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# Transportation Committee Holds Meeting at Michelle & Barack Obama Sports Complex



Community members came out to share their, or their loved ones, violent experiences on bikes, as well as to advocate why mobility justice is so important in the City. (COURTESY

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On Saturday, June 3, the all-women led Los Angeles Transportation Committee held their first meeting in the community since the COVID-19 pandemic at the Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex.

Councilwoman Heather Hutt (CD 10) serves as chair of the Transportation Members Committee. Councilwomen Traci Park, vice chair (CD 11), Eunisses Hernandez (CD 1), Nithya Raman (CD 4) and Katy Yaroslavsky

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss bicycling, bicycle safety, as well as bike equity in the City of Los Angeles. With traffic violence and death being at an all-time high, the Committee felt it necessary to make strong steps forward in ensuring

the safety of pedestrians and cyclists when using city streets.

The agenda included taking action on a resolution, which was moved by Hutt and seconded by Park, to establish the city's position regarding the 2023-24 State Legislative Program. The motion supports legislation that would require that bicycle and pedestrian safety be taught and included in all relevant areas of instruction and licensing of vehicle drivers. The motion passed during the meeting.

"The days of prioritizing people over cars are over," said Hutt. "Our city is very committed to protecting our aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters, and mothers and fathers as they travel, whether if that is for recreational use, or it's getting to and from the workplace."

sister to someone that was hit while riding their bike once, I know the importance of this work, and I stand with [the community] in [their] efforts to make sure our bicycle users are safe, and that their loved ones

don't have to live in fear." Many members of the community came out to support the city's strides in creating more equity in mobility concerns.

"At our daycare at least five other families pick up their kids on bicycles, and getting home is an adventure every single day trying to get a resident of South Los Angeles and frequent bikerider, said during public comment.

"[We need] more speed bumps and more slow streets...anything that can be done. We beg you for our visionary Yolanda Davis- "There's no excuse children and our old people. Hutt continued, "As a who need to get across the

street safe."

coalition community-based nonprofits dedicated to creating a Los Angeles where all can move freely by foot, bike, wheel, or car, was in attendance to advocate for this effort. During public comment, members shared their feelings and experiences in regard to mobility justice and bike safety. Participating organizations included Los Angeles Walks, People for Mobility Justice, BikeLA, Slate Z, ACTLA, CicLAvia, SCOPE, Reciclos, Tamika L. Butler

documentary questions how safe are Black lives while riding their bikes and applies "Biking While Black" as a tool to help inform and discuss mobility justice issues.

"We're inviting people to become advocates, so that we can have more seats at the table," shared Davis-Overstreet. [documentary] is a tool for people who aren't being heard and want to feel safer in terms of mobility."

Councilmembers Hernandez Yaroslavsky were also present and engaged

funding. I hope that in this upcoming budget cycle, we can really dream big on managing the demands of our community because it's not impossible."

"There's no excuse," said Hernandez. "The solutions are there, and we need to push for the funding. I hope that in this upcoming budget cycle, we can really dream big on managing the demands of our community because it's not impossible."

The meeting ended with Agenda Items 3 and 4 being passed by the committee. Next, the CLA Report (Item 3) and the Resolution



Yolanda Davis-Over Street tells the Transportation Committee about the origin of home safely," Kim Perfetto, her documentary "Biking While Black."

Consulting.

Staff from the Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst and Our Street Action Committee gave presentations, and Overstreet screened parttwo of her compelling documentary.

the audience by asking (4) will go before City questions and hearing recommendations addressing and resolving community around mobility justice.

Hernandez. "The lacity.gov/. solutions are there, and we need to push for the

Council for a vote.

To find out about future Committee Meetings concerns or Meeting Agendas visit the City Clerk's website: https://clerk

## Harris-Dawson Applauds Promotions of Top CD 8 Staff - Soloman Rivera and Joanne Kim

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Two top staff for Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson (CD 8) have been promoted to higher executive positions.

Solomon Rivera, who served eight Harrisyears as Dawson's staff, appointed deputy chief of staff for the



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Joanne Kim,

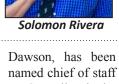
advisor to Harris-

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Councilmember Dawson (CD 8) administration L.A. Mayor Karen Bass, effective May at Council District



According to the councilmember,



Joanne Kim

"Solomon taking on this new role signifies the recognition of his hard work {See CD8 A-10}

## **Black News Publishers Watchful of** Legislative Process as Online News Payment Bill Advances

By Edward Henderson California Black Media

Black news publishers in California are watching lawmakers closely, anticipating that they will include provisions in a pro-journalism bill that would benefit their businesses.

