIFORNIA BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Stephanie Beard, director of operations for the Inglewood office

CBCC members at the time said they were "extremely concerned about the after-

math of COVID-19 which immobilized and shut down businesses around the world."

King has worked as an advocate for African American small business owners, adding to his workload positions that include sitting on the Caltrans Small Business Council as the Chairman of the African American DBE Participation Committee for the California Department of Transportation, as well holding seats on the Small Business Council for the Department of General Services (DGS) and the California High Speed Rail.

For more information about the Inglewood Center visit calbcc.org or email Stephanie_Beard@calbcc.org

Raphael Henderson Sworn in as Board Chairman of Pasadena Chamber of Commerce

BY DANNY J. BAKEWELL, JR.
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Wells Fargo Banking Executive Raphael Henderson was sworn in as the incoming chairman of the board for the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce, along with three other new board members, on Friday, June 24.

In addition to Henderson, Mike Antennesse of Foothill Unity Center, Lynelle Bryant of Masbuild, Inc., and John Burt of Intelligent Leadership Executive Coaching were sworn in as new members of the board of directors.

Both Chamber of Commerce and community members celebrated Henderson's installation before an audience of about 200 in the Vienesse Ballroom of the historic Langham Hotel in Pasadena. Business and political leaders filled the ballroom including State Senator Anthony Portantino, Pasadena Mayor Victor

Gordo, Pasadena Councilmember Felicia Williams, former Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard and Interim Pasadena City Manager Cynthia Kurtz.

Other civic and business leaders included real estate developer Andrew Oliver, Tournament of Roses Executive Board Members Ed Morales and Craig Washington, YWCA-GLA Vice President Cynthia Mitchell Heard, and USC Vice President of Diversity Michelle Turner and her husband, Dr. Todd Turner, as well as his good friend, Pasadena Outlook Publisher Charlie Plowman.

Henderson also acknowledged his fraternity brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity who were in attendance as well as the members of the USC Black Alumni Association and his brothers from Gamma Zeta Boule who were also on hand to witness Henderson's installation.

Visibly overwhelmed by

the amount of support he received in celebrating his installation as chairman,



COURTESY PHOTO
Raphael Henderson

Henderson delivered a heartfelt speech expressing appreciation for his wife, Tyra Henderson, and his two sons, Christian and Connor.

But, the biggest ovation of the night came when he acknowledged the presence of his 90-year-old father, who also attended the celebration. Following the

recognition of his family and friends, Henderson highlighted the incredible work of Pasadena Chamber President Paul Little and the chamber staff, who he said worked overtime to support all of the local businesses that were greatly affected over the past two-and-one-half years by the COVID pandemic.

"What sets us apart, even in a socially distanced and quarantined world, is the one-on-one service the Chamber staff has provided," Henderson said. "Members and businesses, large and small, found the Chamber to be the resource they needed."

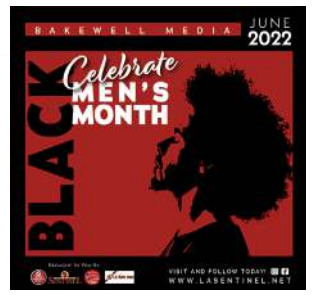
He also noted the Chamber's efforts to diversify the membership and the Board. "The minority business initiative that we established with the Pasadena Chamber Foundation with significant funding from Chamber member Essence has helped us expand our membership among underserved com-

munities in the greater Pasadena area. We are seeing membership growth as a result."

Henderson also noted the great diversity that the new chamber board represents. He pointed out that the current make-up of the board is comprised of Black, Hispanic, Asian Pacific Islanders and women members.

"That is more than half of the Chamber Board of Directors," he said. "46% of our board is female. 30% are Black, Hispanic, Asian American or Pacific Islanders." Also, Henderson swore in the new and returning Pasadena Chamber Board members.

The evening also included the presentation of several scholarships for students transferring from community college to a four-year college or university. Two of the scholarship awardees were former foster youth, who each received \$2,500 scholarships from the



Pasadena Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

An additional \$1,000 scholarship was presented to Jesse Aguiar from The Law Offices of Lewis Roca, a Pasadena Chamber member. Former Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard also presented two scholarships to Jasmine Brown and Jonathan Tirado.

The Langham Huntington Hotel, Pasadena and the Pasadena Community Foundation were recognized for their longstanding commitment to the Pasadena community and significant contribution to the economic health and well-being of Pasadena.

The program included a special presentation to Darryl Dunn, retiring general manager and chief executive officer of the Rose Bowl.

Dr. Ronald Simmons Transforms Lives of Those Affected by Drug and Alcohol Addiction

BY DENISE J. GIBBS
Contributing Writer

Dr. Ronald Simmons, co-founder, and executive director of "Free N One," a nationally recognized faith-based drug and alcohol program, is transforming the lives of individuals and families affected by the disease of addiction. Free N One stands for "Free from drugs and alcohol, and one with Christ."

Born and raised on the streets of Los Angeles, Simmons knows that it was his praying family that covered him while he participated in gangs, sold drugs, and maintained an \$800-a-day crack cocaine habit. Clean and sober for the past 41 years, he dedicates his life to being of service to others, asserting, "God could take nothing and turn it into something, just by being of service to

God's people." And that is just what he has been doing just since his own recovery.



COURTESY PHOTO
Dr. Ronald Simmons

In 1985, Simmons co-founded "Free N One" with his wife of 37 years, Yolanda Yvette Young-Simmons. Free N One specializes in training churches and organizations to conduct success-

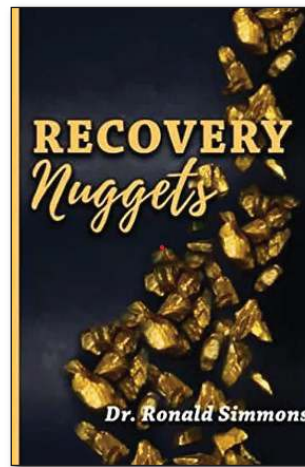
ful faith-based drug and alcohol recovery programs. Simmons points out the importance of the 12 steps program, and how this vital program started in the church.

Dr. Ron is an author, public speaker, ordained minister, husband, father, and grandfather who is uniquely qualified to help individuals and families affected by addictions.

Simmons is the author of "Recovery Nuggets," which is his fourth book about recovery. "Recovery Nuggets" is a collection of unique quotes that take recovery to the next level by challenging each reader to examine themselves and their own walk through the process of recovery.

He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian Counseling from Central Christian University in Lex-

ington, North Carolina, and a Certificate in Alcohol and Drug Abuse Studies and Counseling from UCLA. In 1992, Dr. Ron received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity



COURTESY PHOTO
"Recovery Nuggets" the latest book by Dr. Ronald Simpson

degree from the California School of Divinity (Los Angeles, California). In 2006, he received an Hon-

orary Doctorate degree in Theology from Next Dimension University.

Dr. Simmons is an ordained elder and a long-time member of West Angeles Church of God in Christ led by Presiding Bishop Emeritus, Charles E. Blake, Sr., and Co-Pastor Charles E. Blake, II. He currently oversees the Drug and Alcohol department for West Angeles COGIC.

His past positions include serving for over 15 years as the executive director of Transition House (T-House), a men's rehabilitation and residential recovery program, which was the first of its kind, sponsored by the First Jurisdiction of Southern California, COGIC. Also, he served on the staff at Palms Residential Care HIV Facility, taught four years at a UCLA Extension Program and



counseled dual-diagnosed incarcerated women at the Los Angeles County Century Regional Detention Facility.

Dr. Ron stated, "The main problem in working with addicts and alcoholics, is the family members. When the family members refuse to learn how to effectively help their loved ones, they often cause more harm than good."

Simmons continued, "It's just like the Bible says, 'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge,' as written in Hosea 4:6."

To learn more, visit www.free-n-one.org or call (323) -855-4695; Email: freeneone@msn.com.

NNPA and Transformative Justice Coalition Announce National GOTV Campaign Targeting 10 Million More Black Voters

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National Correspondent

Ahead of the all-important 2022 midterm elections, reports show that more than 55 million Americans remain unregistered to vote – and about 10 million are African Americans who are eligible to vote but who are unregistered.

Whether the reason is because of apathy, suppression, or other means, the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and the Transformative Justice Coalition seek to get to the bottom of why, with so much at stake, voter registration and GOTV mobilization remain lacking notably among Black Americans across the nation.

During the national convention marking the 195th-anniversary celebration of the Black Press of America in New Orleans, leaders of both organizations announced a get-out-to-vote campaign aimed at registering and mobilizing GOTV for 10 million more African Americans to vote in time for the 2022 midterms.

"The NNPA has talked about the vote, and there is no better time for us to show our power," NNPA Chair Karen Carter Richards stated during the announcement

at the national convention in the Big Easy.

"Let us take the lead and not be on the tail-end so we can show the present-day power of the Black Press,"



NNPA
Dr. Benjamin Chavis and NNPA board members announce a nationwide voter registration campaign.

continued Richards, who publishes the Houston Forward Times.

"This is a great opportunity for us; we've got to make this happen." Attorney Barbara Arnwine, the founder, and president of the Transformative Justice Coalition, and her board chair and fellow lawyer Daryl Jones, told a captivated panel that their organization had recorded 72 voter suppression tactics to prevent a large population from casting ballots.

Among them are strict voter laws in many Republican-led states, deceptive practices like robocalls; early voting cuts; and voter intimidation.

"Black voters did our

share in 2020," Arnwine remarked.

"Ninety-three percent of all eligible Black voters registered in Georgia. Yet, in the 2021 Georgia Senate run-off,

93 percent of all registered Black voters turned out. That's why people don't understand where the real power is."

Along with NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., Richards, NNPA Executive Board members Janis Ware, Fran Farrer, Cheryl Smith, and Jackie Hampton, Arnwine and Jones announced that the groups would utilize a multivehicle "voter-cade" to get out the vote.

They said individuals riding in new and COVID-safe tour buses would hit swing states ahead of the November elections to register and mobilize GOTV for 10 million new Black voters.

Chavis said artists from

Roc Nation, the company run by hip-hop magnate and business mogul Jay-Z, would accompany the voter-cade in some cities.

Music superstar

Stephanie Mills also pledged to "get on the bus with the Black Press and the Transformative Justice Coalition."

Chavis said he's convinced other celebrities will also join the national GOTV campaign.

"The first form of voter suppression is self-suppression," Dr. Chavis asserted.

"This last primary election showed that some of us were keeping ourselves from voting. There are 55 million unregistered Americans eligible to vote, and 10 million are African Americans," Chavis continued.

"What if those 10 million were registered? We wouldn't have worried about Donald Trump or the craziness of

what the U.S. Supreme Court is doing now. Elections have consequences. The overturned Roe v. Wade, the overturned gun laws – are consequences of elections."

With more than 235 African American-owned newspapers and media companies serving as members, the NNPA represents the Black Press of America.

The Transformative Justice Coalition's mission includes the systematic change that achieves racial justice, gender, economic and social justice, and human rights through public education and engagement initiatives that attend equally to hearts and minds as well as the social systems and structure in which they exist.

Further, the coalition dedicates itself to informed civic engagement and equal voting rights for everyone.

They use a voting rights map of shame to inform the public of threats to America's democracy, how to protect their voting rights, and steps to take to ensure the ability to cast a ballot and make sure it's counted.

The organization also seeks the restoration of voting rights for ex-felons.

"[Anti-voting rights organizations and individuals] have trained 10,000 peo-

ple to be poll disruptors to go to only Black polling sites," Arnwine declared.

"They're not sending them to white polling sites, and if you watched the [Jan. 6] hearings, this is a concentrated effort to disempower Black voters," she stated.

According to Davis, more than 18 million people are eligible to vote but don't know it.

"They are the felony disenfranchised," Davis insisted.

"They are confused. It's intentionally done in various states. For example, in some states, you never lose your right to vote, and in some states, you can run for office if you're incarcerated," he explained.

The voter-cade would help educate voters and explain what's legal, among other things. "We're calling on all 235 NNPA members," Dr. Chavis encouraged.

"That call and response from our brothers and sisters are vital. It's movement time, it is time Get-Out-The-Vote" he declared further.

"With the Transformative Justice Coalition, the NNPA will help move our people forward to get out this vote. In 2022, we will make the critical difference in the midterm elections in terms of increasing Black voter participation throughout the country."

Author Devyn Bakewell Continues College Love Story with Sequel, ‘Greater Life’

BY SIMONE GRANT
Contributing Writer

“Greater Life” is the second novel and the sequel to Howard alumni and author Devyn Bakewell’s debut novel, “Greater Love.” The sequel continues the life and love story between Ryan McKnight and Devyn Baker, two college students who attend Truth University, an HBCU in New York.

In “Greater Love,” we are introduced to Ryan, a recent high school graduate from Los Angeles who leaves her hometown, friends, and family behind to achieve her dreams in New York. She left home on a bad note and wanted to leave everything behind her – that is – until she meets Devyn.

Both Ryan and Devyn are from a poor neighborhood in Los Angeles and attended the same high school, though they never crossed paths. Ryan is smart, quiet, and shy and kept mainly to herself throughout high school, while Devyn played football and was very popular. Coincidentally or through fate, the two ended up attending the same HBCU.

Ryan becomes Devyn’s tutor, because he did not have good grades. Devyn represents an imagery from

her past – a past she tried to leave behind her. Ryan was going through a lot and needed to heal, but she also wanted to dive into the college experience and Devyn knew that. He was able to assist in her healing and become that person Ryan was able to lean on while bringing the softness to Ryan’s life.

Though he had his own burdens of the past with a mother who spent years away due to a drug addiction, he was able to be that crutch Ryan needed to heal. Their hometown was a bad place for Ryan, but he also helped her realize that there are good parts to where she came from.

He is a reminder that we can’t run from our past. The things we try to run from, are the exact things we need to heal from.

“Greater Life” continues Ryan and Devyn’s love story as they end their freshman year of college. Ryan is offered an internship in New York, while Devyn goes back home to his mother, after returning from not being in his life for years.

Bakewell wanted to write the second story because she felt that while the two characters had a great love story they were both really young and didn’t have a lot of self-growth. Bakewell ex-

plained how the two characters have a great relationship, and the story is about a girl who was “lost in the shadows” and “lost in her own life.” She felt like Ryan and Devyn needed to grow individually and didn’t want to leave her book with someone who is lost.

“I felt like she had too many goals that weren’t put into action because of the things that were happening in the first book, so I wanted to make that happen and end their story on a better note,” Bakewell said.

Bakewell realized she wanted to be a writer in the first or second grade. She explained how she really didn’t like to read or write, but was trying to get into books and wasn’t finding books that identified with her, being an African American child. She would always wonder why she couldn’t find any books about little Black girls on the beach or falling in love.

“I really would always think about how to make other people’s books better, and then I just kind of started doing it,” she emphasized. “It was the first thing I really liked to do - like my first hobby.”

“Greater Love” was written during Bakewell’s free time in her freshman year of college at Howard

University. She calls it “her therapy” and explained how she was going through things in

love experiences, it is definitely an ode to Bakewell’s college experience and moving to a new state.

through my first year at Howard, so it was kind of that, and turned into a story of its own,” she detailed.

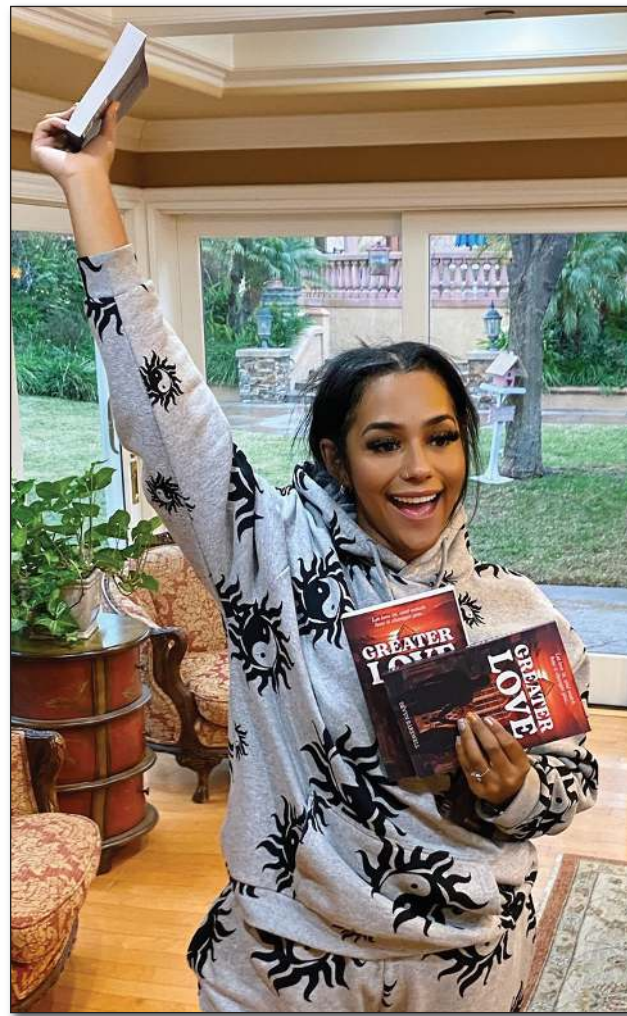
Though one of the main characters, Devyn, share the same first name as Bakewell, she explained how the novels are not based on a love relationship she had in college, but the growth she went through and lessons she learned.

Like the characters in her books, Bakewell also went to Howard University, an HBCU. She said that reflecting on her characters is like reflecting on herself. She graduated from Howard in 2021 where she majored in English and creative writing, minored in African American studies.

Bakewell told the Sentinel that “Greater Life” is the final installment to Ryan and Devyn’s story, but not the end of her journey as an author.

“Greater Life” and “Greater Love” are both available on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/Greater-Life-Because-Love-Book-Club-Books/dp/B0B3FFDG4G>, <https://www.amazon.com/Greater-Love-Let-Watch-Changes/dp/1636765408>

Both books are also available on iTunes and at Barnes and Noble.



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Bakewell realized her passion for writing at a very young age. “Greater Life” is the sequel to her debut novel “Greater Love” – available everywhere.”

school.

She had the plot stuck in her head, and began writing. While the book is not based off any personal

“I just kind of started writing like my story, about a girl from Los Angeles who moves to the East Coast and I was going

Richardson Offers Tips On Diffusing Situations with Law Enforcement

BY RODD A. AMOS
Contributing Writer

According to the Public Policy Institute of California (ppic.org), Black



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Lenay Richardson

motorists are 20 percent more likely to be stopped by law enforcement as white motorists.

Conflict Management and Dispute Resolution expert Lenay Richardson sat down with the Los Angeles Sentinel to share practical tools and strategies to diffuse negative situations with law enforcement.

L.A. Sentinel: You have a saying: “In order to prevent conflict, you need to know how to deal with conflict.”

Lenay Richardson: Conflict is based in fear of the unknown. So if you can manage your fear and get to a position of calmness and rational thinking, then that is 90 percent of conflict management. Remember, police officers just want to do their job and return home to their families.

LAS: So using empa-

thy with the police means trying to see things from their perspective, and that may de-escalate a potential conflict or unnecessary aggression.

and stereotyping?

LR: The main strategy is to center yourself. You want to be calm when an officer approaches you, so you in turn want to be approachable. [Next], you want to submit yourself [to

authority]. Watch your tone of voice and follow their instructions. Be quiet. Simply let the officer speak. Comply with his protocol. The less you say, the better. In doing so, you’ll diffuse a lot of that negativity in his

mind. Like I tell my son, ‘It’s better to be a live chicken than a dead duck.’

LAS: How can the South Los Angeles community connect with you?

LR: I recently graduated from Pepperdine Uni-

versity with a dual degree in Dispute Resolution and Legal Studies, and I volunteer with Centinela Youth Services in Inglewood. This fall, I start law school. Catch me while you can at lenay42@live.com.