On June 2, the California Assembly passed Assembly Bill

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AB 886 supports local outlets, ethnic media and small publishers throughout the state. (COURTESY PHOTO)

## David G. Brown Celebrates Two Decades as L.A. Sentinel Cartoonist

By Cora Jackson-Fossett Managing Editor

For the last 20 years, award-winning artist David G. Brown has enlightened and educated L.A. Sentinel readers with creative political cartoons. His humorous, yet insightful images offer



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Likewise, the Sentinel appreciates Brown's newspaper career, Brown contributions said in a 2019 interview, editorial team, according "I appreciate working at to Executive Editor Danny the Sentinel. It's a chance J. Bakewell, Jr., who to motivate, inspire and described the cartoonist as educate my community and a "transcending fixture in I am really passionate about {See BROWN A-10}

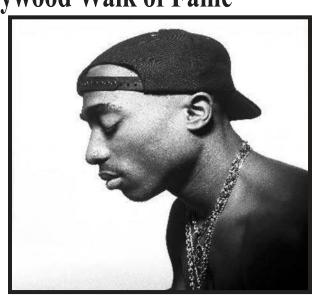
## {See BNP A-10} **Tupac Shakur Receives Posthumous Star** on Hollywood Walk of Fame

CITY NEWS SERVICE

A star on Hollywood Walk of Fame was unveiled on Wednesday, June 7, posthumously honoring slain rapper Tupac Shakur for a five-year career in which he sold more than 75 million records and received six Grammy nominations.

Shakur's sister, Sekyiwa "Set" Shakur, accepted the star on behalf of the family. The star is the 2,758th since the completion of the Walk of Fame in 1961 with the initial 1,558 stars.

"It fills my heart with honor to represent the Shakur family.



Tupac Shakur. Fw: Please credit @imagerybyoscar/HCC

Tupac had the dream to have a star on the Walk of Fame. It speaks to the lasting impact he had on this world," said "Set"

Allen Hughes, director of the FX docuseries "Dear Mama: The Saga of Afeni

{See STAR A-11}

# Sentinel Editorial - Nury Martinez Machine Continues to Rear Ugly Head

As we near the June 27 special runoff election, all eyes are on the Council District 6 race to fill the vacancy left open by disgraced former Councilmember Nury Martinez. For those following the contest, it has taken a nasty turn as candidate Imelda Padilla, Martinez' former staffer, has begun distributing a racist mailer in an attempt to polarize the community and its leaders.

Aimed at creating a negative perception, the piece from her campaign highlights the "CRIME" under a photo of L.A. City Council President Pro Tempore Curren Price, who represents District 9 covering much of South Central. Price also happens to be the current boss of her rival Marisa

Alcaraz, a senior policy advisor for Price's since 2013.

The mailer falsely states that Price is currently being investigated by the FBI tying him to former L.A. City Councilman Jose Huizar, who pleaded guilty earlier this year to racketeering conspiracy and tax evasion charges. From all of the information we have acquired over the years, these allegations are completely FALSE and when contacted by the Los Angeles Sentinel, Councilmember Price stated: "My lawyers indicated that I am NOT the target or subject of any investigation."

In an attempt to distort public perception and put doubt into the minds of San Fernando Valley voters, Imelda Padilla has chosen to take the racist low road,



Marisa Alcaraz

a page out of her former boss' book and it is using her platform to criminalize

an innocent Black Man, by insinuating that Price is under investigation or is a

target of the government instead of a hardworking honest and trusted servant of the people.

Not only are such tactics discriminatory, but they're also proof that Padilla is following in the footsteps of her mentor and previous boss Nury Martinez, earning her the nickname "Nury 2.0." The voters of District 6 should be very careful and not allow Padilla to carry Martinez' legacy of racism back in the chambers of the very City Council that is just now beginning to recover from the cloud of mistrust and racism that Martinez, Cedillo & DeLeon brought upon the council.

To move Los Angeles forward and past the culture of racism, we need a clean break from the disgraced former Councilwoman Nury Martinez cloud of misconduct, and we certainly don't need any parts of her political machine lingering in the council chambers.

By contrast, Marisa Alcaraz is about bringing Los Angeles together, and that's why she has the support of regular people in the Valley and throughout Los Angeles. We must not allow the status quo of corruption to continue to spread like cancer.

Voting in Padilla will be a shift in the wrong direction, taking the City 100 steps back from progress, equity and inclusion that so many currently working within the walls of city hall strive for. The time is now to heal and move forward and any remnants of the Nury machine must be defeated.

# Councilwoman Hutt Seeks Funding for Koreatown Park

CITY NEWS SERVICE

Los Angeles City Councilwoman Heather Hutt introduced a motion on May 24, seeking funds for a new park and underground parking project in Koreatown.

The proposed Pio Pico Library Pocket Park at 694 S. Oxford Ave. in Hutt's Tenth District is estimated to cost \$26.6 million and it will include a number of amenities, such as a multipurpose area for public

events, a playground, a shade structure, a fitness area, a walking loop, benches and tables.

"As the Councilwoman from the Tenth District, who represents the Koreatown community, I am excited and hopeful as we deliver on our promise of the Pio Pico Library Pocket Park. This project has been in development since way before the COVID-19 pandemic, but has never been fully funded and has had a financial gap," said Hutt.

"There has not been a new park in Koreatown, or its adjacent neighborhoods, since the opening of the Country Club Park Heritage Plaza, and I'm looking forward to giving our community a new place to play, exercise, or just spend time with their loved ones."

The pocket park will also connect to the Pio Pico Koreatown Library. It will also include various trees, shrubs and planter areas. In addition, the underground parking structure will

accommodate 50 parking spaces, according to the motion.

There are multiple proposed sources of funding for the project, including Quimby funds, fees that developers pay to cities that can be used to purchase and develop land or recreational facilities.

Hutt's motion requests the Department of Recreation and Parks to perform environmental review work, and to prepare and present a report to the Board of Recreation and Park Com-



Councilwoman Heather Hutt

missioners specifying the to \$3.4 million in Quimby actions needed to access up funds for the project.



**FAIR WORK WEEK** 

# LA City Council Approves Steps to Create an Office of Unarmed Response

CITY NEWS SERVICE

The Los Angeles City Council approved a motion on June 6, calling on various city departments to take the first steps toward establishing an Office of Unarmed Response, while also recognizing it will be a "long road ahead" to accomplish that goal.

Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez, who introduced the motion alongside council members Nithya Raman, Marqueece Harris-Dawson and then-Councilman Mike Bonin, recognized that in the last several years the city has weighed dozen of motions to develop alternative responses to certain emergency calls and create an office where "these efforts are housed, measured and managed."

"This motion is the beginning of that work, and it is reflective of all the contributions that members have made," Rodriguez

The council, on a 12-0 vote, instructed various city departments to create a framework of what the Office of Unarmed Response will look like in terms of scope of work, funding, staffing and estab-

lishing primary objectives. The motion in part instructed the chief administrative officer to develop within the next 120 days a performance management

and evaluation program of

the city's Unarmed Model

of Crisis Response Pilot --

with data from that study to be used to guide the formation of the Office of Unarmed Response.

The Council instructed the Los Angeles Police Department to report back within 90 days with a list of 911 calls that could appropriately be diverted to alternative response models rather than armed police officers.

Councilman Bob Blumenfield, who chairs the council's Budget and Finance Committee, noted that the city's budget for 2023-24 allocates \$14 million for creating an Office of Unarmed Response. That same budget also allocates about \$3.2 billion for the LAPD.

"It's not just a question of who is responding, but what they are responding to and that's part of what we're putting together here in this report," Blumenfield

According to motion, the council continues to take steps to "reimagine and transform" public safety after tens of thousands of Angelenos joined national protests in the summer of 2020 in response to the killing of George Floyd by police in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Floyd's death prompted a nationwide movement to "defund the police" and develop alternative unarmed response models to

transform public safety. "Over the past two

years, the city of Los Ange-

les has responded by taking several important initial steps to shift responsibility for calls related to homelessness and emergency crisis response to unarmed, civilian personnel and to implement alternatives for traffic safety enforcement that do not rely on armed law enforcement," the

motion reads. The Office of Unarmed Response will house the city's existing alternative response programs, including the Call Redirection to Ensure Suicide Safety; the Crisis and Incident Response through Community-Led Engagement; Gang Reduction and Youth Development; Summer Night Lights; and the Domestic Abuse Response

"It's important to realize we are already doing a lot of alternative interventions more than most cities anywhere, and we are such a large city that it kind of gets lost in all the different pieces," Blumenfield said.