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Kinecta Federal Credit Union Celebrates Black-Owned Businesses

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

As part of its Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Council activities, Kinecta Federal Credit Union, a leading financial services provider in the South Bay, celebrated Black-owned businesses by partnering with the Spicy Green Book organization for its second Manhattan Beach Food Market.

The event was held in the parking lot of Kinecta's headquarters and branch in Manhattan Beach, located at 1440 Rosecrans Ave., on June 11, from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"At Kinecta, we are committed to partnerships and activities that celebrate our diverse communities



Many people participated in the Manhattan Beach Food Market.

and population," said Kim Graham, vice president, Human Resources and Talent Development at Kinecta.

"It's an honor to partner with Spicy Green Book for the second consecutive year to help support Black-

owned businesses."

Spicy Green Book founder Danilo Batson established the Spicy Green Book organization in 2020 to foster an "intentional economy" where consumers make purposeful

decisions on where and how they spend their money. With the concept of Eating with Intention, it enables people to enjoy fantastic food while using their buying power to create a more equitable society.

Launched in 2020, Kinecta's DEI Council supports employee resource groups, which are based on similar interests, identities

underrepresented, allowing employees to network and socialize, as well as work on their professional development.



Attendees enjoyed the array of cuisine at the weekend event.

and life experiences, such as race, gender, and sexuality. These groups raise awareness and give a voice to the

To learn more about Kinecta's DEI programs and activities, visit <https://www.kinecta.org/dei>.

Staying in the Black: Millionaires in Training

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

After dropping 30% during the pandemic, Black businesses are making a comeback. A recent study from the University of California, Santa Cruz cited the number of Black small-business owners rose 28% higher in the third quarter of 2021 in comparison to pre-pandemic times.

To capitalize on this momentum, a cohort of local organizations organized a workshop series to show small business how to retain, maintain and grow into multi-million dollar entities through contracting.

"Staying in the Black" is a small business workshop series presented by City National Bank, Vermont Slauson Economic Devel-

opment Corporation, Community Build, Inc. and Crenshaw Chamber of Commerce. The first workshop was held at VSEDC on June 17.

"Our objective was to help some of our small local businesses graduate to the next level by providing them with vital resources," City National Bank Vice President of Community Development Brian Grant said. "Taking advantage of contract opportunities that are coming down the pipeline is how we're going to build millionaires in our community."

The organizers were experts in the field of non-profit management, commercial bank lending, Small Business Administration (SBA) lending, commercial

development financial institution (CDFI) lending, contract opportunities, small business minority certification and intellectual property.

Community Build, Inc. President Robert Sausedo shared insight on how in the span of 18 months, he doubled the growth of the South Los Angeles legacy non-profit during the pandemic by monitoring business trends.

"Almost every day in the Wall Street Journal, there is a multi-million dollar transaction. I have my staff track who's getting bought by whom, what industry and if there are any regulatory requirements for more them to reinvest in community," Sausedo said. "That's who we're going to target. Simple trend. Those

are the kinds of things you need to be looking at."

City National Bank is

will you use the money for and most importantly, how can you demonstrate that

everything, anything you can think of."

Rolfé said most of the



Robert Sausedo of Community Build speaks during the workshop for small businesses.

one of the top three SBA lenders in the country and number one in California. In his 30 year career in banking, Grant was often provided services to Black doctors and other high net worth individuals and businesses. He said some of them wanted to expand their business but their financial statements did not show enough profit to qualify for a loan.

"People don't want to show a profit and pay taxes, but if you don't show a profit, how are you going to grow your business?" said Grant. "A person with that mentality is destined to stay at a certain level. At the end of the day, the goal is to be profitable."

City National Bank SBA Loan Specialist Mark Morales reviewed the three questions every business owner must sufficiently answer in order to qualify for a loan - How much money do you need; what

you can pay the money back including interest. The answer to these questions will determine the type of loan that best fits a business owners requirements.

"SBA loans are funded by your tax dollars and you should take advantage of that," Morales said. "It's all about leveraging your resources to take you to the next level."

Kimberly Rolfe, Director at the Southern California Virtual Business Center has been teaching business owners about personal finance and contracting for over fifteen years. Rolfe said every business is only one contract away from becoming a million dollar enterprise.

"There is a trillion dollars in corporate and government contracts. If you are not at that table, you are missing out on something," said Rolfe. "There is so much money out there. There's opportunities for

time small businesses will work with a corporation's supplier diversity professional to access the appropriate contract. A website and capability statement should show demonstrate how a business' product and services are the solution to need of the prospective client.

Simply Beautiful Floral Design owner Barbara Johnson was invigorated by all the information provided in the workshop.

"I came away with a business strategy on how to effectively procure the money that is out there to become the next millionaire," Johnson said. "I already have in mind that I want to make \$50 million. Nothing less. Maybe I'm limiting myself. Maybe I should make it \$100 million. It's possible."

For information on future Staying in the Black workshops, visit [VSEDC.org](https://www.vsedc.org).

California Hawaii State NAACP Honors Maxine Waters

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

The California Hawaii State Conference NAACP hosted its 10th Annual Legacy Hall of Fame Ceremony at the California African American Museum in Los Angeles on June 25, honoring Congresswoman Maxine Waters.

The Legacy Hall of Fame allows the CA/HI NAACP to honor outstanding community leaders who have fought tirelessly to advance the civil rights movement and creates funding for local unit capacity building, youth leadership programs and NextGen Leadership programs and initiatives.

This year's ceremony brought together NAACP members, corporate partners, supporters and future



Rep. Maxine Waters accepts the NAACP Legacy Hall of Fame Award from Rick Callender.

leaders of the Youth & College Division.

"When we have people who are warriors in furthering the principles of the NAACP for their entire career, it's incumbent we recognize and applaud them," said Rick Callender, president of the CA/HI NAACP. "When the

NAACP is working alongside elected warriors, we are a force to be reckoned with."

The CA/HI NAACP is currently in negotiations to have their Legacy Hall of Fame awardees curated into a display and placed into several statewide museums in the coming year.

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Pasadena School Board Approves Recommendations to Reduce Suspensions for Black Students

Sentinel News Service

At the Board of Education meeting on June 23, the Pasadena Unified

The AAPC moved swiftly to assemble a broad coalition of parents, educators, students, administrators, district leadership and

included only allowing out-of-school suspensions in grades Transitional Kindergarten (TK) - 5th grade in incidents where violence

practices and increase the instructional time that Black students spend in classrooms learning.

The Pasadena School Board also adopted a motion to accept the Task Force's recommendations for additional staffing and district wide training resources that will begin in the 2022-23 school year.

The Task Force's recommendations will be codified in the District's board policies and administrative regulations in August and

ing for all kinds of groups in the community and all kinds of groups in society, but for Black students in public education, things have remained largely the same," said Pasadena School Board Member Michelle Richardson-Bailey.

"We would be doing our students an injustice if we didn't get every single able-bodied employee, board member, staff person, parent to come alongside us with this and support

disciplinary measures. While suspensions have declined over time, disproportionality remains," said Nia Bailey, president of the African American Parent Council.

"We will make our case for policy changes for the upcoming school year, beginning with students TK-5th grade, where disproportionality is highest. Suspensions are not harmless and can result in feelings of isolation, disengagement, frustration, and



Nia Bailey, AAPC president



John Lynch, AAPC

School District (PUSD) unanimously accepted a series of recommendations from the Black Student Success (BSS) Task Force to address school discipline practices that were disproportionately affecting Black students most acutely in elementary schools.

The African American Parent Council (AAPC) established the Black Student Success Task Force at the advice of Superintendent Dr. Brian McDonald after raising the issue of high rates of Black elementary school suspensions in a meeting earlier this spring.

community stakeholders to participate in this endeavor. Over the last 10 weeks, the newly formed task force met to analyze data, review current district practices, assess available district resources and develop recommendations on policy change as well as identify needed staffing, training and services to mitigate the disproportionality that currently exists. The BSS Task Force was facilitated by Patrice Marshall McKenzie, a local educator, community advocate and PUSD alumna.

The recommendations accepted by the Board

results in injury or incidents that lead to mandatory expulsion, in accordance with the California Educational Code section 48915 (c).

Additionally, the recommendation also included limiting out-of-school suspensions to not more than two (2) days and provide restorative intervention and practices to students to facilitate a comprehensive return to campus experience. The primary objective of the Black

Student Success Task Force was to provide recommendations to reduce the exposure of Black students to harsh discipline



Task force members address the school board.

implemented for the start of the next academic year. The Board will also receive quarterly updates on suspension data as one of the progress monitoring mechanisms of the change in policy.

"All of these years for decades, things keep chang-

change for our Black students."

"The AAPC, District, administrators, teachers, PUSD families, students, and community partners engaged in these thoughtful endeavors in response to persistent overrepresentation of Black children in

difficulty socially and academically. We all want schools that are safe and conducive to learning. The complication lies in how we achieve that. We will disrupt persistent disproportionality in suspensions and keep our kids in the classroom where they belong."

UCLA Fielding School of Public Health Professor and Grad Student Recognized

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

A professor at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health has been honored with a lifetime achievement award for her dedication to women's health, including maternal health and maternal-fetal care.

Dr. Kimberly Gregory, a physician and professor in the Fielding School's Department of Community Health Sciences, received the Luella Klein Lifetime Achievement Award from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, or ACOG, at the organization's annual conference in San Diego.

"I've always felt it was my calling. I wanted to be a doctor since I was 5 years old," Gregory said. "I was drawn to maternal-fetal medicine because whether our patients are having a challenging pregnancy and need care—or are very healthy—they are all so motivated to do what's best for their pregnancy, what's best for their child."

Along with teaching at UCLA, Gregory serves as director of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and vice chair of Women's Healthcare Quality and Performance Improvement in the Department of Obstetrics and

Gynecology at Cedars-Sinai medical center in Los Angeles. Her research focuses on



Dr. Kimberly Gregory

health services, obstetrical health care resource utilization, cesarean section rates, and maternal quality care.

"Dr. Gregory's commitment to guiding the practice of medicine, improving patient safety, and growing patient satisfaction is an inspiration to many," said Dr. Stella M. Dantas, chair of ACOG's Council of District Chairs, which grants the award. "Her expertise has always been marked by her dedication to patients, and her impact has been felt across the country."

Gregory received her medical degree from UCLA (MD, '85) through the Charles Drew/UCLA Medical Education Program and completed her residency in

obstetrics and gynecology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. She

earned a master's degree in public health from Harvard University before completing a fellowship in maternal-fetal medicine at LAC-USC Medical Center, and joined Cedars-Sinai in 1992. She has taught at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health since 1996.

"This is great, and I am very pleased to see the research of faculty like Dr. Gregory recognized; maternal mortality, infant mortality, and healthcare delivery are key issues for public health researchers and policy makers, in the United States and globally," said Dr. Michael Prellip, professor and chair of the Department of Community Health Sciences.

"The ability to bring the work of clinicians with a public health research focus, like Dr. Gregory, forward to the medical and public health disciplines, is a tremendously important element of the work we do at FSPH, including our focus on health equity and effective healthcare delivery."

Anika Washington, a 2022 graduate of the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health, has been recognized for her work in health policy at the school, ranked as among the Top 10 public health graduate schools in the United States.

Washington, who graduated this month with her MPH from in the Fielding School's Department of Health Policy and Management (HPM), was named a Public Health Impact Fellow at the school's 2022 Student Academic Honors and Awards Ceremony at UCLA. The award, which includes a stipend, stems from her achievements in the MPH program, including her work studying the healthcare needs of formerly incarcerated individuals, or FIs.

"Prison inmates have access to medical, dental, and mental health services while incarcerated, but services stop upon their release,

which can be harmful to those who rely on medication and other treatments,"



Anika Washington

Washington said. "They face a disproportionately high risk of mortality within the first two weeks of release, with the leading health-related causes of death being heart disease, cancer, and suicide."

Washington, whose hometown is Los Angeles, graduated from Frederick K. C. Price III High School in South Los Angeles and earned her BS in Global Health in 2018 from the University of Southern California. At UCLA, she has served as an admissions student ambassador and member of the Public Health Student Association, HPM Student Association, and Students of Color for Public Health, and is an inductee into the Upsilon Phi Delta National Honor Society. She also served the department

as a student representative in the Health Policy and Management Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee.

"Her achievements in the program are many, including being part of the team to win first place in the UCLA Center for Healthcare Management Case Competition," said Dr. Julienne Jose-Chen, the Fielding School's assistant dean for student services.

"It's this sort of commitment to excellence, while being able to communicate why and how public health is a field which can have real impacts on seemingly intractable problems, that led the evaluators to name Anika a public health impact fellow."

The public health impact fellows are among several student honors presented by the Fielding School to honor Dr. Lester Breslow, a former dean of the Fielding School and among the first public health experts to quantify the health benefits, risks, and associations with life expectancy of exercise, diet, sleep, and smoking. Breslow's achievement are honored by the Distinguished Lecture series and the Lester Breslow Student Fellowship Fund; his widow, Devra Breslow, attended this year's event.

NOMA Camp for SoCal Youth Gives New Meaning to 'Summer Home'

BY KIMBERLY SHELBY
Contributing Writer

There is an Ethiopian proverb that states: You cannot build a house for last year's summer.

Undoubtedly, this is fodder for great contemplation over the importance of our living in the present, making provisions for the future and not dwelling on the past.

It also underscores the value of the summer camp initiative of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) — because, through that initiative, their Southern California chapter is achieving all of this and more.

Every summer, in fact,

SoCal NOMA creates opportunities for youth ages 10-17 - the future leaders of the next generation - to learn about the fundamental elements of architecture and develop

Over the course of four weeks, young people who range in age, interests and skill levels are given the opportunity to work individually and collaboratively with one another, using

community. Skills covered include sketching, drawing, and hands-on model making. The program also consists of educational walking tours.

For children who

is a summer camp option worthy of consideration.

Avenida Cesar Chavez in Monterey Park, the camp



Campers celebrate their achievement.

the specialized skills that are critical for anyone pursuing a career in that field.

their creativity and ingenuity to find design solutions for issues affecting their

exhibit an interest in or aptitude for architectural design or engineering, this



A NOMA mentor guides a young camper.

The organization is also seeking sponsors to support the summer program and its campers.

Located at East Los Angeles College, 1301

runs each Saturday in July from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., making it an immersive experience for its campers.

Learn more at www.socalnoma.org.

African American and Community Leaders Speak Out on SCOTUS Roe Reversal

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

African American leaders across the nation largely condemned the U.S. Supreme Court ruling issued on June 24, overturning the federal abortion protections of *Roe v. Wade*, with some describing the action as a “pro-policing of women’s bodies” and a move to “criminalize Black women.”

The 5-4 ruling overturns a 49-year-old landmark decision and puts abortion



Rep. Maxine Waters

policy at the discretion of states, many of which have restricted or outlawed the procedure in recent months.

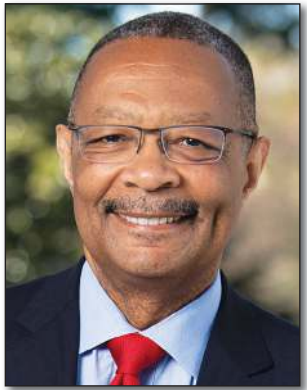
Issuing a strong reaction to the SCOTUS ruling, Congresswoman Maxine Waters declared, “I stand in solidarity with the 36 million women being stripped of their right to decide what is best for themselves. We will keep fighting.”

Waters pledged to defy and protest the Supreme Court. “You ain’t seen nothing yet,” she said from the steps of the court. “Women are going to control their bodies no matter how they try and stop us. The hell with the Supreme Court. And if they think Black women are intimidated or afraid, they got another thought coming!”

“Black women will be out in droves,” she continued. “We will be out by the thousands; we will be out by the millions. We are going to make sure we fight by the right to control our own bodies.”

“As a Member of Congress, I’m proud to have voted to protect abortion access. Today’s SCOTUS decision makes it even more clear: we need federal protections for reproductive health. I am committed to continuing this FIGHT: in Congress, in the streets, and at the Ballot Box!”

Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer: “The ruling by the conservative fac-



Asm. Reggie Jones-Sawyer

tion of the U.S. Supreme Court to end decades of settled law in America, and thereby negating a woman’s

right to choose care for her own body, is a travesty. This action sets women’s rights back to a time when fundamentalists determined the direction of our nation based upon what they deemed appropriate and negated the rights and liberties of others.

“The Republican justices on the court are wrong in restricting the inalienable rights of Americans. As a Member of the California State Legislature, I am proud to be a co-author of SCA 10, which will codify into state law the rights of women to choose the healthcare services they deem right for their selves, including the right to safe and legal abortion. California values a woman’s right to choose, and SCA 10 has the effect of making sure the rights of women are protected, even as other states seek to eliminate this right.

“We all must stand up to the tyrannical actions of the minority party that continues to be outvoted in the popular vote in national elections. We must win at the voting box to protect our civil, natural, and personal rights from systematic deletion.”

Congressional Black Caucus Chairwoman Joyce Beatty: “The hands of time have once again been turned



Rep. Joyce Beatty

back. The extreme right-wing Supreme Court majority’s decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the law of the land for 49 years that gave a woman the right to choose, will have far-reaching and painful consequences. Moreover, in the midst of a Black maternal mortality crisis, restricting access to abortion care will disproportionately endanger the lives of Black Americans.

“Let me be very clear: government-mandated pregnancy is not pro-life, it is pro-policing of women’s bodies. In response to this unacceptable decision, I, along with members of the Congressional Black Caucus, are co-leading a letter to President Biden urging him to swiftly declare this unprecedented attack on abortion rights and access as the public health the national emergency that it is. We have seen what life was like pre-*Roe v. Wade*, and America cannot afford to go back.”

Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-Oakland): “The conservative majority Supreme Court just handed down a decision that overturns the precedent set by

Roe v. Wade — ending nearly 50 years of constitutional



Rep. Barbara Lee

protections to the right to an abortion.

“The reproductive rights for millions of Americans is now at risk as Republican state legislators and governors prepare to ban abortion at the state level — with some bans going into effect immediately.

[The] *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* decision will go down in infamy as we turn back the clock to an era before *Roe*. It’s an era I know too well as someone who was forced to cross international lines to seek a back-alley abortion before they were legal in the United States.

As difficult as today might be, we cannot despair. There are too many people counting on us for answers.

“As co-chair of the House Pro-Choice Caucus, I can promise that I will continue to do everything in my power to advance legislation that codifies access to safe, legal abortion no matter where you live.

But until then, we must do our best to support those who will be impacted most by today’s decision — people seeking abortion care. Today does not mark the end of our fight for reproductive rights.”

Areva Martin, Attorney, CNN legal analyst: “The aftershocks of today’s SCOTUS opinion overturning



Areva Martin

Roe vs. Wade are already rippling across the country, as many states have trigger laws withdrawing the established right to abortion. This devastating decision is happening despite that documented fact that a majority of this country — Democrats and Republicans alike — support the abortion and understand it as a fundamental right.

“Black and brown women in this country have always struggled with obstacles to equality and with the bitter reality that, as citizens, we are “lesser than.” And, as always, Black and brown

women and those struggling to get by financially will be hit hardest by the ruling.

“As a lawyer deeply engaged with civil rights issue, I am appalled at a ruling that claims, at its core, the justification that the right to abortion is not specifically enumerated in the constitution. The Constitution is silent on countless other rights we rely on every day in this country; it’s telling that a woman’s right to abortion is the one the Court has chosen to decimate today.

“The concurring opinion of Justice Thomas should be a wake-up call to everyone. Thomas calls out the rights to same-sex marriage and contraceptives as examples of others that are not enumerated in the constitution. He is laying out the game plan of the right. We should consider ourselves forewarned.

Sue Dunlap, President and CEO of Planned Parenthood Los Angeles: “Make no mistake: Planned Parent-



Sue Dunlap

hood Los Angeles health centers remain open, abortion is still legal in Los Angeles and California, and we will continue to fight to ensure everyone has access to care in Los Angeles, no matter what.”

“The consequences of this devastating decision will fall largely on people who already face the greatest barriers to health care due to this country’s legacy of racism and discrimination, including Black, Latino, and Indigenous communities, people with low incomes, LGBTQ+ people, immigrants, and people living in rural areas.

“In preparation for this ruling, PPLA has been working with the State of California, Los Angeles County and the cities of Los Angeles, Long Beach, and West Hollywood to prepare for this decision and the impacts it will have on Planned Parenthood health centers across California.

In January, Governor Gavin Newsom declared California a Haven State for abortion access and following that announcement the County Board of Supervisors declared Los Angeles County a Haven County for access to abortion and reproductive health care. This momentum continued as cities such as Long Beach, Los Angeles, and West Hollywood signaled their strong support for access to safe and legal abortion and began prepar-

ing for the increase of patients who may seek care here due to hostile bans in their home state.

“The court’s decision goes against the will of American people, 80% of whom support legal abortion. Even with today’s decision, abortion is still legal in many parts of the country. People who need care should go to <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-los-angeles> or call 1-800-576-5544.

Melanie L. Campbell, president and CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation and convener of the Black



Melanie Campbell

Women’s Roundtable: “Today’s U. S. Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* is the culmination of a decades-long attack and campaign against women’s rights led by conservative extremists. Since Texas’ near-total abortion ban (SB8) in 2021, conservative state legislatures and governors have doubled down in their quest to deny women their fundamental right to safe and legal abortions.

“In 2022 alone, almost 550 abortion restrictions have been introduced across more than 40 states. Make no mistake, this is not just an attack on women’s autonomy: this is class warfare, sexism and systemic racism at work. Who pays the price when abortions are outlawed? Poor women, women of color, women & girls who have been raped or molested and the millions of women who already have limited access to high quality healthcare.

“It is no accident that the states pushing cruel and oppressive anti-abortion legislation are the same states approving laws that brazenly disenfranchise and suppress the vote of the working poor and communities of color. This Supreme Court decision will only enable these states to further destabilize the pillars of our democracy while impeding our basic civil rights.

“Nearly 40% of all abortions in America since *Roe vs. Wade* have been by Black Americans. This country has declared war on Black women — and it’s time that we fight back. We are demanding, once again, that the Senate abolish the filibuster and Congress immediately codify access to abortion into law. The

2022 Mid-Term Election Cycle is here and women will not forget who stood up to support women having control of our own bodies.”

Ashley K. Shelton, founder and president of the Power Coalition for Equity



Ashley Shelton

& Justice: “This moment is devastating. In a place like Louisiana, where you have the highest rate of maternal mortality in the country, you are literally sentencing Black women to death. Louisiana has a trigger law, and as soon as *Roe* came down, it automatically made abortion care illegal. This tramples people’s rights, even beyond abortion. This is about privacy, it’s about healthcare, it’s about the criminalization of Black and poor women, and it’s about what happens when a person’s choices are taken away.

“What do you do when you cannot afford to fly or drive to a separate place for healthcare services? This will also criminalize Black women, attorneys and medical providers. This is a huge issue. I am a Black female Catholic mother and I believe these are individual choices. Everyone should be able to decide what is best for them.”

Kendra Cotton, chief operating officer for the New Georgia Project:



Kendra Cotton

“Consider the states where this decision will have the greatest harm - it is Southern states. In these places, large majorities of Black and Brown women will be impacted.

“This decision effectively attacks poor, Black, and Brown women. For many wealthy women, this will be another day. But in trigger states, this will do a lot of harm. In Georgia, our state minimum wage is still \$5.15 an hour. This is an activist court that has tried to put upon the entire country, their conservative values and that is not what America is about.”

California Senate Gets Second Chance to Pass Prison Slavery

BY ANTONIO RAY HARVEY
California Black Media

On June 23, the California Senate rejected a constitutional amendment to remove language in the state Constitution that allows involuntary servitude as punishment to a crime with a 21-6 vote.

A day later, the legislation’s sponsors went back to the drawing board to redraft the legislation for

reconsideration.

The number of votes casted in favor of Assembly Constitutional Amendment (ACA) 3, the California Abolition Act, fell short of the two-thirds vote requirement needed to move the bill to the ballot for Californians to decide its fate in the November General Election.

The Senate is expected to hold another floor vote on the legislation this week.

Sen. Sydney Kamlager

(D-Los Angeles), who authored ACA 3 in 2021 while serving in the Assembly, said she focused the language in the bill on the slavery ban and vowed to bring it back for a vote when Sen. Steven Bradford (D-Gardena), chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus, asked her about it June 23.

“The CA State Senate just reaffirmed its commitment to keeping slavery and involuntary servitude in the

state’s constitution,” Kamlager tweeted.

Jamilia Land, a member of the Anti-Violence Safety, and Accountability Project (ASAP), an organization that advocates for prisoners’ rights, said she remains committed to making sure slavery is struck out of the California constitution.

“All we needed was 26 votes,” Land said. “But we have made amendments to ACA 3 on (June 24). Now it

could either go back to the Senate on (June 27) or Thursday, June 30.”

Five Republicans and one Democrat, Steve Glazer (D-Orinda), voted no against the amendment.

He stated that the issue is “certainly a question worthy of debate” and “can be addressed without a constitutional amendment.”

“Slavery was an evil that will forever be a stain on the history of our great country.

We eliminated it through the Civil War and the adoption of the 13th Amendment,” Glazer said in a June 23 statement. “Involuntary servitude — though lesser known — also had a shameful past. ACA 3 is not even about involuntary servitude — at least of the kind that was practiced 150 years ago. The question this measure raises is whether or not California should require **[See PRISON SLAVERY on A-10]**

California Black Women's Collective Celebrate Statewide Trailblazers and Leaders

Black Women Gather at the California African American Museum for a 'Crowning' Event

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

It was Friday, June 17 - the end of a long week filled with heavy news, organizing, fighting for the rights of Black women, families and communities in need. Yet, trailblazers, leaders and supporters arrived at the California African American Museum in numbers to simply honor each other and remind themselves that they are not alone in their crusades.

Regina Wilson, representing the California Black Media, welcomed the attendees. Kellie Todd Griffin, California Black Women's Collective (CABWC) convening founder, acknowledged elected officials, honorees and thanked CABWC

Waters, Karen Bass, Barbara Lee and Diane Watson (retired); Honorable Dezie Woods Jones, BWOPA; Honorable Sophie Maxwell, former San Francisco Supervisor; Celestine Palmer, L.A. African American Women's Political Action Committee (LAAAWPAC); Ruth Jones-Sawyer, civil rights activist; Bobbie Jean Anderson, labor/ political leader; and Ericka Huggins, Black Panthers.

2022 CABWC Trailblazer Civil Rights Awardees included Dr. Melina Abdullah, Black Lives Matter; Lori Condinus, Los Angeles National Action Network; Jetaun Stevens, Esq. Public Advocates; Pastor Thebekila Coleman



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Lendistry; Angela Minniefield, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science; Cynthia Heard, Greater Los Angeles YWCA; Kandee Lewis, Positive Results; Tammie Denyse, Carrie's Touch;



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eratic Party (LACDP). Aisha Brown, Bay Area Rapid Transit; and Lisa Williams, Office of State Assembly-member Mia Bonta.

2022 CABWC Trailblazer Advocacy Awardees

White, Los Angeles Sparks; Acacia B. Reed, L.A. Care; Janine Bera, M.D., Well-space Health; Regina Wallace-Jones, MindBody; and Hope Scott, Blue Shield of California.

merce; and Lisbet Tellefsen, Archivist/ Collector/ Curator/ Publisher.

2022 CABWC Trailblazer GenNow Awardees included Kristian Huling, SEIU Local 721; Brisa John-



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event organizers/ strategy team, volunteers and everyone involved in the production of the historic event.

Opening remarks were presented by Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Senator Steve Bradford, Senator Sydney Kamlager and District Attorney Diana Becton.

Sponsors included SEIU (Service Employees International Union) 2015; SEIU

Smart, Women of Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC); and Betty Williams, Sacramento National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

2022 CABWC Trailblazer Labor Awardees included April Verrett, SEIU 2015; Cecily Myartz-Cruz, UTLA; Kimberly Moore, United Domestic Workers

Cassandra Jennings, St. Hope; Rev. Dr. Najuma Smith-Pollard, USC Center for Religious & Civic Culture; Janet Ganaway-Kelly, Sanctuary of Hope; Tomiquia Moss, All Home; Gina Clayton-Johnson, Essie Justice Group; Rachel Westmoreland, Oakland Promise; Vashone Huff, public affairs consultant; Kimberly Mayfield, Holy Name Universi-



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712; UDW AFSCME 3930; Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA); California Black Media; Molina Health; Blue Shield Promise; The Hutt Group; LA Care; Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science; United Teachers Los Angeles (UTLA); Martin Luther King Community Health

(UDW); Dewanda Mitchell, American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Local 1061; Champagne Brown, SEIU 1021; Yvette Elam, UDW; and Tia Orr, SEIU State Council.

2022 CABWC Trailblazer Education/ Non-Profit/ Faith-based/ Community Based Organizations Awardees included Charisse

ty; and Nyeisha DeWitt, Oakland Natives Give Back.

2022 CABWC Trailblazer Political Awardees included Hon. Holly J. Mitchell, L.A. Board of Supervisors; Hon. Sydney Kamlager, California State Senator; Hon. Diana Becton, Contra Costa County; Alyce Pipkin Allen, Black & African Women Rise Democratic Club; Angela de Joseph, Women of Color Roar; Patrice Marshall McKenzie, L.A. African American Women's Public Policy Institute; Hon. Donecia Gause, MMC, City of Riverside; Capri Maddox, L.A. Civil Rights Dept., City of Los Angeles; Yolanda Richardson, Health Plan of San Francisco; Daysha Austin, California State Assembly; Veronie Steele-Small, Los Angeles County; Carolyn Fowler, CA Democratic Women's Caucus; Keisha Thomas, Fresno Unified School District Board of Trustees; Patricia "Patt" Sanders, L.A. County Demo-

included Jasmyne Cannick, Journalist and Advocate; Sonya Young Aadam, CA Black Women's Health Project; Kiara Pruitt, Sistahs Aging with Grace and Elegance; Crystal Crawford, Western Center on Law &

2022 CABWC Trailblazer Legal Awardees included Angela Reddock-Wright, Reddock Law; Karen Pointer, Esq., Lerman & Pointer; Fredericka McGee, Esq., Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell; Augustavia J. Haydel, Esq., L.A.Care; Caree Harper, Esq., Law Offices of Caree Harper; and Eva Patterson, Equal Justice Society.

2022 CABWC Trailblazer Business and Entrepreneurship Awardees included Areva Martin, Special Needs Network/ Butterfly Health; Cari Jackson Lewis, J.D., LL.M., California Philanthropic Consulting; Denise Pines, WisePa-

son, UDW; Satomi Rash-Ziegler, San Diego & Imperial Counties Labor Council; Hon. Kristin McGuire, Young Invincibles; Ay'Anna Moody, Golden State Warriors; Commissioner Joni Ricks, City of Long Beach; Hon. Dawnte Early, United Way, Capitol Region; Lauren Babb, CA Commission on the Status of Women and Girls; Rachel Brashier, CA Black Women Democratic Club; Dr. Nina Nieves Richardson, USC; Hon. KaDijah Brown, Berkeley Unified School District Board of Trustees; and Jessica Moncada, Alkali Rye.

2022 CABWC Trailblazer Memorial Awards included Hon. Gwen Moore, former Assemblymember; Linda Dent, Labor Leader; Brenda Marsh-Mitchell, Community Leader; and Gwen Green, Civil Rights Leader.

CABWC is a coalition of intergenerational Black women who bring together a span of expertise who have come together to stand in



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Care; and the Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.

2022 CABWC Trailblazer Legacy Awardees included Honorable Congressional Members Maxine

Bremon-Weaver, Brotherhood Crusade; Karen Earl, Jenesse Center; Tracy Mitchell, Mothers in Action; Wendy Gladney, Forgiving for Living, Inc.; Tunua Thrash Ntuk, The Center for

Poverty; Thea Williams, Black Pride & Promote; Rosalind Renfro, Black Pride & Promote; Dr. Flojaune Cofer, Public Health Advocates; Micia Mosely, Black Teacher Project; and Mistie Bell-Renfro, Community Advocate.

2022 CABWC Trailblazer Media Awardees included Gwendolyn Priestly, PR Diva; Regina Wilson, CA Black Media; Pamela Bakewell, The Bakewell Company and L.A. Sentinel; Pleshette Robertson, Sac Cultural Hub Bilen Mesfin Change Consultants; and Sandra Jackson Dumont, Lucas Museum.

2022 CABWC Trailblazer Corporate Awardees included Dr. Elaine Batchlor, Martin Luther King Community Health; Natalie



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use; Delilah Laniox, Butterfly Transportation; Cheryl Hinds, California Bank & Trust; Sharon Selico, Forever Caring; Nenna Joiner, Feelmore; Melanie Shelby, GGSV, LLC; Regina Davis, Strategic Urban Development Alliance; Cathy Adams, Oakland African American Chamber of Com-

support of issues and priorities that are vital to elevate Black women. CABWC officially launched in February 2021 with 12 members. Today, there are more than 1,450 members.

For more information, issues and future events, visit CABlackWomensCollective.com.



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Cautious Parents Weigh Decision to Give Children Under Five COVID Vaccine

BY EDWARD HENDERSON
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Antonio and Tenaja Kizzie, a San Diego area couple, are parents of a three-year-old daughter. Although both parents are vaccinated and boosted, the Kizzies have reservations about giving their toddler the COVID-19 vaccine the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended last week for children younger than five years old.

"It's one thing to feel like her body is still developing and growing. She's been vaccinated for everything else for things that have been around for years. It's a little scary thinking about something that's new. We don't want to jump in right now," Tenaja told California Black Media. "We just want to wait a little bit and see the side effects for other kids in her age group and reassess from there."

Her husband chimed in. "We believe in the science, we believe vaccines work, but when it comes to the under-fives, just being a parent we're a bit more hesitant to give her the vaccine so far. We're waiting to see how it goes with other under 5 kids that get the vaccine. Even though science and logic say yes, as a new parent you're extra cautious," Antonio said.

The Kizzies are not alone.

Numbers the CDC released at the end of May

indicate that hesitancy about vaccinating their children is high among parents across the country. Although the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved COVID

Miller was speaking during a medical panel co-hosted by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Ethnic Media Services (EMS). The discus-

agency's approval came on the heels of news that COVID-19 is now the fifth leading cause of death in children 1-4 years old and the fourth leading cause of

more than in the Delta surge.

"There is definitely still a need for vaccinations for the whole population," said Dr. Lucia Abascal, a physician and researcher at CDPH. "There is this idea that omicron is milder, but if we look at children's data in this age group, we can actually see that hospitalizations peaked as well as deaths. We have more and more evidence that kids are at an acute risk of COVID."

Abascal detailed the steps of the vaccine approval process at the state and federal levels. An independent expert panel reviewed the data that Moderna and Pfizer provided and unanimously voted that the FDA approve the vaccine. The CDC was the final step of approval for the vaccine at the federal level.

Before California recommends any COVID vaccine, it is reviewed by The Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup, a commission comprised of medical professionals and scientists convened by Washington, Oregon, Nevada and California.

Children three years old and above will be eligible to receive vaccines at pharmacies. However, children under three will need to get vaccinated at a pediatrician's office or a community clinic.

California has purchased enough vaccinations for every child in the state. The first shipment of 500,000 doses will arrive next week.

About 2.2 million children are eligible for vaccination in California.

The Moderna vaccine is a two-dose regimen like the adult shot, with a one-month wait between doses. The Pfizer vaccine requires three doses. The first dose is followed by the second 21 days later and the final dose comes 60 days after that.

Authorities familiar with the vaccine trials say the side effects of minor fever and pain at the injection site may be stronger for children who receive the Moderna shot.

Dr. Sarah Takekawa, an Obstetrician-Gynecologist, who is currently raising three children under age five was also a panelist.

Takekawa spoke to some of the concerns pregnant woman may have.

Takekawa said she was fully vaccinated before conceiving her third child. She received her booster while pregnant.

"I have seen firsthand what COVID-19 infection can do to otherwise extremely healthy young women during their pregnancies. Watching adults who are otherwise healthy succumb to the disease, it seems easy to us to make this decision about wanting to get vaccinated and encouraging other parents to have their children vaccinated.

Visit Vaccinate All 58 to learn more about the safe and effective vaccines available for all children in California aged 6 months and older.



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Many parents are hesitant to give the COVID-19 vaccine to their children.

vaccines for children between the ages of 5 and 11 last October, only about 30% of kids in that age range have received the shot.

"For those families that are hesitant and questioning, I try to understand what their fears and questions are. I try to remind them that we are in this together. I care about the health and wellbeing of their children, and I will always suggest the best possible course for them," said Dr. Jennifer Miller, a pediatrician with East Bay Pediatrics, a medical practice with offices in Berkeley and Orinda.

son was held to offer information about vaccinating children 6 months to 4 years old against COVID-19 to parents, caregivers and the media.

"I let them know that ultimately it is their decision to make, and I am here as a resource," Millar added. "It is normal to be afraid of the unknown and to want to protect your child. With that in mind, vaccination is the best protection around."

The US Food and Drug Administration authorized emergency use of COVID-19 vaccines made by Moderna, Pfizer and BioNTech earlier this month. The

death for children younger than one.

"These are sobering statistics for all of us," said Sandy Close, EMS director and moderator of the news briefing. "Vaccination is an important tool to protect their long-term health against COVID-19 and helps achieve full family protection against this deadly virus."

Panelists said it is a myth that COVID does not affect children. The CDC reports that one in five hospitalized children end up in the ICU. And during the omicron surge, children were hospitalized five times

Save Time, Skip the Line with DMV Driver's License Testing Options

BY CARRIE STANTON
Contributing Writer

Did you know that most DMV transactions are currently being handled online? The newest options available may allow you to complete the driver's license knowledge test from the comfort of your home before visiting a DMV office.

If you're renewing your license with a knowledge test requirement, or are an adult taking it for the first time, the DMV offers two resources – a remote version of the traditional knowledge test, and an interactive eLearning course. Eligible customers are prompted to choose the remote knowledge test or eLearning

course after filling out the online driver's license application and paying the fee.

Currently, the remote knowledge test is available for the nearly 2 million tests taken by Californians renewing their license each year, the more than 1.3 million tests taken by adults getting their license for the first time who also don't have a California identification card and Californians getting a REAL ID or motorcycle license for the first time. The eLearning course is available for Californians renewing their license.

The newly offered eLearning course can be taken on a computer, laptop, tablet, or mobile device and is available 24/7. There are



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seven interactive modules that must be completed, including quizzes, after each module. The eLearning course takes approximately

45 minutes and is currently only available in English.

When you choose to use an online testing resource, it significantly saves time by

eliminating the need to wait in line and take your test in a DMV office. Customers with a testing requirement for their license are still required to go to a DMV office after completing one of the online options to provide the required identity and residency documents, take a photo, provide a thumbprint, complete a vision screening, and be issued a licensing document.

The online knowledge test is available in 35 languages to customers who have an internet-enabled computer or laptop with a webcam. The test cannot be taken on a tablet or mobile device. Customers can begin the online exam between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday

through Friday, excluding state holidays.

For identity verification and as a fraud prevention measure, online test participants are required to verify their identity and agree to be monitored throughout the exam.

The test can be attempted online twice. If a customer fails to pass the test after two tries, they will be prompted to go to a DMV office to take the test a third time.

This is just one more example of how the DMV is modernizing to add more convenient services online that used to be only available in an office. Checking things off your DMV to-do list is now a lot faster. It all starts here: dmv.ca.gov.

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felons in state or local jails prisons to work."