"So, putting it all together under one roof and moving us forward to the point where we're going to be diverting 911 calls is really important. This is a historic moment, even though we're just getting to that next step," he added.

Council members Tim McOsker and Heather Hutt did not vote. McOsker left the council meeting early, but he had previously voted to support the motion in the Public Safety Committee.

# Learn4Life Helps Students with Trauma with New Resiliency Accreditation

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Trauma-resilient practices are the next step in helping teachers effectively support students affected by childhood trauma, a growing epidemic among our youth.

A new program that trains and certifies schools and educators called Trauma-Resilient Educational Communities (TREC) is based on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) science and protocols. Three schools Learn4Life, a network of 85 public high schools, have earned accreditation by completing a 20-hour curriculum that supports educators in identifying trauma in students. It helps build resilience to life's ups downs, develops

practices restorative justice rather than punishing stu-

dents who act out because of trauma.

Trauma in students can manifest in different ways, such as truancy, poor performance and even behavioral problems. Long utilized in healthcare industries, traumaresilient care is becoming an essential tool for educators, especially at the high school level.

"We know that need to reach their hearts," explained Craig Beswick, trauma specialist at Learn4Life. "With a to treat this epidemic, mov-

healthy relationships and societal cost of \$458 billion the Learn4Life students credits each learning period ing from 'informed' to

who engage with TREC resiliency programs and



before we can reach Three schools in network earn accreditation as Trauma-Resilient Educastudents' heads, we tional Communities to help teens cope.

> 'resilient' practices will benefit everyone."

According to Beswick,

social- emotional learning curriculum:

ance companies overcharge

Black people or just don't

• Earn 17 percent more

than non-TREC-engaged students;

 Graduate at a six percent higher rate; and

 Are less likely to be suspended or face other disciplinary measures.

"One of our principals told a student who was misbehaving that we were not going to punish him but wanted to find out what was going on and figure out how to get through it together," Beswick explained. student's angry

whole demeanor changed, and he downshifted past the fight or flight

stage and was ready to have

provide coverage at all,

especially when it comes to

a meaningful dialogue with his teachers."

Tabitha Elwood, an English teacher Learn4Life in San Diego, said the TREC program has helped her and her colleagues cultivate a culture of caring rather than complaining.

"We've learned to pause and choose our responses. It's empowering to make an individual choice with organizational ripples," she said. "TREC is transforming us and our teaching practice as we listen to our student's stories and speak into their lives in a truly traumainformed way."

For more information on Learn4Life's traumaresilient practices, visit https://learn4life.org/programs/trauma-resilienteducation/

# Karla Daniels Offers Equitable Services at Policy Star Insurance Solutions

By Denver Mackey Contributing Writer

Continuing the Sentinel's series on businesses in the Crenshaw Chamber Commerce, Daniels, CEO and founder of Policy Star Insurance Solutions gave the L.A. Sentinel a look into her life



Karla Daniels of Policy Star

Insurance Solutions.

and career.

Daniels is the broker and CEO of Policy Star Insurance Services. She founded the company with the goal of providing equitable insurance solutions for families, individuals, and businesses within her

community. Policy Star offers business, life, auto, and home insurance, positioning the firm to answer the multifaceted needs of the community. While Policy Star is a full service brokerage, Daniels was still able to find her niche market with small businessowners by understanding their issues and making new connec-

Explaining how she got

into the field, Daniels said, "Insurance was something that found me after my daughter was born and I was looking to find a new

"I was in the beauty industry for 15+ years and had a successful run, but I wanted to do something different and after that I was looking for the next step, especially after coming into motherhood," she remembered.

"I was thinking about what my legacy would be for my kids and my family. We have so many hidden talents, and I began to pray about it and a friend of mine offered me this opportunity in the insurance business at his compa-

Daniels was able to meet people all over the world by doing hair, and by answering a call from her friend invoked a new pas-

"From starting from just answering phones, managing the office, getting my broker's license, it went from one level to the next and soon I was in love with it," she said.