Glazer said that the Legislative Counsel's office gave him a "simple amendment" that involuntary servitude would "not include any rehabilitative activity required of an incarcerated person," including education, vocational training, or behavioral or substance abuse counseling.

The Counsel also suggested that the amendment does not include any work tasks required of an incarcerated person that "generally benefit the residents of the facility in which the person is incarcerated, such as cooking, cleaning, grounds keeping, and laundry."

"Let's adopt that amendment and then get back to work on the difficult challenge of making sure our prisons are run humanely, efficiently and in a way that leads to the rehabilitation of as many felons as possible," Glazer added.

The 13th Amendment of the United States Constitution, ratified in 1865, prohibits slavery and involun-

tary servitude with one exception: if involuntary servitude was imposed as punishment for a crime.

The state of California is one of nine states in the country that permits involuntary servitude as a criminal punishment.

Article I, section 6, of the California Constitution, describes the same prohibitions on slavery and involuntary servitude and the same exception for involuntary servitude as punishment for crime.

Certain members of the Senate raised concerns about the financial impact ACA 3 would have on the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). Inmates earn approximately eight cents to 37 cents per hour while incarcerated.

Kamlager says "involuntary servitude is a euphemism for forced labor" and the language should be stricken from the constitution.

The state's Department of Finance (DOF) estimated that the amendment would burden California taxpayers

with \$1.5 billion annually in wages to prisoners, DOF analyst Aaron Edwards told Senate the Appropriations Committee on June 16.

"These are facts that we think would ultimately determine the outcome of future litigation and court decisions," Edwards said. "The largest potential impact is to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, which currently employs around 65,000 incarcerated persons to support central prison operations such as cooking, cleaning, and laundry services."

Right before the June-teenth holiday weekend, the appropriations committee sent ACA 3 to the Senate floor with a 5-0 majority vote after Kamlager refuted Edwards' financial data.

This country has been having "economic discussions for hundreds of years around slavery, involuntary servitude, and indentured servants" and enslavement still exists in the prison system, Kamlager said. She also added that a conflict was fought over the moral issue

of slavery.

"This bill does not talk about economics. It's a constitutional amendment," Kamlager said. "The (DOF) is not talking about any of this in this grotesque analysis

ons. I think (this conversation) is what led to the Civil War."

Three states have voted to abolish slavery and involuntary servitude — Colorado, Utah, and Nebraska



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Sen. Sydney Kamlager (D-Los Angeles), center, has been fighting to get the Involuntary Servitude language removed from the California Constitution through ACA 3. She is shown here holding the Task Force For Reparations' Interim Report with Sen. Steven Bradford (D-Gardena), left, and L.A. civil rights attorney Lisa Holder, right. Bradford and Holder serve on the task force.

about why it makes more sense for the state of California to advocate for and allow involuntary servitude in pris-

— and in all three cases, the initiative was bipartisan and placed on the ballot by a unanimous vote of legisla-

tors, according to Max Parthas, the co-director of the Abolish Slavery National Network (ASNN).

ACA 3 is already attached to a report that addresses the harms of slavery. The Task Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans issued its interim report to the California Legislature on June 1.

The report included a set of preliminary recommendations for policies that the California Legislature could adopt to remedy those harms, including its support for ACA 3. It examines the ongoing and compounding harms experienced by African Americans as a result of slavery and its lingering effects on American society today.

"One of the preliminary recommendations in our report was to support ACA 3," said Los Angeles attorney Kamillah V. Moore, chairperson of Task Force. "The Task Force saw how that type of legislation aligns perfectly with the idea of reparations for African Americans."

April Verrett Unanimously Elected as Secretary Treasurer of SEIU International Board

SEIU International President Mary Kay Henry nominated and Executive Board approves April Verrett as Secretary-Treasurer. Joseph Bryant also approved as Executive Vice President

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across race,” Henry said. “As the leader of the largest local union in California, April has staked her leadership on every member of her multicultural local being able to see her as their leader no matter where they come from or what color they are. April’s feet are solidly on the ground while her vision and hope for the future for all of us is aspirational.”

At SEIU Local 2015, Verrett successfully fought for the permanent restoration of the major funding cuts to IHSS, the state’s home care program ensuring greater access to care; won a dramatic expansion of state-funded training opportunities for home care workers to upskill; and secured hazard pay and greater investments in PPE and safety standards for home care workers.

She has also been tapped twice to serve the people of California by Gov. Gavin Newsom — on the Alzheimer’s Prevention and Preparedness Task Force and the COVID-19 Taskforce on Business and Jobs Recovery.

Verrett is chair of the Black Experience Action Team of the Committee for

Greater L.A., a coalition of leaders who came together to understand the impact of COVID-19 on different populations. She’s also a board member of Advancement Project California — a leading racial justice organization that uses research to expand and shift public investments toward programs that benefit all Californians.

She serves on the board of Smart Justice California to educate and embolden policymakers who support meaningful criminal justice reforms. In 2021, Verrett was elected controller of the California Democratic Party.

“Today’s labor movement requires us to speak directly with the workers who are powering today’s economy, which is increasingly driven by the service and care workers of SEIU,” Verrett said.

“We are the workers who provide care to those who need it most and who keep our communities running. As working people, we have power and are seizing it as a political and social force to be reckoned with. Together in our union, we have to continue addressing poverty and income inequality, challenge corporate power and be



April Verrett

ready to cause disruption. I’m proud to take this step at such a critical moment for our union and our nation.”

Bryant, 40, is the first Asian American Pacific Islander president of SEIU 1021, which represents Northern California workers who make cities, schools, colleges, counties,

and special districts safe and healthy places to live and raise families. Under his leadership, SEIU 1021’s 60,000 members are protecting and expanding vital public programs, holding corporations accountable, and building a worker-led movement to reclaim our democracy.

“Joseph brings a vision that challenges all of us to work at the intersections of issues that impact the lives of working people,” Henry said.

“I stood in awe as I witnessed the work of Joseph and his leadership team in the aftermath of the brutal murder of George Floyd when they turned out more than 5,000 people in person in the midst of the pandemic to take a knee for change in support of the Movement for Black Lives.”

Verrett and Bryant join Henry’s leadership team as the organization’s fight to win Unions for All enters its next stage. Henry

launched Unions for All just before Labor Day in 2019 with a goal of making it possible for all workers to join together across employers, industries and geographies—not workplace by workplace—to enable millions of workers to win a voice on the job.

Today, as working people are exercising power like never before—striking, bargaining strong contracts, winning unions and demanding a seat at the table with employers in states and cities across the nation—SEIU has two bold, new leaders to help drive the effort.



April Verrett

Despite Controversies, Wesson Marks Multiple Successes in CD 10

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Since his appointment in February as the CD 10 voting member on the L.A. City Council, Wesson has hit the ground running by participating in the city’s \$12 billion budget process, empowering staff to respond to an array of residential concerns and

and parks in recent time, and it’s in our community. It’s state of the art, and it’s ours!”

Stressing the significance of the new complex being located in South L.A., he noted, “Equity matters – and it is our responsibility to make sure that communities of color have access to clean

and lift them in or out of the pool,” explained Wesson.

“Also, because the pool is Olympic –sized, we will be in a position to train Olympic athletes from our area so that they can complete on the world stage.”

Other features include a fitness annex, technology center, a multi-use

mandate electric vehicle (EV) charging stations are being installed as well as a robust greywater re-use and stormwater infiltration system.

“This is our private country club and it doesn’t stop there,” insisted Wesson. “We’re going to redo the tennis courts, put in in brand new playground

Obama Boulevard and the councilmember said the naming stems from his longtime relationship with former President Obama as well as Michelle Obama’s support for exercise.

“The Obama name has a lot of significance. When then-Senator Obama was first running for president, he called me and asked to kick-off his California campaign in my district,” recalled Wesson, who added that the 2008 rally was held at Rancho Park.

“This was the first time that Barack Obama officially told California and Angelinos that he was a candidate for president. Also, we gave the facility the Obama name because First Lady Michelle Obama was huge into physical fitness. So who are better role models than those two?”

Also on Wesson’s list of role models is actress and businesswoman Marla Gibbs, who previously owned and operated the Vision Theatre in Leimert Park. Nearly \$40 million has been invested to upgrade and rehabilitate the playhouse and community center.

“Three councilmen

have been trying to create a state-of-the-art facility over the years and it should finally be opening in 2023,” said the councilmember.

The facility will contain a rotating stage as well as rooms to hold community events. Classes in acting, scenic design, and other aspects of theatre arts are planned as well for children and adults.

“I’m very excited to have an opportunity to be here as we’re finalizing these two projects (Obama Sports Complex and Vision Theatre) that I’ve worked so hard on for a lot of years,” said Wesson, who also acknowledged the debate surrounding his appointment.

“I don’t understand the controversy but there’s nothing I can do about that. So, I have to keep focused on delivering services to the people in this district,” he said.

“All I’m doing is using my skills, knowledge and my experience to do this job to try to deliver the services that the people in this community want, need and expect. I drown out the noise. I stay focused and I’m going to do this until this thing sorts itself out one



Councilmember Herb Wesson reviews the Olympic-sized pool in the sports complex. (COURTESY PHOTO)

ensuring the district’s critical projects continue on track.

One of the most high profile of those projects is the \$50 million renovation of the Michelle and Barack

Obama Sports Complex at Rancho Cienega Park, which re-opened on June 28 with a gala community celebration. Since Wesson devoted more than a decade to upgrading the facility during his previous tenure as Councilmember from 2005 to 2020, he gleefully welcomed citizens to the complex during the open house and tour.

“This is something that for all of these years I would put money aside, put money aside, put money aside, because at the end of the day, this is almost a \$50 million dollar project” Wesson said. “It’s probably one of the greatest investments in recreation

and safe parks and outdoor spaces. Not only will our adults and seniors have access, but my heart is overjoyed to know that our kids will have the best of what this City has to offer.”

The Obama Sports Complex offers a host of amenities over 24 acres such as an indoor gym with two high school basketball courts, which was funded by Steve Ballmer Foundation and the L.A. Clippers. A major highlight is a mezzanine walking track and a new Olympic-size indoor pool.

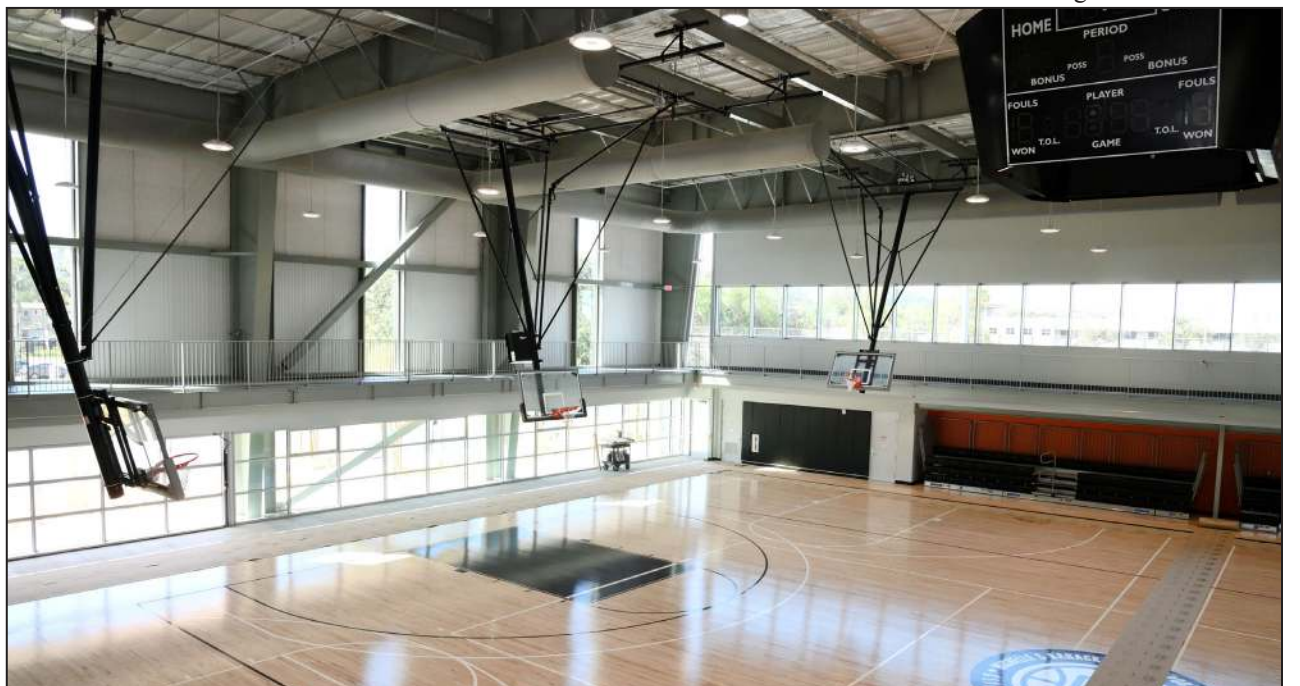
“Our state-of-the-art swimming pool is so big and it is structured in such a way where you have two shallow areas where young kids can be taught to swim, while seniors can also participate in aerobics and things of that nature and there is a device that can take seniors in wheelchairs

community room, and staff offices. The project also meets the City-mandated LEED silver

The Michelle and

equipment and redo the football field. This will be magnificent facility.”

The Michelle and



The indoor gym contains two basketball courts funded by Steve Ballmer Foundation and the L.A. Clippers. (COURTESY PHOTO)

certification level, and can potentially exceed that

Barack Obama Sports Complex is located on

Mark Ridley-Thomas, Bernard Parks and myself,

way or the other,” Wesson shared.

L.A. Metro Hosts Dedication Celebration to Showcase Crenshaw/LAX Leimert Park Station

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nity leaders and advocates to recognize their efforts to reach this point in the project and to showcase the line's amenities prior to its official opening.

The Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project represents a \$2 billion public transportation investment for the communities in the Crenshaw Corridor and will extend light rail from the existing Metro E Line (Expo) at Crenshaw and Exposition Boulevards to the C Line (Green). The eight-station K Line will travel 8.5 miles and serve communities in Los Angeles, Inglewood and El Segundo.

The dedication ceremony also included a

train ride and windshield tour from the Leimert Park Station to the Martin L. King, Jr. Station, highlighting the cultural uniqueness of the Leimert Park Village and several historic, artistic and musical venues, and its proximity to several legacy businesses and restaurants in the Crenshaw Corridor.

Among the participants were Congresswoman Karen Bass, State Senator Steven Bradford, L.A. County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Holly Mitchell, L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti, L.A. City Council Member Herb Wesson, Metro CEO Stephanie N. Wiggins, Metro Board Member Jacqueline Dupont-Walker and former Metro Board Member Pam



From left are former Metro Board Member Pam O'Connor, Congresswoman Karen Bass, young child, L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti, Metro CEO Stephanie N. Wiggins, Metro Board Member Jackie Dupont-Walker, State Senator Steven Bradford and L.A. City Council Member Herb Wesson. (Courtesy photo)

O'Connor.

"When residents of the Crenshaw area, or anyone

in L.A. County, wants to take the K Line, they will know that the system itself

is sound," Wiggins told the Sentinel.

"Even the California Public Utilities Commission has the sign-off independent from Metro. We work with our local fire department to ensure high requirements for safety, we have our transit security officers that will be mobile around the system, and we're adding the Ambassadors Program, an additional layer of an unarmed, welcoming presence to greet riders, help them navigate our system, pay fares, download key Metro apps and work with Metro to quickly address issues," she said.

The K Line, the seventh line in the rail system, begins operation in the fall, with the southern portion and connection to the C

Line opening in 2023 and the connection to the new LAX Automated People Mover opening in 2024. The last time rail transit served the region was approximately 70 years ago. Yellow cars stopped serving local streets in 1955.

"The Leimert Park Station represents the vision and hard work of Metro staff, residents, and community leaders who were intentional about ensuring the art, culture and history that is unique to Leimert Park is felt and honored," said Mitchell.

"As a third generation Angeleno who grew up in this neighborhood, I look forward to this station and the K Line being part of the fabric of our community."

L.A. County Returns Bruce's Beach to Rightful Heirs of Charles and Willa Bruce

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to the great grandsons of Charles and Willa Bruce.

The action marks the first time in the history of Los Angeles County that land will be returned to Black descendants whose ancestors were robbed of their property and generational wealth due to unjust laws and practices rooted in systemic racism.

"Bruce's Beach has always been so much more than a scenic location to enjoy the California coast. It was a refuge for Black families who came from across the state when racist laws wouldn't allow for any other safe beach going options. It holds the memories of countless Black families, the deep pain of multi-generational loss, and the hope that comes from facing the heinous acts of our past and having the courage to do what is right today," said Mitchell, representing the

second district.

"I am deeply honored to stand with the Board in completing this unprecedented return of land to the descendants of Charles and Willa Bruce. Manhattan Beach which was previously part of the fourth district and is now in the second district, has a new chapter in our shared history that exemplifies how we can begin to meaningfully address long-standing injustices in this county and nation."

The transfer agreement is the culmination of years of advocacy and has taken several steps to set the county on the path to legally return the land. This included the Board of Supervisors passing Hahn's motion co-authored by Mitchell to support Senate Bill 796 - authored by Senator Steve Bradford, SB 796, codified into law the County's ability to transfer this public property back to private ownership.

"It is never too late to right a wrong. Bruce's Beach was taken nearly a century ago, but it was an injustice inflicted upon not just Willa and Charles Bruce but generations of their descendants who would, almost certainly, be millionaires today if they had been allowed to keep their beachfront property" said Hahn, representing the fourth district.

"By returning this land to their great grandsons, the Bruce family will finally have the opportunity to start rebuilding the generational wealth that was denied them for decades. This will be the first land transfer of its kind, but it cannot be the last. I hope we set a precedent that governments across this nation will follow."

The land being returned to the legal heirs of the Bruce family are lots 8 and 9 of Peck's Manhattan Beach Tract, an estimated 7,000 square feet that has

been appraised at a value of \$21 million. These lots are currently being used by L.A. County Fire Department as a lifeguard training facility. The motion authorizes the County to lease back of the property its lifeguard training facility is located on to the Bruce Family, LLC annually for \$413,000.

The Bruce's family operated a thriving resort, welcoming to Black patrons when legal segregation kept Black families from accessing California public beaches up until 1929 when the City of Manhattan Beach condemned the property. Through government actions, the Bruce's family lost their land, business, their home and generational wealth. This is a historic moment for the county in its process of addressing current and historic prejudice under its Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion initiative.

"This is a day we

weren't sure would ever come, the return of our family's property happened thanks to the hard work of many, many people. It means the world to us, and we know how important this is to people across the country. But it is also bittersweet. My great-great-grandparents, Willa and Charles Bruce sacrificed to open a business that gave Black people a place to gather and socialize, and Manhattan Beach took it from them because of the color of their skin" said Anthony Bruce, spokesman for the family.

"It destroyed them financially. It destroyed their chance at the American Dream. I wish they could see what has happened today. We hope this opens people's eyes to a part of American history that isn't talked about enough, and we think it's a step toward trying to right the wrongs of the past."

"I am extremely proud

to have authored Senate Bill 796 that allowed the County of L.A. to transfer the Bruce's Beach land back to its rightful heirs, the great-grandsons of Charles and Willa Bruce. I commend Supervisors Janice Hahn and Holly Mitchell's leadership in standing up to address racial injustice and having the courage to right historical wrongdoing," said Senator Bradford.

"The county's plan will accomplish my legislation's objective of rectifying the historic injustice that was done to the Bruce family. This will allow the Bruce family to realize the generational wealth which they have been deprived for generations, simply for being Black in America! We cannot change the injustices done to our people in the past, but we owe it to the future generations to eliminate structural and systemic racism that still exist today."

AG Rob Bonta Ruling Could Put Fate of District 10 Back In Courts Hands

SCLC-SC Lawsuit could leave the 10th District with "No Vote and No Voice" Once Again

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his post last year.