"It was service, and I was able to learn so much about business and it put a new passion in me. I got a great foundation from there and then I decided to step out and create my own

The process of building her business, Policy Star, was perfect timing according to Daniels because she made this career pivot right before the COVID-19 pandemic occurred - a time where life was confusing and up in the air.

In February 2022, she



Daniels and guests at an event.

took a leap of faith and started her own firm, Policy Star. Daniels noted, "This new field for me has been a blessing especially getting into entrepreneurship as a woman, and as a Black woman.

"As a mother, we face so many challenges and disparities, but I knew that was it was my calling in this season in my life. I was making sure I was providing a resource to my community. I love the insurance industry, I love the different sectors, I love that I get to be a liaison for these high-end carriers that we may not have access to my community and bring that

to my community." Daniels elaborated on problems such as redlining, gentrification, and new laws that have left Black communities desolate, and mentioned that insurance companies do not want to extend coverage in these areas, deeming them as risky or reflect the type of clientele they want

In turn, she said, insur-

maternal health. Daniels strives to break that barrier by providing insurance, care, and access to these leading carriers to the com-For those looking to get

into the insurance sector, Daniels has this word of advice - "Go for it and find your niche, pick a sector, go all in and make sure to surround yourself with individuals who are in the same industry.

"You've got to study and educate yourself, building a legacy takes time. We need more women especially Black women etc., and do not be afraid to reach out to me," she added.

In the future, Daniels hopes to be globally recognized and continue to be a firm that is committed to protecting our cities and nations. She also hopes to leave a legacy for her family, and provide jobs and resources for more people

Policy Star Insurance is also finalizing a new project set to debut midsummer that will provide more access to the community.

Stay tuned and visit their website here for more information https://www.policystarinsurance.com/.





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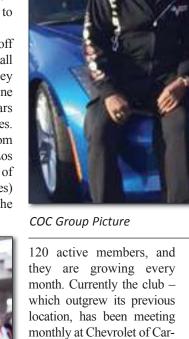


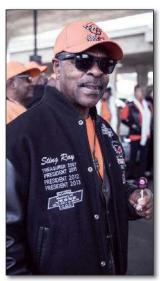
# Corvette of Choice Wholeheartedly Serving Our Communities for 18 Years Strong

By Denise J. Gibbs Contributing Writer

Established in 2005, the car club "Corvette of Choice" (COC) has lived up to its motto, which is "To be actively involved in the community and help those who are less fortunate than themselves." This non-profit organization delights in being involved and making a positive difference in the community by using their beautiful cars as tools to reach those in need.

COC initially started off with a group of guys who all owned Corvettes. They would routinely wash, shine up, and ride their cars through their communities. Most of the men were from Compton, Watts, South Los Angeles, and other parts of Los Angeles. Duane (Bones) Bonner was one of the founding members.





Corvette of Choice, President Ray (Sting Ray) Bonam

As the group traveled through different neighborhoods, they began to see the need to help those who were experiencing hardships and adversities. From that time, the group's motto of being



COC Member Commander William Welch

Demonstrating motto, COC donates book bags to schools, distributes food boxes to needy families on holidays, and hosts

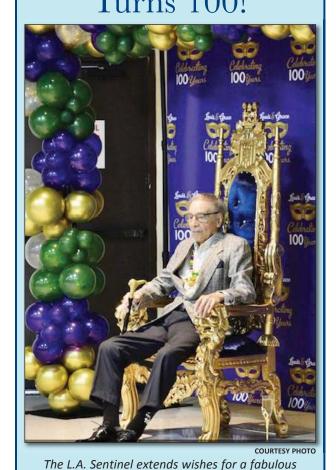


Minister Tony Muhammad, Pastor Claude Powe

actively involved in the community and helping those less fortunate was created and swiftly acted upon. Today, COC has over

Christmas toy giveaways. They also provide transportation to dignitaries and others when there are parades, such as the MLK

Happy Birthday! Henry Marine Turns 100!



birthday to Mr. Henry Marine.

parades in Compton, Los Angeles, Gardena, and Hawthorne. In addition, they offer their stylish vehicles to students for graduations and

Another partnership that COC has used to give back to the community is with the United Peace Ride Foundation. The peace rides began with the vision of Minister Tony Muhammad, Nation of Islam's Western Region representative, and Pastor

COC president, said, "We participate in Peace Rides to help curb violence amongst ourselves, provide support to the families and neighborhoods who've experienced violence, and help to reduce the injustices experienced by minorities. We pray with those in our communities, and support those who have lost loved ones due to violence."