In an opinion issued on June 22, Bonta said, "We conclude that substantial questions of law exist as to whether Wesson's appointment to the Los Angeles City Council was lawful...Further, the public interest will be served by allowing the proposed [legal challenge] to proceed." John Sweeney, an attorney for the SCLC-SC, said he and his clients "will decide in the next day whether to file for a temporary restraining order seeking Wesson's removal."

Herb Wesson, who honorably served as the councilman of the 10th District for more than 15 years, but was excluded from running again do to term limits, was appointed unanimously by the Los Angeles City Council to serve as the interim councilmember following Ridley-Thomas' suspension from the City Council after his federal indictment.

Sweeney, who is also the attorney for Registered Voters of District 10, said, "We believe that he is illegally holding office. And that's why we wanted to keep the status quo and put no one in there until Mark

Ridley-Thomas' criminal trial came around."

Many 10th District citizens found this hard to accept, since Ridley-Thomas was originally set to go to trial in August 2022, but now the trial has been moved November 2022 and could potentially get moved again.

"Herb Wesson has done a good job representing the district during Mark's absence. Not having Herb in office until Mark's trial is over leaves the district with no representation and us without a voice for at least a year," observed one longtime District 10 resident.

Wesson said he had been enjoying retirement, spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren before being called back into service. "When there was a need for someone to temporarily step in and keep the district running, there was no way I could say no to my neighbors and friends that I love so much," he said.

Under the L.A. City Charter, council members are limited to three four-year terms. However, they can also serve a portion of another official's unexpired term if that official steps



Rev. William Smart

down ahead of schedule.

The fate of the 10th District has been in limbo since Ridley-Thomas, who was elected as the district's councilmember in November of 2020, was indicted on bribery, conspiracy and fraud charges in October 2021, for alleged crimes which occurred during his time as a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Ridley-Thomas, along with his co-defendant, USC Dean Marilyn Louise Flynn, is accused of steering L.A. County funds to USC in return for favors. Ridley-Thomas has pleaded not guilty and has vowed to fight these charges to the very end to clear his name.

Registered voters of

District 10 filed an initial lawsuit to stop the Wesson appointment, have Ridley-Thomas reinstated to the City Council, and reverse the City Controller's decision to suspend his pay and benefits. The court ruled that the city was within their right to suspend Ridley-Thomas as well as suspend his pay and benefits.

However, Judge Strobel ruled that the decision concerning Wesson's appointment, which exceeds



Mark Ridley-Thomas

the city policy regarding term limits, needed to be decided by the Office of State Attorney General Rob Bonta. In their legal filings, the city's lawyers argued that any challenge to Wesson's ability to serve in public office requires a "quo warranto" action,

which requires the consent or involvement of the attorney general.

The Council voted to suspend Ridley-Thomas following his indictment and Council President Nury Martinez appointed Ridley-Thomas' Chief of Staff Karly Katona to serve as the caretaker for the district until the end of 2021. This decision created a lot of complaints from residents of the 10th district who saw this "caretaker" title as leaving them without a voting representative to weigh in on budget decisions or re-districting matters, which were going on at the time of Ridley-Thomas's suspension.

In February, the Council voted to approve Wesson as the district's voting representative until Dec. 31, 2022. Under this plan, if Ridley-Thomas is found not-guilty or the federal indictment were to be dropped, Wesson would simply step down clearing the way for Ridley-Thomas to return to his



Herb Wesson

..... elected office.

Several residents of the

10th district believe that Wesson's appointment was the most reasonable move and provided the district with a representative who knew the district and the issues of the district better than any other possible candidate. It also ensured that whoever the appointed councilmember was could not run in the next council election either in 2024 or in a special election if the Ridley-Thomas case dragged on or if he were to be found guilty.

As of Sentinel press time, Rev. Smart and the group calling themselves Registered Voters of District 10 had not made a decision on continuing the fight against the Wesson appointment.

Council President Nury Martinez, who led the efforts to appoint Wesson as the interim councilman and was ratified by a unanimous vote of her fellow councilmembers, said she is "determined" to give the district representation.

Also, she has defended the council's decision on numerous occasions stressing that she had met with numerous community leaders and organization leading up to Wesson's appointment and said residents in the district had "overwhelmingly suggested Herb Wesson as the most qualified person to serve the district as the interim councilmember."



Remembering our Ancestors and Securing our Future at Festival of Masks

By **KIMBERLY SHELBY**
Contributing Writer

A legion of loss has stricken this community in the past two-plus years since the dawn of COVID. Of course, loss is widespread and sundry, ever cycling, ever defining our lives, and it has always been there, tapping, nudging at human trajectories.

And yet we feel, as we reflect on the events of these past 28 months, that there has been more of that loss. The CDC tells us that there has been more. Our hearts know there has been more.

Although in its 12th year, Leimert Park's "Day of the Ancestors: Festival of Masks" at the Leimert Park Artwalk so thoughtfully addresses these feelings, facts and heart knowledge that it would seem to have been conceived and established in direct response to this challenging period.

In the time and space it has created to enable residents to "be fully human, to be fully expressive, to cry, to holler/shout, to laugh, to move, to share news. To mourn. To celebrate."

These are the words of Karen Mack, CEO and director of LA Commons, who alongside artists/founders Najite Agindotan and Ben Caldwell, established the annual celebration for the South Central LA community in 2010.

The multicultural, multigenerational arts event that champions the vast identities of the African diaspora took place over the weekend June 25-26 and featured a procession and festival through Leimert Park Village, the cultural heart of Black Los Angeles.

With its return to the "in-person" experience after a two-year pandemic-driven hiatus, Festival of



Stilt walkers lead the in procession at Festival of Masks. (ZAK SHELBY-SZYSZKO)

the Masks' theme (Unity + Legacy = Healing) focused on strategies and practices from across the African Diaspora to promote healing, wellness, intergenerational connection, and a strength-

Banner by artist Wendell Wiggins

Performer: Dwight Trible

Leimert Park Merchants Association - Honoring Barbara Morrison

Brannon Reese and Everything with Soul

People of all ages were invited to commune with their ancestors through mask-making and the learning of movement, rhythm and song. Local artists, culture bearers and youth apprentices led the joyful spectacle and spiritual experience that began with a blessing and libation ceremony, invoking community reflection and healing. The procession is said to symbolize the people's power and capacity to take ownership over their communities and overcome challenges.

Artistic Director Tamica Washington-Miller said, "We are exploring the con-



Community members participate in the event. (ZAK SHELBY-SZYSZKO)

ened sense of belonging, as pillars of the community who've recently passed on were honored through dance, poetry, musical performances, drum circles and puppetry.

Collaborating partners included:

The World Stage - Honoring Noni Olabisi

Banner by artist Man One

Performer: S.H.I.N.E. Muwasi

Leimert Park Jazz Festival and Sutro Avenue Block Club - Honoring Derf Reklaw

Banner by artist Kayla Shelton

Performer: The Harmony Project Drumline

Black Women for Wellness - Honoring Veronica Mayes Johnson, Loretta Jones, and Lark Galloway-Gilliam

Banner by artist Raycasso

Performer: Lula Washington Dance Theatre - Youth Dance Ensemble ECWA - Honoring James F. Jones Jr.

Banner by artist Wendell Wiggins

Performer: Torrence



Colorful puppets delight the crowd. (ZAK SHELBY-SZYSZKO)

nections from ancestral African roots through slavery, to the Black churches, hip-hop and vogue dance cyphers of today."

As it connects generations, the event is said to bridge all belief systems

as well. Leadership team member Pastor Kelvin Sauls, former minister at Holman United Methodist Church, which is rooted in Christian principles, also believes strongly in the power of art to heal one's spirit.

Through masks, dance and music, "Day of the Ancestors: Festival of Masks" aims to

create a transformational artistic process that educates, empowers and enriches the community, from the audience to the participants themselves.

"Youth and artists are at the center of our projects," says Mack. "And it is always so inspiring to see what they create in their effort to tell the story of their neighborhoods. I also enjoy being an advocate for lifting up the voices of youth, artists and community members in the civic conversation as a way to make our city a better place for all of us."

Walking the walk, L.A. Commons supported its youth apprentices working on the festival with stipends for their participation.

"I think the festival is

for me was having confidence making my mask. But without asking, I constantly got reassurance, it was a wonderful experience. Nothing was as great as to know how to release energy in art," noted Lewanana Pinkney, another youth participant.

"I learned different ways to connect with my ancestors, and also to make time and space for me to breathe," shared Paradise Oakley, youth participant.

Longterm goals for the festival, Mack says, include addressing the longstanding, trauma-induced wounds of African-Americans through the fostering of a sense of wholeness and well-being. There are plans to create a Healthy Culture Hub in Leimert Park Village, a community oasis for recovery and resilience, and a generative, community-activated public health model.

In addition to further cultivating a feeling of belonging that will increase civic engagement, the focus will be on establishing enhanced connection to a holistic cultural framework aligned with an African worldview.

"[We will] promote the integration of arts and culture into the provision of wellness offerings as we partner with institutions that focus on Black community health," explains Mack, whose vision is clear and sound. "[We aim to] stabilize and ground the cultural worldview of participants as a buffer against ailments resulting from generational trauma."

A lofty aspiration, but "Day of the Ancestors: Festival of the Masks" is a formidable start.

Visit lacommons.org to learn more and find out how you can get involved.

important because it inspires people to be creative contributors in their community and in their own lives. With this inspiration, it fosters a sense of stewardship," said Keira Adams, youth participant.

"The biggest challenge

Fenty Beauty - Has Everything for the No MakeUp - Make Up Trend

By **MARGRIRA**
Contributing Writer

Many TikTok influencers and makeup artist have identified one of the biggest trends for 2022 to be the dewy, no-make up, make up look but for people of color, who are richly blessed with melanin, the question of what brands actually work?

Currently in the lead, with the beauty gurus, is Saie beauty (excellent) but I had to ask if Fenty Beauty can compete and win this trending category?

Thank you Bold Public Relations for helping me research this story and let me just say —Fenty Beauty showed up and showed out!

Their brand's ingredients and fragrances are clean (any synthetic fragrance we use is less than 1 percent of the total formula) with all of the Fenty Skin products extensively tested for safety, and allergy, and undergo a third

party safety review.

Rihanna was there for the "no make up, make up" trend as early as 2020, telling Essence that she prefers "an effortless look as the 'summer Fenty Face,' and now, in 2022, the billionaire-entrepreneur has again proven that she's a woman of vision.

Here's my thoughts on the incredible products that Fenty Beauty has to help you create that perfect, flawless (yes, flawless) beauty look.

New and a must have is Toast'd Swirl Bronze Shimmer Powders but you must act quick because this is a limited-edition and considered a "supersized" bronze shimmer powder that delivers high-impact, multi-dimensional radiance for face + body. It's available in two ultra-wearable shades, Chocolate Swiller (champagne bronze shimmer) and Pecan Swiller (gold bronze shimmer). Toast'd Swirl gives the



skin an extra warmth and delivers a smooth, blurred-skin effect for the ultimate sunkissed glow from head-to-toe.

For the lips, the new Poutsicle Hydrating Lip

Strain which delivers a wet-look shine and leaves a soft stain. Available in four colors: Mai Type, Zesty Bestie, Strawberry Sangria, and Berry Banger.

And back in stock —

sold out for months — the Fenty Fragrance is back. Fenty Eau De Parfum has whiffs of magnolia and musk uniting with tangerine, vanilla, coconut, blueberry and hints of

Bulgarian rose, geranium and patchouli, to create a blend that expresses itself uniquely on each wearer for a one-of-a-kind scent that is all heart and pure soul.

Don't sleep on the Wish You Wood LongWear Pencil Eyeliner in colors 'Cuz I'm Black' which is a black matte, and 'In Big Truffle' which is a perfect, chocolate brown matte.

Now to how you can get that glow with Fenty using their Pro Filt'r Instant Retouch Primer, Pro Filt'r Hydrating Primer (soft silk), Pro Filt'r Instant Retouch Setting Powder (Banana), to name a few. If you want to jump off the dewy trend train, use their Pro Filt'r Mattifying Primer.

Remember that all beauty starts with clean skin, and one of the best that I can suggest is Buttah Skincare which is created by an African-American

San Pedro Music Festival Set for July 31

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Windy City Entertainment Inc. presents the 2nd Annual San Pedro Music Festival on Sunday, July 31, from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the 1500-seat, art-deco historic Warner Grand Theatre, located at 478 W 6th St., in San Pedro.

The exciting lineup

includes a tribute to Stevie Wonder by his backing ensemble WonderLove.

Other performances will feature international jazz/soul singing sensation Windy Barnes, local favorite alternative pop duo The Habits; Victor Orlando & Fun-Ja-La, Resurrection Road, Wylde Bunch, AnDre Washington, Heru Yahli

and many more. The emcee will be Broadway, film and television star, Roz Ryan.

According to the organizers, local vendors will present eye-popping merch and local restaurants and food trucks will offer tasty bites during intermissions. Also, a VIP reception takes place from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., with music by the Dynamic

Duo along with a silent auction, fun raffles, and the "Purple Carpet" filled with celebrity sightings.

"It's the perfect time to honor our planet and our ancestors as we celebrate professional musicians for their dedication to healing the earth through their musical gifts and talents," said Windy Barnes Farrell.

"We are back and thrilled to safely offer a music festival that represents the demographic makeup of San Pedro and brings all ages together in a fun and meaningful way."

Sponsors are L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn and Windy City Entertainment Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Proceeds will support WCE's Heal My Family



Windy Barnes Farrell (COURTESY PHOTO)



Program.

"Our main purpose is to assist families with grief counseling, food and funeral expenses after the loss of a loved one due to gun and gang violence in San Pedro

and the greater Los Angeles area," said Farrell, founder and president.

For more information, visit SanPedroMusicFestival.com

Democracy is not a Spectator Sport

BY BONNIE BOSWELL
Contributing Writer

Wandrea Moss and her mother, Ruby Freeman, were profiles in courage last Tuesday as they appeared before the January 6th committee.

Both women, former election officials in Georgia, told how Mr. Trump had falsely accused them of rigging the presidential election. They were forced into hiding because of threatening behavior from his supporters.

Ms. Moss and Ms. Freeman were not alone in their determination to do their job. Republican Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives Rusty Bowers, Georgia

Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, and others held fast to their oaths and put country over party.

"Democratic norms are only as solid as the commitment of those in power. Elections and laws only have power because elites (lawmakers, judges, local officials, bureaucrats, et. al) wake up every morning and treat them as paramount," Max Fisher wrote recently in the New York Times.

In other words, democracy works only to the extent that ordinary citizens like Ms. Moss, Ms. Ruby, Mr. Bowers, and Mr. Raffensperger agree that the tenets of democracy are to be protected. This is the power and strength of ordinary

people.

Their heroism is even more remarkable since little attention is paid to civic education in America. The Annenberg Civics Knowledge Survey shows only about 40% of Americans can name all three branches of government, and 20% can't name one. A national educational progress test revealed that only 23% of 8th graders are proficient in civics.

Ted McConnell, executive director of the Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools, noted that while the federal government has focused its educational spending on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) (\$54 per student), spending on



Bonnie Boswell (KAREN STEYR)

civics (5 cents per student) is disproportionately low. Education is not just about preparing students for jobs. It must also teach them how to protect democratic ideals.

This is where

Generation Citizen (GC) comes in. The mission of GC is to give young people the tools that teach them how to become involved in civic life. I spoke with CEO Elizabeth Clay Roy recently.

Ms. Roy, a young African American woman said, "It is critical that our educational systems teach what it means to be engaged in civic life and to help create resilient communities.

When young people participate in community-based action civics, they shift from feeling like they are observing politics from afar to recognizing that they are actual changemakers in their community at this moment."

Generation Citizen notes that there is a "civic engagement gap" as well. Students from low income communities are half as likely to study how laws are made, less likely to participate in debates and have necessary tools for advocacy.

The fight for democracy is now being played out before our eyes. But this is not a spectator sport. We must insure our young people have the conviction and means to save it. Find more information: www.generationcitizen.org

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CRENSHAW CHRISTIAN CENTER SALUTES BELOVED BASKETBALL COACH

By YUMIKO WHITAKER
Contributing Writer

On June 26, humble community servant Michael Lynch and his family were honored in a surprise ceremony during Crenshaw Christian Center's Sunday service — marking the winning coach's 26-year career, retirement, and upcoming induction into the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Hall of Fame. Lynch was under the impression that he and his family were attending a final service before relocating to the Atlanta area.

This original Compton son, 27-year Inglewood resident, and 33-year member of Crenshaw Christian Center led Price High and LaSalle High teams, 19 and seven years, respectively, to 626 wins. Lynch also led young players to eight consecutive (CIF) titles, 10 Southern Section championships and eight state championships.

He is a five-time CIF Coach of the Year and State Coach of the Year, who has sent multiple players to Division 1 schools, including 36 who went on to play in college and the pros.

Lynch credits this track record of success to his lifelong love for the game of basketball, the faith-focused teachings of Apostle Frederick K.C. Price and Frederick K. Price Jr., its application, and a sincere desire to help young men and women navigate life and reach their dreams on



From left are Coach Michael Lynch, his wife, Becky Lynch, Angela Price Evans, First Lady Angel Price and Pastor Fred Price. Coach Lynch was recognized for his outstanding achievements, commitment to youth and deep faith in the Lord.

and off the court.

With solid support from his wife, Becky, and their children, Lynch has fueled the careers of scores of native sons and daughters who have gone on to become doctors, entrepreneurs, business owners, educators, athletic directors, husbands, wives, fathers, and mothers — all shaped by the strong example set by the Lynch family.

They have each served as mentors, father and mother figures, loving brother and sisters, counselors, and caring disciplinarians to many, and have sacrificed to bridge need gaps to propel others forward.

At Sunday's ceremony, CIF Southern Section Com-

missioner of Athletics Rob Wigod announced news of the board's unanimous decision to grant Coach Michael Lynch Hall of Fame status. He congratulated Lynch and recognized his outstanding contributions to CIF Southern Section athletics, which is to be celebrated at an October 12, 2022 awards luncheon. This designation also comes with an esteemed Gold Life Pass.

Also, on hand as a special guest was Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Deputy Chief for the South Bureau Gerald Woodyard, who presented a commendation on behalf of Chief Michel Moore, who entered the academy with Lynch in 1985.

Lynch was recognized for his 15 years of service to residents as an officer and detective before he departed to become coach and athletic director of Price High and head of security for Crenshaw Christian Center.

While with LAPD, he loved diverting individuals to alternate life pathways while working in patrol, narcotics, gang intervention and juvenile restoration. He also coached the department's basketball team.

"You mentored me by your example, and I am grateful," lamented Deputy Chief Woodyard. He continued, "your efforts resulted in young people staying out of trouble, which is our



Lynch and Dr. Betty Price



LAPD Deputy Chief Gerald Woodyard presented a certificate to Coach Lynch.

shared community-wide goal."

Pastor Frederick K. Price remarked about a coach being someone who offers wise counsel, and how through the years, he has personally appreciated Coach Lynch's counsel to him as the second man in addition to his father, Apostle Price, whom he regards to possess impeccable character and integrity.

Angela Evans, president and CEO of Crenshaw Christian Center, coordinated this surprise effort to give Lynch flowers while he is alive, encouraged by Colossians 2:6-7.

"The ministry honors Coach Michael Lynch because of what he means to our church body, to our

school, and to coaches and young men and women throughout our city and beyond. He is one of our own, as well as a stalwart member of the community, and we are immensely proud of him.

"It is our great pleasure to celebrate him on his retirement per Proverbs 3:27, 'Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act.'"

Heartfelt commendations were also provided by the offices of Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Supervisor Holly Mitchell and City of Inglewood Mayor James Butts and presented to Lynch by Evans and Pastor Price.

Throughout his coaching career, Lynch has always told people that they can do whatever they have faith for — and served as their living example — buoyed by many other coaches, staff, volunteers, and supporters through the years.

He was moved by the outpouring of love and gives God all the glory for what He has done in and through him.

"Thank you! I am so very humbled and honored," Lynch extolled to congregates and guests.

He is looking forward to raising up new generations of coaches, leaders, and young people through his established nonprofit, "A Coach Is."

Learn more at acoachis.org.

L.A. Mission Prayer Walk Reclaiming Skid Row for Kingdom of God

By DENISE J. GIBBS
Contributing Writer

With a loud shout of "Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord," Elder Darin McAllister - along with a dedicated team of volunteers, ministers, and student leaders - boldly spoke words of life over the intersection of San Pedro and 5th Street in the heart of Skid Row.

On Friday, June 17, McAllister, senior vice president of Christian Ministries and Community Development for Los Angeles Mission, and the Boots on the Ground group, prayed over, encouraged, and provided hope to the men and women who live deep in the heart of Skid Row's "Hot Zone," declaring, "This is going to be a safe place, and this corner will be a place of transformation."

The group provided water bottles, hygiene

kits, and prayer for anyone who wanted it. "Most of the men you see out here volunteering today have been in this position before," said McAllister.

For example, Gustavo (Gus) Torres and other student leaders who were once homeless, hopeless, and addicted to drugs have now transformed their lives with the help of the L.A. Mission programs.

"Everyone here at the Mission has a powerful testimony of transformation, even our president and CEO, Pastor Troy Vaughn," said McAllister. It is often said of Pastor Troy that he has come from being a resident to the president.

One young man that McAllister and his team ministered to said, "I don't know how to get off this." McAllister encouraged the young man, and asked the group



Elder Darin McAllister

of about five men that were with him, "How many of you have been in his situation before?"

Everyone raised their hands and McAllister said to the young man, "You see how these men are clean now, you can be clean too. We are here to help you."

That young man's name is Dell, McAllister shared, and he urged others to pray for Dell. "When you mention someone's name, you're not just arbitrarily praying, but you are giving someone an identity when you call their name," he said.

According to McAllister, people with good intentions often think that a person's situation will improve once the person is off the street. "Although that is a noble idea, and it should be the goal, the problem is much deeper than that," he noted.

"Homelessness is not just a social issue. It is not just about housing — but it's a spiritual issue and it takes an embrace and undergirding of the entire person to transform the heart, mind, and spirit of individuals," explained McAllister.

"People on the streets often connect with those on the streets out here because of what they have in com-

mon," he said, citing as an example individuals who are addicted to drugs believe others afflicted with that disease will not judge them as harshly. The Mission staff applies a similar philosophy to assist people and persuade individuals to participate in one of the facility's programs to obtain a sense of community.

For example, McAllister said, "He loves God, I love God, I go to church, he goes to church, he supports me, I'm encouraging him, she's encouraging me, girl, we're going to make it together, etc. Now they can process and love and have a sense of community that is healthy for them."

He described the prayer walks as "intentional active engagement. Prayer and intercession are vital, but we're putting feet to those prayers, getting out on the streets, and taking this to another level. When we take those same prayers, from our churches and our homes to the community, and then engage, it's just like what Jesus and his disciples did, and therefore it's effective," he insisted.

On Friday, July 8, the Los Angeles Mission Ministry Team will engage the Skid Row community through prayer, encouragement, hygiene kits, fellowship, and the love of Christ.

Volunteers with a heart for the homeless, and who have the strength and energy to walk four-to-six blocks are invited to get their "boots on the ground" to reclaim Skid Row for the kingdom of God.

Anyone who desires to volunteer must show proof of vaccination and sign up

in advance by the QRC code on the flyer or by visiting www.lamission.org.

Volunteers will meet for a brief orientation in the newly renovated Hols-

inger Chapel at 8:30 a.m., where they will receive instructions before going out to bless the people of Skid Row in downtown Los Angeles.

MAYOR BUTTS CONGRATULATES JOSHUA



Joshua Apparicio-Swain was congratulated by his mentor, Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts, on June 22, for graduating with honors from Santa Monica College. The mayor commended the 17-year-old on earning an Associate of Arts degree by maintaining his faith in God and keeping his eyes on the prize.



L.A. Mission Boots on the Ground team pray at the corner of San Pedro St. and 5th St. in downtown L.A.

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Nana Patrice Lumumba's Legacy: Living and Dying in Liberating Resistance

In our long, difficult, dangerous and demanding struggles to liberate ourselves as African peoples, to regain our freedom we had at birth and enjoyed for thousands of years before Europe, colonialism, imperialism, racism and the resultant rot and retardation of human relations, there are countless men and women whose lives and deaths offer libraries of lessons, models and mirrors of living and dying in rightful and righteous ways.

And such a man and African is Nana Patrice Lumumba (July 2, 1925 - January 17, 1961). Leading the Democratic Republic of the Congo to independence June 30, 1960, and assassinated and martyred at 35, Nana Patrice, in his brief life, leaves an awesome and enduring legacy of work and struggle to regain African freedom and in the process, he offers vital lessons of how to live and die in dignity-affirming, life-enhancing and world-preserving ways.

Speaking of this honored Congolese independence leader, liberator, freedom fighter, Prime Minister and martyr, Nana Patrice Lumumba, Nana Haji Malcolm X, freedom fighter, moral teacher and martyr himself, described him as one of the greatest African leaders that ever walked the African continent.

Indeed, Haji Malcolm constantly raised up his life and the liberation struggle of the Congolese people, praising him and their righteous and relentless liberation struggle, citing the Simba, (the namesake of our youth organization, the Simba Wachanga, the Young Lions) as a model of revolutionary resistance

by young people. He also condemned the brutal and savage role of the U.S. in the assassination of Nana Lumumba and the reversal of the independence victory the Congolese people had achieved at great cost.

Haji Malcolm rightly recognized and appreciated Nana Patrice's level of dedication, discipline, sacrifice and achievement, as we say in Kawaida, especially his courage and commitment in the face of death, his refusal under the penalty of death to buck, bow or be the caricature of a man, the colonialists and imperialists wanted him to be. Indeed, like Haji Malcolm would later do himself, Nana Lumumba chose to be a martyr in the liberation struggle of his people rather than compromise on what he called sacred principles of life and struggle.

In his last letter to his beloved wife, co-worker and co-combatant, Nana Pauline Lumumba, while in captivity and about to be murdered, he says, "Neither brutalities, cruelties, nor torture have ever led me to ask for mercy, for I prefer to die with my head high, with unshakable faith and profound confidence in the destiny of my country rather than live in submission and in contempt for sacred principles."

A critical source of the valuable expressions of these qualities and practices can be found in the collection of his writings, interviews, press conferences and letters in the book "La Pensée Politique de Patrice Lumumba (The Political Thought of Patrice Lumumba) published by Présence Africaine."

Nana Lumumba spoke of and upheld in practice the sacred principles of



DR. MAULANA KARENGA

love of and faith in the people, unity of the people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and a Pan-African unity, especially as a continental project, an unbreakable faith in victory and a willingness to live and die in the pursuit and achievement of freedom. He constantly expresses his love of and commitment to the people and his belief in their capacity to regain their freedom interrupted by a savage genocidal colonialism imposed by Belgium and its European allies, including America.

Among his last words in his letter to his beloved wife, Nana Pauline, he expressed faith and certainty in their eventual triumph in securing their independence. He says, "As for me, I know that my country which has suffered so much, will know how to defend its independence and its freedom." And this faith is still unfolding as the Congolese continue their righteous resistance.

Key to liberation, he taught as all other liberation leaders, was the unity and common struggle of the people in all their diversity. In his speech to the First All African Peoples Conference held in Accra, Ghana, by Nana Osagyefo Kwame Nkrumah, President of Ghana, in 1958, he stresses that the National Congolese Movement (M.N.C.), the

liberation party he led, was committed to an inclusive unity and struggle for the Congo and the African continent.

Thus, he strove for an "operational unity," a unity in diversity, but an active, principled, purposeful and productive unity. His intention which was shared by the Accra conference participants was to overcome, avoid and resist that regularly used tactic of the oppressor to divide and conquer, divide and rule.

He states that "this tactic, which in the face of the coming into consciousness of the African peoples, adapts itself, taking subtle roundabout means to strike more than ever, to break the will for unity and for liberation of autonomous peoples and to impose economic dependence which is the basis of international imperialism."

Therefore, he said of the M.N.C., "We call upon all our compatriots of all conditions, no matter what their tendencies or their current or past differences, to put in common our energies and our courage to realize our necessary and indispensable joining together without which we cannot be able to affirm ourselves nor make our voices heard, that is to say, the voice of the Congolese people." In this practice, we say to and show the world "we are united for one same and just cause": liberation.

It is important to note here that Nana Lumumba rightly reasons that freedom "is a fundamental, natural and sacred right that no doctrine can dispute and no power can extract" from a people or person. And it is of equal importance to bring into focus his position that the Congolese people and all African people are not gaining a freedom given or granted, but are regaining a freedom lost, interrupted

and denied by conquest, colonialism, imperialism and the Holocaust of enslavement.

Thus, what was lost was not the right of freedom, which is inalienable, but freedom itself which must be regained through righteous and relentless struggle. Here he reaffirms the ancient African Maatian teaching that all humans are born free and that they are endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable rights found in the Husia in the Four Good Deeds of Ra.

Thus, he says, "The current dream of Africa, all of Africa, including the Congo, is coming into being as a free continent, independent, in the same way that all other continents of the world, for the Creator has willed that all humans and all peoples be free and equal."

He tells the oppressor that he must not try to play victim by wrongfully and maliciously labeling "as an anti-White, xenophobic agitator all Africans who condemn the injustices and abuses of which their people are a victim." For it is the victimizer, the colonialist who has proved himself anti-Black, xenophobic, racist and ultimately anti-human in his oppressive, imperialist and genocidal practices.

In fact, he calls the oppressor out, exposing and condemning both his practices and pretensions of being just, civilized and Christian. He says that "Africa in its entirety is irresistibly engaged in a struggle without mercy against colonialism and imperialism." For the oppressor is using all the savage methods he can devise against us.

But we continue to struggle for "We wish to say good-bye to this regime of subjugation and degeneracy which has inflicted so

much wrong on us." And he declares defiantly that "A people who oppresses another is not a people who is civilized or Christian" regardless of its claims to the contrary.

Finally, Nana Lumumba urges the Congolese leaders and people to stop the internecine conflict and wars, to stop letting the imperialists manipulate them and reverse the people's hard-won independence. The overwhelming need, he says, is to remember the central objective which is to free ourselves, harness our resources "in a common effort to create a national economy which allows us to rapidly improve the life conditions for all the people."

This means the oppressor cannot be our teacher, tutor, sponsor or manipulator. For as Nana Lumumba defiantly declares, "We are Africans and wish to remain so. We have our own philosophy, our own customs, our own traditions which are as noble as those of other nations."

And thus, as always, we must draw from these our own distinct ways to practice freedom, serve our people, engage the world, and make our own unique contribution to the forward flow of human history and the achievement of an expansive and inclusive good in the world.

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• COUNCILMEMBER CURREN PRICE •

27th Street Fireworks Explosion: One Year Later

It has been 365 emotional days in District 9, with great trauma for dozens of neighbors and an entire community still reeling from a botched LAPD detonation of illegal fireworks on June 30, 2021.

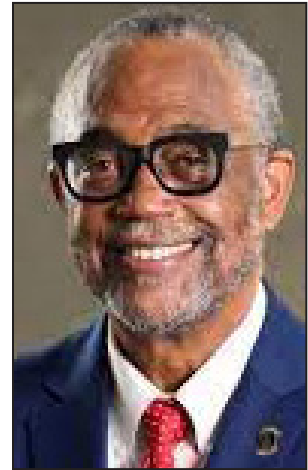
A year later, CD9 mourns. We mourn our community that once was.

We reflect. We reflect on the police's negligence and failure to protect our working-class neighborhood.

We remain furious. Furious that victims have had to endure such a reprehensible and unconscionable ordeal that could have been avoided.

While the damage and destruction has been done, it's time to restore our families and rebuild our South LA neighborhood once and for all.

This was by far one of the LAPD's largest blunders in recent history and as of today, they have refused to release the names of the officers responsible for this tragedy nor have they disclosed the disciplinary action handed down. I stand in solidarity with community members who demand justice and full transparency. I will be holding LAPD's feet to the fire to ensure they follow through with policy changes, as well as administering appropriate punishment to the individuals responsible for



COUNCILMEMBER CURREN PRICE (FILE PHOTO)

this disaster. How can LAPD blow up a neighborhood with zero accountability?

While we have made progress to make our community whole again, families continue to face an uphill battle and the trajectory of their

lives is forever changed. Neighbors living through the nightmare of the 27th Street fireworks explosion have been presented with a myriad of challenges no one could ever have prepared for. The destructive and unprecedented nature of this incident required my Office to think creatively in how we supported our residents. Standard operating procedures for recovery of an event like this simply did not exist so we created a CD9 playbook from scratch. Although the City has a claims process in place by which residents get reimbursed, our residents do not have the time or the money to spare. On a daily basis my Office has been trying to find answers and some sort of resolution for

the various households affected- all while predatory lawyers attempt to hijack any potential progress.

I remember the day like it was yesterday. It was one of our longest nights. Without hesitation, Team Price went to work setting up a triage to assist displaced neighbors with their most pressing needs. From providing emergency housing to ensuring our friends and families had food to eat and clothes to wear. Others asked for our help to get important documents from their homes, their medicine, arrange for an oxygen tank, a hospital bed and even help locate beloved family

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Caribbean Heritage Festival comes to South LA!

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residents from across the city gathered in South L.A. to celebrate Caribbean Heritage Festival 2022 with

On Sunday, June 26, over two-thousand



Musical artist Bunji (Ian Alvarez), Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson and musical artist Fay-Ann Lyons. (CERRINA TAYAG-RIVERA)



The program dancers in elaborate, feathered headdresses and costumes. (CERRINA TAYAG-RIVERA)

Dr. Harold Ganga, a cultural activist and event producer, received a special honor, as did G. Anthony Joseph, a movie producer, actor, and writer, and musical performers

Ian Alvarez and Fay-Ann Lyons. According to city officials, the Caribbean Heritage Festival will take place next year in South L.A.



Farmer Nappy performed his music for the crowd. (CERRINA TAYAG-RIVERA)



Many attendees waved flags from their native land. (CERRINA TAYAG-RIVERA)

Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson. Angelenos were able to dance to live music, purchase arts and crafts, and sample the famous food delicacies of the Caribbean, thanks to a collaboration with Los Angeles Cultural Festival and Hollywood Carnival.

The Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Plaza hosted the celebration. There was an

impressive line-up of guest artists, DJs, and dancers. Top line entertainment included special guest Farmer Nappy and headliners Bunji and Fay-Ann Lyons. One of the many highlights of the day was the carnival parade with dancers in elaborate costumes and headdresses and stilt walkers looking down on the crowds of people.

officials, the Caribbean Heritage Festival will take place next year in South L.A.

Dr. Willie Morrow, Black Media Pioneer and Creator of the 'Afro-Pick,' Passes at 82

By EDWARD HENDERSON
California Black Media

Dr. Willie Morrow, publisher emeritus of the San Diego Monitor and creator of one of the most well-known symbols of Black pride, the Afro Pick, passed away at his home surrounded by family on Wednesday, June 22.

Morrow is also the creator of "California Curl," a once-popular hair texturizer many call the forerunner to the Jheri Curl.

Born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to a family of sharecroppers, Morrow taught himself the basics of barbering and chemistry, tools that served as the foundation to his hair care empire.

From the 1960's to the mid-1990's, Dr. Morrow set up his headquarters at 4165 Market Street in San Diego. The two-story building housed his barbershop, salon and publication



Dr. Willie Morrow (COURTESY PHOTO)

company where he printed the San Diego Monitor newspaper and operated a San Diego's 92.5 FM radio station

"There was no voice other than the radio at the time," said Morrow in a 2017 interview with San

Diego Voice and Viewpoint newspaper. "When we first started throwing the paper, we would have mountains of them, about 15 or 20 thousand. We would throw them in every home and church in the community. Then we

married the print and radio components together (with 92.5). It became the most powerful tool in the Black community."

In the 70s, as his popularity grew within the beauty industry, the Department of Defense enlisted Morrow to teach and cut hair on military bases and in war zones, which led to him writing several hair styling and barbering technique books.

In 2016, the Museum at California Center for the Arts in Escondido curated an exhibit honoring Dr. Morrow and his accomplishments. The exhibit featured more than 250 objects, from paintings to vintage hair styling equipment. Most of the objects were part of Morrow's own private collection.

The exhibit also included a diorama of Morrow's Market Street barbershop, featuring the

barber chair he used for years. The red velvet chair hosted local Black leaders including the first Black judge in San Diego County, Judge Earl Gilliam, and even basketball hall of famer Michael Jordan as customers.

Following his death, Morrow's daughter, Cheryl Morrow, will take over the newspaper and oversee her father's California Curl Company.

"He had the foresight not just to create the style but the service so it can enrich an industry," said Morrow to ABC 10 News in San Diego. "Prior to 1962, you couldn't buy a comb exclusively for your cultural affinity," says Morrow. "While that whole era was going on, San Diego Black panthers had the best afros."

Assembly member Akilah Weber (D-San Diego) tweeted about the impact Morrow had on the

city he called home.

"Our community is rocked by the news of the passing of Dr. Willie Morrow. He was a true San Diego success story; having built several businesses from hair care products to publishing. His legacy as an entrepreneur and community educator will continue to touch and inspire many."

Shane Harris, a San Diego-based activist and founder of the People's Association of Justice Advocates, expressed his grief about Morrow's death.

"Lost for words. To a man I called Dad, mentor, and confidant. Rest in Peace. Dr. Willie Morrow was one of a kind and was an innovator. San Diego has lost a tremendous leader. The creator of the California Curl and so much more has now left his earthen vessel," he tweeted.

27th Street Fireworks Explosion: One Year Later

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Working alongside trusted partners, including healthcare organizations like St. John's Community Health, we connected victims to service providers who assessed and met their various needs and continue to do so until this day.

For a year now, my Office has been the center of disaster relief efforts. Aside from housing and ongoing home repairs, my Office has paid for everyday things like furniture, appliances, gift cards and other necessities to help our neighbors get by. At my direction, CRCDC

Enterprises has led efforts to clear-up debris, board-up windows and make repairs across 17 homes that were damaged. This includes everything from the installation of new windows, to painting, fixing stucco, repairing damaged



wood, ironwork, plumbing work, updating kitchen and bathroom cabinets and so much more.

As time progressed, I presented two motions in City Council totalling \$6 million in aid to pour resources and bring immediate relief into our impacted neighborhood. The funding allowed my Office to provide longer-



term, first-class corporate housing to displaced neighbors, continue to make home repairs across 27th Street and disburse financial assistance in the amount of \$10,000 for 26 of the most severely impacted households. It also made it possible for the opening earlier this month of the Trinity Neighborhood Center, operated by All Peoples Community Center which has provided case management services to impacted households



since the beginning of the devastation.

At this community hub inside Walker Temple AME Church in District 9, local neighbors have direct access to a wide range of free services five days a week, including continued case management, resources such as food, diapers, rental or utility assistance, employment and immigration services, financial literacy, tax services, tutoring and parenting classes. A licensed mental health therapist is onsite and the center will collaborate with mental health providers in the area, including Kedren

Community Health Center. The Trinity Neighborhood Center also puts City departments under one roof to assist residents with their longer-term needs. To get in touch with the Trinity Neighborhood Center call: (213) 300-0784 or (213) 536-5030. Help is available in both English and Spanish.

As we move forward, we will need a long-term recovery plan for 27th Street and the surrounding area; one that is going to help bring stability to the lives of those affected, revitalize and uplift our neighborhood. I'm especially concerned about potential gentrification and my Office will do everything in its power to prevent this from occurring. We are far from where we need to be, as a neighborhood and as a City. But we are starting to see a silver lining thanks in part to allies like the City of LA's Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD) and All Peoples Community Center.

Some of the highlights include: a total of 70 individuals served, 164 different social services provided, 87 percent of affected individuals have been linked to mental health services, nearly \$320,000 in direct financial assistance distributed and 25 percent of families were rehoused. We're currently assisting 11 households with relocation. Unfortunately, there are several tenants and property owners that have been somewhat hesitant to relocation and/or home repair services. While I appreciate their trauma, we will continue to assist them.

It's a long road to recovery, but I remain committed to seeing this tragedy through until every last person is back on their feet. Mark my words, 27th Street will regain its full strength!

The Honorable Curren Price is the Los Angeles City Councilmember for District 9.

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Forgiving for Living

Death is Part of Life



There are not many things in life that are certain, but one of those certainties is death. As unsettling as it might sound, the fact is, we all are going to die. Death is part of life and there is no escaping it.

The death of a loved one leaves a void in our heart that cannot be filled. Each person in our life plays a role for a reason or a season. With the loss of a loved one, we will experience

intense emotions, ranging from sadness, emptiness, and despair to disbelief, detachment, guilt, sorrow, and grief; grief is a complicated human emotion that unfortunately we all will encounter some time in our life.

How we cope with our loss is critical and important to understand because it can even affect others in our life such as family, friends, and sometimes

whole communities.

I have personally experienced the death of loved ones, but usually they were older, and we were more prepared for their transition, but when someone passes that is younger than you it makes you pause and think about your own mortality.

Recently, I have been facing serious health issues of loved ones, as well as the passing of one

of my dearest cousins, Dr. Michael "Cory" Flores. He is my first cousin on my maternal side of the family, and we often thought of each other as siblings, more so than just cousins, we were that close.

We met during my first year of college when he was around 11-years-old. I did not grow up with the maternal side of my family and I was wanting to get to know them and build a relationship.

When my cousin Cory and I met it was an instant connection that would last the next 42 years. He was one of the smartest people I have ever met and was just a kind and gentle soul.

He died from various forms of cancer that had metastasized throughout much of his body. During the end, he was in excruciating pain. It is hard to witness or know that your loved one is suffering. I am grateful that he is no

longer hurting.

Because I am a believer and trust in God's word when He says in Romans 8:28 that He can make good things come from bad things - even death. One of those good things is it should help us reflect and ask questions like; "Am I doing all I can do? Am I living up to my purpose? Am I helping mankind? Does my life matter?"

It is very important to be kind, gentle, patient, extend grace and forgiveness as much as possible because we never know when the last time might be that we may see someone. I make it a habit to share with my family members and friends that I love them. Too many of us send flowers to a funeral home after the death of a loved one, but never gave them their roses while they were alive.

I remember reading years ago that one of the

best things you can do with people you care about is to build positive memories and document them for when things get tough, they will remind you of the positive things that will help you during dark times.

Take the time while you can and frame your legacy through positive memories and keeping family history alive. Death is part of life, but how we handle life will prepare us on how we handle death.

For those of us that are Christians, death is not the end, but rather a new beginning on the other side. We will see each other again.

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'The Voice That Hears'

Many people "hear" but do not listen, act, or respond. Some listen passively. Probably, parents would be firsthand witnesses to talk about what their children and young adults hear.

Sometimes you explain things to your children, warn them of what might happen if they do or do not do this or that. Sometimes parents want to be "just friends" with their children. And, of course having an adult, parental-child-young adult relationship is desirable.

But, what about this hearing and listening thing? In this regard, grown-ups do the same thing, hear, but do not regard the

information worthwhile listening to.

Chances are you might remember Naaman, the leper in 2 Kings 5. Naaman was an important man in his position, a military man and had brought the king winning battles for Syria. The king appreciated him for his valor. He had come to think of himself as a very important person, perha

He managed to continue his career in the military despite his leprosy skin condition and didn't allow his condition to get in the way of his successful military career exploits. However, I believe surely it affected him emotionally. After all, he had to look at his skin condition daily.

After one of his conquering experiences, a young maiden came with the rewards. She proves to be a great asset to two kings, Ben-Hadad of Syria and Joram, king of Israel. Even though she was in a so-called "lowly position," she was bright and attentive to her environment.

She faithfully served in the home of Naaman as maid to his wife. She saw that this great man had a problem that he had no cure for - leprosy. It is also noted that no other person had been healed of leprosy.

One might reasonably presume that she felt compassion for him in his condition. But, what did she do? She was proactive

in a positive way and told the woman of the house, Naaman's wife, that she knew how Naaman could be healed of his leprosy. Wow! One would certainly imagine this was a huge breakthrough. Isn't this interesting that when she said a few words to the woman of the house that the woman "heard" her.

Naaman was an idolater and believed in many gods, none of which could heal him of his leprosy. The young servant girl was kept in her occupation as a servant. She was not an idolater, but served the one and only true God, Jehovah.

When she "heard" in her consciousness to speak out about Naaman, she did it in such a way that she was "heard" and spoke out in faith that she would be heard and that Naaman could and would be cured. Even though she was a young girl, she was believed.

Many grownups do not act as responsibly as she did. Her tactful speaking out affected two kingdoms: Syria and Israel! Now, that's worthy of paying attention to. Many people

can do more than what they think they can do.

This is what she said: "...she said to her mistress, Would God my lord was with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy." Amazing! They had never heard anything like that before.

One person heard what the young maiden had said and went in and told it. The king of Syria was ecstatic! Naaman was important to him because he helped him win wars. Ben-Hadad, the Syrian king, mounted a great amount of treasure for Naaman to take for his healing. He also sent a letter.

When the king of Israel read the letter, he thought the king of Syria was trying to start a war with him. Naaman had come with his horses, chariot and stood before the prophet Elisha's house. Elisha had heard about the frustration of the king of Israel and being a prophet and miracle worker, he wanted to know what was going on.

"How can I help?" Naaman had anticipated that the prophet would make a big show of

everything. This was his ego speaking. Even with leprosy, he had gotten the "big head."

Naaman went away in a rage when Elisha, the prophet, did not make a big show of the healing. Naaman listened to his servants. Listen to what they said to him to calm him down and bring him to his senses: "And his servants came near, and spoke to him, and said, My father, Naaman was important to him because he helped him win wars. Ben-Hadad, the Syrian king, mounted a great amount of treasure for Naaman to take for his healing. He also sent a letter.

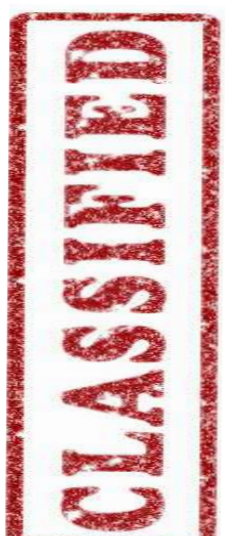
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Petitioner Obioma Daniel Emeh filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22STCP02294
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Charles Edward Madison for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Charles Edward Madison to Charles Edward Gilmore
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 1, 2022, Time: 10:00 am , Dept.: 74, Room: 735
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The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): STUART A KATZ, LAW OFFICES OF STUART A. KATZ, P.C., 940 South Coast Dr., Suite 203, Costa Mesa, CA 92626 (949) 660-1916
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22STCP01597
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: James Alan Roland Aldridge for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: James Alan Roland Aldridge to James Eldritch
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: July 11, 2022, Time: 10:00 A.M., Dept.: 74, Room: 735
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 22CMCP00087
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Cynthia Avelar Carranza for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Cynthia Avelar Carranza filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Cynthia Avelar Carranza to Cynthia Hernandez
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: 8-4-22, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept.: A, Room: 904
The address of the court is 200 W. Compton Blvd, Compton, CA 90221
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022124207

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
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This business is conducted by a limited liability company
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GARY J PROPERTIES LLC
S/ GARY JOHNSON, MANAGING MEMBER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/08/2022.
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6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21/22
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022136000
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. BRENTVIEW MEDICAL URGENT CARE, 2. BRENTVIEW PHYSICAL THERAPY, 11611 SAN VICENTE BLVD, SUITE GF1, LOS ANGELES, CA 90049 County of LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: LLC/AI No 3194097
Registered owner(s): BRENTVIEW MEDICAL INC., 11611 SAN VICENTE BLVD, SUITE GF1, LOS ANGELES, CA 90049; State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) started doing business on 06/02/2022.
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).
BRENTVIEW MEDICAL INC. S/ MAURICE DARVISH, PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/22/2022.
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6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21/22
CNS-3600685#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022139082
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ALIGNED MARKETING, 3740 KEYSTONE AVE APARTMENT 405, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s): JESSE SHAPIRO, 3740 KEYSTONE AVE APARTMENT 405, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 05/20/22.
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/ JESSE SHAPIRO, OWNER
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CNS-3600620#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022141967
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Professional Temp, 20786 Bear Valley Rd, Unit F, Apple Valley, CA 92308; County of San Bernardino; Mailing Address: 4204 Santo Tomas Dr Apt C, Los Angeles, CA 90008
Registered owner(s): Shapri Hawes, 4204 Santo Tomas Dr, Apt C, Los Angeles, CA 90008
This business is conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ Shapri Hawes, Owner
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6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21/22
CNS-3600940#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022123262
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. SIGNATURE FINE WINE & SPIRITS, 2. CALIFORNIA BEVERAGE MERCHANDISING, 3. COASTAL WINE & SPIRITS, 4. COASTAL WINE AND SPIRITS / COASTAL MERCHANDISING, 5. DOMAINE & ESTATES ARTISANAL WINES, 6. DOMAINE & ESTATES FINE WINE, 7. GOLDEN STATE WINE & SPIRITS, 8. PACIFIC WINE & SPIRITS, 9. SGWS, 10. SOUTHERN GLAZERS OF CA, 11. SOUTHERN GLAZERS WINE & SPIRITS OF CALIFORNIA, 12. SOUTHERN GLAZERS WINE AND SPIRITS OF CALIFORNIA, 13. SOUTHERN WINE & SPIRITS OF CALIFORNIA, 14. SOUTHERN WINE & SPIRITS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, 15. SOUTHERN WINE AND SPIRITS OF CALIFORNIA, 16. SWS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, 17. SWS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, 18. THE CRAFT COLLECTION, 19. AMERICAN WINE & SPIRITS, 17101 VALLEY VIEW AVE., CERRITOS, CA 90703 County of LOS ANGELES
Mailing Address: 1600 NW 163 ST TAMMY LOVE, MIAMI, FL 33169
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: LLC/AI No 201617910388
Registered owner(s): SOUTHERN GLAZERà??S WINE AND SPIRITS LLC, 33321 DOWE AVE, UNION CITY, CA 94587; State of Incorporation: DE
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
The registrant(s) started doing business on 07/2016.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
SOUTHERN GLAZERà??S WINE AND SPIRITS, LLC S/ STEVEN R BECKER, MANAGER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/07/2022.
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6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21/22
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6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21/22
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022123262
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. SIGNATURE FINE WINE & SPIRITS, 2. CALIFORNIA BEVERAGE MERCHANDISING, 3. COASTAL WINE & SPIRITS, 4. COASTAL WINE AND SPIRITS / COASTAL MERCHANDISING, 5. DOMAINE & ESTATES ARTISANAL WINES, 6. DOMAINE & ESTATES FINE WINE, 7. GOLDEN STATE WINE & SPIRITS, 8. PACIFIC WINE & SPIRITS, 9. SGWS, 10. SOUTHERN GLAZERS OF CA, 11. SOUTHERN GLAZERS WINE & SPIRITS OF CALIFORNIA, 12. SOUTHERN GLAZERS WINE AND SPIRITS OF CALIFORNIA, 13. SOUTHERN WINE & SPIRITS OF CALIFORNIA, 14. SOUTHERN WINE & SPIRITS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, 15. SOUTHERN WINE AND SPIRITS OF CALIFORNIA, 16. SWS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, 17. SWS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, 18. THE CRAFT COLLECTION, 19. AMERICAN WINE & SPIRITS, 17101 VALLEY VIEW AVE., CERRITOS, CA 90703 County of LOS ANGELES
Mailing Address: 1600 NW 163 ST TAMMY LOVE, MIAMI, FL 33169
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: LLC/AI No 201617910388
Registered owner(s): SOUTHERN GLAZERà??S WINE AND SPIRITS LLC, 33321 DOWE AVE, UNION CITY, CA 94587; State of Incorporation: DE
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
The registrant(s) started doing business on 07/2016.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
SOUTHERN GLAZERà??S WINE AND SPIRITS, LLC S/ STEVEN R BECKER, MANAGER
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6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21/22
CNS-3600620#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022137201
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
OWL TOWER REMODELING, 5425 GROSVENOR BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066 County of LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 4849395
Registered owner(s): OWL TOWER GROUP, INC., 5425 GROSVENOR BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066; CA
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ OLGA SOVENKO, CEO OWL TOWER GROUP, INC.
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6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21/22
CNS-3600620#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022139082
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ALIGNED MARKETING, 3740 KEYSTONE AVE APARTMENT 405, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s): JESSE SHAPIRO, 3740 KEYSTONE AVE APARTMENT 405, LOS ANGELES, CA 90034
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 05/20/22.
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/ JESSE SHAPIRO, OWNER
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6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21/22
CNS-3600620#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022136755
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Hollywood Roxy Hotel, 1655 N Western Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90027, County of Los Angeles
Registered owner(s): Sud Hospitality Inc, 1655 N Western Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90027; CA
This business is conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/2022
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/ Sudhir Ahir, CEO Sud Hospitality Inc
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 6/22/2022
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6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21/22
CNS-3596642#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022120048
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MASSIVE GATHERING PRODUCTIONS, 3849 MONTCLAIR ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90018 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s): CARLOS NIETO III, 3849 MONTCLAIR ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90018
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 01/1996.
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/ CARLOS NIETO III, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/03/2022.
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6/16, 6/23, 6/30, 7/7/22
CNS-3596619#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022123267
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. Naturagrow 2. Naturacare, 5475 Valley Ridge Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90043, County of Los Angeles; Mailing Address: Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: AI #ON: A0728397
Registered owner(s): Youth Publications, Inc., 5475 Valley Ridge Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90043; CA
This business is conducted by: a Corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ Annie Pearlaine Pierce, President Youth Publications, Inc.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on June 7, 2022

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14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21/22
CNS-3600654#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022141439
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Aligned PPC, 3740 Keystone Ave Apartment 405, Los Angeles, CA 90034, County of Los Angeles
Registered owner(s): Jesse Shapiro, 3740 Keystone Ave, Apartment 405, Los Angeles, CA 90034
This business is conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2022
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/ Jesse Shapiro, Owner
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6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21/22
CNS-3600626#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022137201
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OWL TOWER REMODELING, 5425 GROSVENOR BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066 County of LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: 4849395
Registered owner(s): OWL TOWER GROUP, INC., 5425 GROSVENOR BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066; CA
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ OLGA SOVENKO, CEO OWL TOWER GROUP, INC.
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6/30, 7/7, 7/14, 7/21/22
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

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Registered owner(s): OWL TOWER GROUP, INC., 5425 GROSVENOR BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90066; CA
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.
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Celebration of Life

Deborah Maurine (Russell) Thierry



Deborah Maurine (Russell) Thierry, age 73, of Culver City,

CA passed away Friday, May 13, 2022. She was a graduate of Dorsey High School class of 1966 and worked at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) for 37 years.

In addition to being a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, cousin, and friend, Deborah was an active member of her church and volunteered for various organizations

that supported senior citizens and her local community.

Her talents were many as Deborah was a seamstress, an amazing crotcheter, loved flowers and plants, as she often photographed beautiful flowers and posted for many see.

She also had an extensive library of music.

Deborah was preceded in death by her mother Patsy Elizabeth Trokey and Grandmother Maudie Elizabeth Knight.

She is survived by

her daughters Gina Laurell Woullard and Karla Michelle Thierry; grandchildren Angelo Dywane Looney, Aeryn Lea Woullard, Donald Zattis Woullard II, and Deavyn Shaun Woullard; great-grandchildren Peyton Yvonne Looney, Pharaoh Zattis Amen Rhea, and Parker Laurell Looney; son-in love Donald Zattis Woullard; granddaughter in-law Morgan Looney, god grandson Kenji, and many beloved cousins and friends.



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Jeanette Grattan Parker is Founder-Superintendent

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6/16, 6/23, 6/30, 7/7/22
CNS-3598610#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2022119041
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: ALL AMERICAN TRUCKING COMPANY, 4757 W SLAUSON AVE 25, LOS ANGELES, CA 90056 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s): ALL AMERICAN TRUCKING COMPANY LLC, 4757 W SLAUSON AVE 25, LOS ANGELES, CA 90056; State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
ALL AMERICAN TRUCKING COMPANY LLC,
S/ JOSHUA GILLON, CEO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 06/02/2022.

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Registered owner(s): J.L. GILLON TRUCKING COMPANY LLC, 4757 W SLAUSON AVE 25, LOS ANGELES, CA 90056; State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
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S/ JOSHUA GILLON, CEO
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Registered owner(s): TUONG VI PHAM, 438 NEWPORT AVE, LONG BEACH, CA 90814
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 06/20/22.
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Registered owner(s): SONYA MERIDETH, 16129 HAWTHORNE BLVD STE D #153, LAWDALE, CA 90260
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 04/20/22.
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S/ SONYA MERIDETH, OWNER
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The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: GOGAR ENTERPRISE, 5927 GREGORY AVENUE APARTMENT 1, LOS ANGELES, CA 90038 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s): LATRICE T. GARDNER, 5927 GREGORY AVENUE APARTMENT 1, LOS

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The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.
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S/ LATRICE T. GARDNER, OWNER
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Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: XXX
Registered owner(s): JASON RUSSELL, 911 E 83RD ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90001
JADEN RUSSELL, 911 E 83RD ST, LOS ANGELES, CA 90001
TANISHA JOHNSON, 911 EAST 83RD STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA 90001; XXX
This business is conducted by Joint Venture
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S/ TANISHA JOHNSON, GENERAL PARTNER
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Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 470323, LOS ANGELES, CA 90047
Registered owner(s): JACK B. ANDERSON, 1612 N. ANZAC AVE., COMPTON, CA 90222
This business is conducted by an Individual
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INVITATION FOR BID
LACMTA will receive Bids/Proposals for **MA89745 - ELEMENT - FUEL FILTER** at the 9th Floor Receptionist Desk, Vendor/Contract Management Department, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012.
A Pre-Bid conference will not be held. All Bids must be submitted to LACMTA, and be filed at the reception desk, 9th floor, V/CM Department, on or before **11:00 a.m.** Pacific Time on **Wednesday, August 3, 2022**, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read. Bids received after the above date and time may be rejected and returned unopened. Each Bid must be sealed and marked **Bid No. MA89745**.
For a copy of the Proposal/Bid specification visit our Solicitation Page on our Vendor Portal at <https://business.metro.net> or for further information email Tanya Allen at allentm@metro.net.
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL LACMTA will receive Proposals for **AE89212 - Multimodal Highway Program On-Call/Project & Program Delivery Support Services** at the 9th Floor Receptionist Desk, Vendor/Contract Management Department, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012.
All Proposals must be submitted to LACMTA, and be filed at the reception desk, 9th floor, V/CM Department, on or before **2:00 p.m.** Pacific Time on **Monday, July 25, 2022**. Proposals received after the above date and time may be rejected and returned unopened. Each proposal must be sealed and marked **Proposal No. AE89212**.
For a copy of the Proposal/Bid specification visit our Vendor Portal at <https://business.metro.net> or for further information email Andrew Contriquez at contriquez@metro.net.
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) **INVITATION FOR BID**
LACMTA will receive Bids/Proposals for **DR89119 - Sullair - Air Compressors & Air Dryers** at the 9th Floor Receptionist Desk, Vendor/Contract Management Department, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012.
A Pre-Bid conference will not be held. All Bids must be submitted to LACMTA, and be filed at the reception desk, 9th floor, V/CM Department, on or before **9:00 a.m.** Pacific Time on **Friday, July 8, 2022**, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read. Bids received after the above date and time may be rejected and returned unopened. Each Bid must be sealed and marked **Bid No. DR89119**.
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY
RFQ No. MTL2204690
Dwarf Signals
The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) is seeking quotes for Dwarf Signals. Bid documents may be obtained at <https://metrolinktrains.com/doing-business> (free registration). Electronic Bids are due at 2:00 P.M. (PT) on July 22, 2022.
For further information, contact Arisa Hicks, Contract Specialist, at (213) 452-0250 or hicksa@scrra.net.
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY
RFP No. C3146R-23
MOORPARK SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS
The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Authority) is seeking proposals from firms to provide Moorpark Safety Enhancements.
Invitation for Bid (IFB) may be obtained via download at the Authority's website as follows: <http://www.metroinktrains.com/doing-business>.
Electronic proposals must be submitted online at <http://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13821#> at or before 2:00 p.m. on July 28, 2022.
For further information contact: Jaime Saucedo, Contract and Compliance Administrator at 213-452-0476 or email saucedo@scrra.net.
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY
RFQ No. MTL2204691
Screw Spikes
The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) is seeking quotes for Screw Spikes. Bid documents may be obtained at <https://metrolinktrains.com/doing-business> (free registration). Electronic Bids are due at 2:00 P.M. (PT) on July 1, 2022.
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY
IFB No. EP225R-23
UPDATE GROUND AIR SYSTEMS AT EMF & CMF FACILITIES
The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) is seeking Bids for the replacement of EMF Ground Air System 3,800-gal Receiver Tanks and update of current Ground Air Systems at CMF facilities. Bid documents may be downloaded at SCRRA's website at <http://metrolinktrains.com/contracts/>.
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Lance Gross Hosts The Road to ESSENCE Festival of Culture Tour

BY ZON D'AMOUR
Contributing Writer

For nearly three decades, one of the most highly anticipated events of the year continues to be the ESSENCE Music Festival. Renamed Essence Festival of Culture in 2018, the four day event (June 30-July 3) draws nearly a half-million attendees to New Orleans for an unforgettable weekend.

While seeing performances by Janet Jackson, Nicki Minaj, Kevin Hart and more are reason enough to attend, it's also a space in which informative and empowering conversations take place. On the importance of having a thoughtfully curated line up of programming during the weekend, Essence Ventures first-ever Chief Marketing Officer Erika Bennett shared, "We're about deeply serving our community of Black women [in particular]. And we can't do that if we're not thinking about all of the resources and the tools that our community needs from celebrating our beauty to economic empowerment. It also includes our food, culture as well as music. All of those things are a part of Essence and we try to ensure there's something for everyone in our programming."

Pauline Malcolm-Thornton, Essence Ventures chief revenue officer echoed similar sentiments, "It's programming that's holistic

across the Black experience. From the 'Essence Eats' food and wine festival to the

Leading up to the festival, the renowned publication recently produced a



Erika Bennett and Lance Gross

wellness house that's all about self care, there's the Beauty Carnival, wealth empowerment stage, entrepreneurial summit, there's so many different topics and genres that are holistic to the Black experience. The name, Essence Festival of Culture, is quite intentional as it's really a celebration of not just our music but our lifestyle."

Malcolm-Thornton went on to add that the festival creates a plethora of job opportunities for small business owners in the city of New Orleans. "We're all about creating Black equity and parity for Black women, who we serve and the Black community at large. The Black woman is the life blood of our community. It's really important to our mission to create Black equity and close the wealth gap."

three city event entitled, The Road to ESSENCE Festival of Culture Tour in Los Angeles, Washington, DC and Chicago. Actor Lance Gross, star of "Tyler Perry's House of Payne" hosted the Los Angeles event, which took place at the Nate Holden Performing Art Center. He spoke to the L.A. Sentinel about his most memorable moments at Essence Fest as well as his latest personal and professional accomplishments.

L.A. Sentinel: Essence Fest reminds me of Howard University's Homecoming meets a family reunion. If someone hasn't been before, how would you describe it and what's your favorite memory?

Lance Gross: It's like a rich Black family reunion that you want to be a part of. My first time going to

Essence Fest was in 2007. 'House of Payne' had just premiered and Tyler Perry took the cast. It was at that Essence Fest, that I realized what I was a part of. I didn't consider myself a celebrity or anything like that until Essence Fest. I was walking down the street by myself getting a po-boy and on my way back to my hotel, I got mobbed by 'House of Payne' fans. I didn't know so many people were watching the show. That was my best experience, as well as being front row to see Prince perform live.

LAS: Many people think of Essence Fest and think of the performances but there are so many components to the weekend. Can you share what else attendees can expect to experience?

LG: A lot of people focus on the night time concerts but it's an all day thing from panels to workshops, it really opens your eyes to everything that we're offering as a people. Essence Fest brings thousands of Black business owners together in the marketplace at the convention center. There's so much to experience and I look forward to being a part of it every year.

LAS: You're a veteran actor, photographer and now screenwriter. Congrats on not only starring in but writing an episode of 'House of Payne.' How did this opportunity come about?

LG: It's funny because Tyler knows what he wants

but he's also lenient when it comes to [actors] coming up with lines on the spot. He knows that we know our character so he trusts us, just as long as the message that he's trying to convey is

with that opportunity, I'm your guy.

LAS: You recently became a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and so many people were inspired by the fact that you were



Pauline Malcolm-Thornton and Lance Gross

relied in an understandable way. As far as writing the episode, I turned in a treatment and [the production team] loved it and they gave me the chance to see what I can do and everyone said it's one of their favorite episodes of the season so I'm excited about it.

LAS: When the New Edition biopic aired, you made it known that you would love to be a part of a Jodeci biopic. What other passion projects would you like to star in and screen at the Essence Festival of Culture?

LG: I'm into superheros so I'd love to be the Black Green Lantern, John Stewart. So if anyone is out there

steadfast in regards to accomplishing this goal. What's the importance of not putting an expiration date on your dreams?

LG: Joining Kappa Alpha Psi, was something that I wanted to do while at Howard but they were off the yard at the time so I didn't have the opportunity to do it but I kept going back to it. No matter how much success I've had, it's always been in the back of my mind like, 'Wow I've done everything that I want to do except that.' So it was time to revisit it. I asked myself well why am I not pursuing it? I can do the alumni chapter and I put my best foot forward.

'All Rise' for Actress Simone Missick

The star of the OWN series on stepping into her new role as an Executive Producer

BY ZON D'AMOUR
Contributing Writer

In the opening scene for the third season of "All Rise," we believe Lola Carmichael (played by Simone Missick) has lost her election and her seat as a judge only to reveal that she actually won.

The series initially had a similar fate, canceled by CBS to later be picked up and renewed by OWN (The Oprah Winfrey Network). In an exclusive interview with the LA Sentinel, Simone Missick shares the importance of using her voice as an executive producer to create an inspiring and culturally relevant narrative.

L.A. Sentinel: In addition to starring in the show, it's exciting to also see you credited as an executive producer. Can you share what that role entails?

Simone Missick: I came into season three knowing I wanted to be an executive producer. I have three fellow co-producers, Denitria Harris-Lawrence who is our showrunner as well as Michael Robin and Len Goldstein who have been with the show since the beginning. I was stepping into this [role] knowing that I was going to be partnered with people that I trusted creatively and professionally to tell impactful stories while also being timely and culturally relevant. As an executive producer, there's a level of joy I have

going to work everyday being the lead on the show and then being able to help to tell it in a stronger, more culturally specific way. [For example] I said



Simone Missick as Judge Lola Carmichael in 'All Rise.'

Lola has to go to Howard University. She was supposed to have gone a school in California for undergrad and I said, 'Oh no! She had to have gone to Howard.'

Those things are important. I remember growing up and watching 'The Cosby Show' and seeing all those [college] sweatshirts that Cliff Huxtable wore and asking, 'Where's that school?' As an HBCU (Historically Black Colleges & Universities) alumna, I know how important those images are for young Black students and it was important for me to share that with the 'All Rise' audience.

LAS: Having watched several episodes from season 3, it seems as if some of the

storylines are inspired by current events. Can you share what type of cases we can expect this season and how Lola will navigate these issues in her courtroom?

SM: The show tries to illuminate that people are in charge of our criminal justice system and yes we have written laws but those laws are manipulated, changed and stretched to fit whatever narrative that a person may have consciously or subconsciously about an individual or a group of people.

This season we'll see how difficult it is to get a wrongfully convicted man exonerated. Then we find ourselves dealing with a serial killer that's been targeting black women in Los Angeles for decades.

Another episode that I'm really excited about is whether teaching Black History should be allowed in schools. There's a moment when one of our characters can't understand how this debate is happening in California. They say, 'I know it's happening down south, I know it's happening in the midwest, but in Los Angeles?' and Lola's response to that is very much in line with my [own] awareness of where we are as a nation and the need for people in power to hold on to that power by trying to shape a narrative about the history of this country.

Those are just some of the examples of the cases we have coming up. Some of which, as you said are 'ripped

from the headlines' while some have been a part of the criminal justice system forever. I think ['All Rise'] does it in a way that feels fresh and exciting for our audiences while also asking them to question their own biases and their own judgements of who's guilty, who isn't, who deserves rehabilitation and who doesn't. Who deserves a second chance and who's irreparably damaged and thus needs to be put away for life.

LAS: Can you share advice for fellow creatives who may feel as if they've been hard at work for years but have yet to experience their big break? How do you remain resilient during the toughest times?

SM: I thank God for my husband who's my prayer partner, my biggest supporter and someone who's also in the industry so he understands the highs and lows. He's encouraged me for years before it happened. I also have a strong prayer group of women, we study the word together, we lift each other up in prayer for auditions and meetings and also encourage one another because there are peaks and valleys.

As artists we have these ideas of the way it should go but for me, I thank God for every 'no' that I ever received that led me to 'Luke Cage' because they weren't looking for somebody who we had seen everywhere. It had to be me, one, because that's how I

believe God works but it also had to be me who literally had done only three jobs up until that point—three IMDb credits. I had done plays, commercials and short films but in the eyes of the industry, I was a 'nobody' but in God's eyes, He knew exactly where I was supposed to be.

For people who feel as though it's never going to happen, if you truly love what you

do and believe that's what God has placed you here to do on this earth, never give up. Make whatever you can happen on your own so that when those opportunities come, you're ready. Be good at your craft, sharpen your skills and never give up on yourself. Those are the things that will continue to propel you forward.

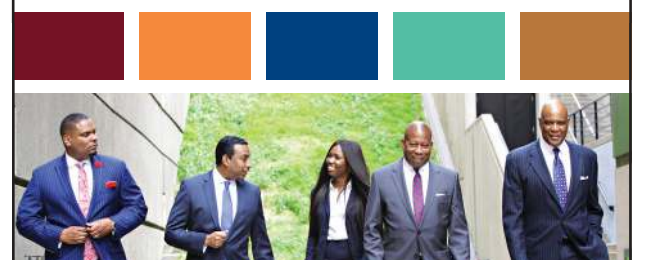
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Sofi Stadium to Host Trailblazing Skateboarding Competition

By AMANDA SCURLOCK
Sports Editor

Premier Skateboard Association (PSA) will kick off its inaugural season at Sofi Stadium on July 9. The PSA is an “athlete’s first” organization presenting a competition where skateboarders will compete one-on-one. Each competitor will perform on three different obstacles for three minutes each.



COURTESY PHOTO
Pro skater Adrienne Sloboh has been involved with the PSA since its’ early stages.

“My favorite part of that format is you have time to actually land some tricks,” said PSA competitor Adrienne Sloboh. “You can mix things around, it’s very laid

back, it’s very chill and there’s no other contests that really let you do that in that format.”

The obstacles resemble public places with skate park elements. The format was created to resemble skating with friends, according to Olympic skateboarder Manny Santiago.

“Most competitions are like one-minute runs or just single tricks and sometimes that doesn’t really showcase the fun that we have when we’re skating,” Santiago said. “The three minutes allow you to be more realistic in the sense of what it is what we do when we skate, which is land tricks, fall, laugh, have fun.”

The female and male grand prize winners will both receive \$250 thousand and a chance to hoist the “Green and Gold” championship belt, created in partnership with the World Boxing Council. The prize money is the largest amount ever to be rewarded to a female skater. Sloboh noted how pay equity was important to the PSA.

“That’s something they

always communicated to us that they wanted everyone to get the same amount of

skate alongside the guys that we grew up watching,” Santiago said. “There’s just



COURTESY PHOTO
Pro skater Manny Santiago competed in the 2020 Olympics.

pay,” she said. “This league is so different and so unique.”

Legendary skateboarders Chris Cole and Ryan Sheckler will also be competing in the PSA.

“To get them back for the fans it’s even really special for us skaters to

a lot of amazing things that are happening with this contest.”

The PSA will hold competitions in San Francisco, São Paulo, Brazil, San Juan, Puerto Rico and Miami this season. For Sloboh, it will be the first time she traveled out of the

United States.

The association originated in Santiago’s skatepark in his backyard early in the pandemic shutdown. Sloboh, a native of Simi Valley, was in attendance when the PSA started.

“I wasn’t really sure what we’re getting into,”

of fun.”

Sloboh has been skating for approximately 14 years. She noted how hosting the PSA kickoff “sets the tone for the rest of the season.”

“It’s really unbelievable,” she said. “It’s really gonna be a Kickstarter to where this whole thing is



COURTESY PHOTO
Pro skater Samarra Brevard is one of the many skateboarders who will compete for this season.

Sloboh said. “From going to unsure to the day of and just seeing everybody skating and everyone just having a good time, it was a lot

really gonna go.” To buy tickets for the PSA competition at Sofi Stadium, please visit Ticketmaster.com.

Student Athlete of the Week: Ryu McGee-Burge

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Competing in travel ball helped prepare Serra sophomore Ryu McGee-Burge for junior varsity baseball during his freshman year.

“It wasn’t anything new to me besides the game speed,” McGee-Burge said. “I noticed that the game speed, it moves way faster than little league obviously. But it wasn’t that much of a change besides the game speed.”

McGee-Burge has been involved with travel ball since he was eight years old. Competing in travel ball helps athletes maintain their skills in between high school baseball seasons, according to McGee-Burge.

“It makes sure that

you’re not slacking, so you’ll always have some-



COURTESY PHOTO
Serra sophomore Ryu McGee-Burge enjoys customizing shoes.

thing to do,” he said. “The more you practice, the better person you will become

in baseball.”

McGee-Burge normally is a second baseman or a shortstop, but he once had to play at other positions, like third baseman and catcher, for the sake of the team. He noted how learning how to play multiple positions correctly was a challenge.

“I always like being where I was because I know how good I was at that position,” McGee-Burge said. “I had to start thinking about not only myself but thinking about winning with the team and helping them out.”

To improve on his skills as a catcher, he watches Serra’s varsity baseball catcher compete and watches MLB baseball games. He also reaches out to get help.

“A lot of it is asking

questions to catchers that I knew or asking coaches for help if I need to,” McGee-Burge said.

Student athletes must not only excel in both their athletics and academics, but they must have good morals outside of school, according to McGee-Burge.

“I feel like the student athlete is a person that can do as good on the field and do good as a student,” he said. “To me, it’s not all about getting good grades, it’s about doing what’s right in and out of school.”

McGee-Burges battles the rigors of being a student athlete by being disciplined.

“I feel like most athletes can agree with me when I say when you come home, especially if you’re coming at a later time, no

one wants to sit down and do homework,” he said. “That’s when we have to



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Ryu’s favorite class is his religion class.

discipline ourselves into doing our homework or studying.”

McGee-Burges’

favorite class is his religion class. From that class, he learned that tomorrow is not promised.

“Try to build your connection with God as much as you can,” he said. “Because one day it will be too late if you know that you’re living your whole life not doing what’s right.”

Outside of his obligations at school, McGee-Burges enjoys playing basketball and football with his friends. He also likes to customize shoes.

“I just got this random thought in my head to customize these shoes and that was back when Kobe passed away,” McGee-Burges said. “I made some shoes dedicated to him. I’m not gonna lie, they were ugly, but that was my first real customization.”

Lakers sign Sons of Shaquille O’Neal, Scottie Pippen

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The Los Angeles Lakers recently acquired the offspring of two NBA Hall of Famers. Shareef O’Neal, son of four-time NBA champion Shaquille O’Neal, will join the Lakers’ Summer League roster. Scotty



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Scotty Pippen Jr. was named on the All-SEC First Team three years in a row.

Pippen Jr., son of six-time NBA champion Scottie Pippen, signed a two-way con-

tract with the Lakers.

During his draft workout with the franchise, Shareef noted how suiting up for the Lakers was “surreal.”

“It’s amazing to be here, it’s such a blessing,” he said. “From a team I grew up watching, my Dad won championships with this team. Now, that I have on the Lakers stuff, it’s amazing, it’s a dream come true.”

Pippen Jr. joins the Lakers after a successful career at Vanderbilt, averaging 17.5 points, 4.3 assists, and 1.6 steals during his time there. He is a two-time Tennessee Sports Writer’s Association State Player of the Year. Pippen Jr also earned a spot on the All-SEC first team three years in a row.

During his junior year, his 20.4 points per game was the top scoring average in the SEC and 14th in the nation. His 4.5 assists per game was sixth in the SEC and 68th in the nation.

“Dreams come true,” Pippen Jr. stated on Instagram. “Let’s get to work #lakeshow.”

Along with excelling on the hardwood, Pippen Jr. excelled in the classroom and was on the 2022 SEC Academic Honor Roll. As a sophomore, Pippen Jr. scored a career-high of 36 points.

Injuries plague Shareef’s college years, from the heart surgery he had while at UCLA to foot issues at LSU. However, his college career had some highlights; with the Bruins, Shareef made a career-high of 11 rebounds.

Although his scoring average was around two points per game throughout his college career, Shareef scored eight points against Missouri as a junior. His heart issues kept him from showing all the nuances of his gameplay, according to Shareef.

“I feel like I haven’t gotten a real chance to show what I used to do back in high school,” he said. “I feel



TWITTER PHOTO
Shareef O’Neal played for LSU and UCLA.

real good. I work every day. One day, that full potential is gonna come out. I’m gonna get faster, stronger.”

Pippen Jr. put on a strong performance at the NBA Combine in May, showing off his keen offensive skills and effective

defensive gameplay. During one scrimmage, he scored 21 points. Sources said that the scouts who attended admired his basketball IQ.

Shareef participated in Pre-Draft workouts with the Lakers and the Washington Wizards.

Both Shareef and Pippen Jr were invited to compete in the NBA G League Elite Camp. Shareef scored a double-double (11 points and 10 rebounds) during the second day of the Camp.

Pippen Jr. competed in the Elite Camp last year before withdrawing from the 2021 NBA Draft to return to Vanderbilt.

Shareef choosing to head to pro basketball came with opposition from his father, who wanted him to stay in school. During his Pre-Draft workout with the Lakers, he admitted that he has not talked to Shaq regarding his pre-draft process.

“Me and him bump

heads about this process, he knows I’m working out for teams,” Shareef said. “He didn’t do any pre-draft workouts, he just got straight on a team, so it’s a different grind.”

Pippen Jr. and Shareef played high school basketball in Southern California. Pippen Jr. competed for Sierra Canyon where he averaged 16.3 points, 3.6 rebounds and 4.6 assists per game as a senior. He also competed for the Nike EYBL’s Oakland Soldiers where he averaged 15 points, 3.6 rebounds, and 2.6 assists.

Shareef helped the Crossroads Roadrunners win the CIF Division II state championship as a senior. During that year, he averaged 27.6 points and 17.3 rebounds per game.

Pippen Jr. and Shareef will be competing during the 2022 NBA Summer League from July 7 to July 17.



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