Bonam continued, "Most of our members have



From left, President of "Slice of Life" Lou W, Jaime Gregory

Claude Powe, pastor of Called to Destiny Motorcycle Ministry.

Every fourth Sunday, COC, along with car clubs such as the Slice of Life Car Club, The Watts Life Car Club, various motorcycle clubs, and anyone who's interested in riding for peace, go to a location, usually

gone through some difficult times in their own lives, so they know what it is like to be down or struggling. Knowing what is like to experience an illness, the death of a loved one, and the challenges that can happen in life, makes it only natural for the members of COC to help those who are going



Food Giveaways

where someone has been killed, or another crime has occurred. They pray for the families and provide sup-

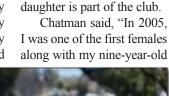
Interventionists, such as James (Roc) Farmer, Eric (EJ) Metoyer, and Jaime (Rare Breed) Gregory, do the groundwork needed to pave the way for the peace rides, and they determine exactly where the peace rides will take place. LAPD has been instrumental in keeping the peace rides safe for the participants and those in the community by being present and ensuring that traffic flows in an organized fash-

Ministers, such as Pastor Shep Crawford of the Experience Christian Ministries, uplift the neighborhoods and support the families with prayer, authentic words of encouragement, and action.

Ray (Sting Ray) Bonam,

through a hard time. It is the support of one another here that is really strong," said Bonam.

COC member, Commander William Welch, said, "This is a family. They have been there for me when my mother passed, when my daughter passed, when my baby brother passed, and



Preparing for a Peace Ride



COURTESY PHOTO

Gang interventionists, from left to right, James Farmer (Roc) Eric Metoyer (EJ), and Jaimie Gregory daughter. I was motivated to

member of the club. "If you have any kind of problem, they are always there for you, and there is always somebody in this club that you can talk to," he

when my sister passed. They

have been there not only for

me, but they're there for any

COC is comprised of men, women, and couples,

join an organization that showed kindness and compassion to its communities. Now 18 years later, my daughter (Tiffany Palmer) and I ride as a team with COC.'

COC Member Eva Allen said, "I was never a grouporiented person, but being a member of Corvette of



Minister Tony Muhammad, Pastor Shep Crawford



and in the case of club member Enga Chatman, even her

Choice has really made me feel more family-oriented."

Corvette of Choice is a caring group of Corvette enthusiasts who not only care about their cars, but more importantly, they care deeply about their members and the people in their communities, and they've been doing it in a big way for 18 years and show no signs of slowing down.

For more information about Corvette of Choice, visit: http://www.corvetteofchoice.net/

See them on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/w atch?v=q-TSnavpMTU and https://youtu.be/TvNzp

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COC Riding to Support the Community

film. Byrd, an exceptional

bull rider, is pursuing a

career in the rodeo circuit

in a predominately White

Sampson, the first world

champion bull rider from

Watts. A product of The

Hill Stable, Sampson was

riding 30 to 35 bulls a

month at the height of his

career. He established the

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# PBS to Air 'The Cowboys of South Central L.A.' to Commemorate Juneteenth

BY SHELBY STEPHENS Contributing Writer

Award-winning director and film maker, Brett Fallentine, is a Northern California native who dedicated more than seven years to learn, film, and connect with the rich history of the Compton Cowboys in his documentary, "Fire on the Hill: The Cowboys of South Central L.A.



Fire on the Hill: The Cowboys of South Central L.A. Movie Poster

The film is being released by PBS to commemorate the Juneteenth holiday. It's a South L.A. story that highlights the area's Black cowboys and the positive imprint this group is making on the community.

Fallentine explained that his film, "Fire on the Hill," counters the negative impression that media has about Compton and South Central Los Angeles.

"One of the biggest reasons why this type of story is important is [because it is] a story that is positive and not about gang culture or violence, but an equestrian culture doing good for the community," noted Fallentine, a Master's degree matic Arts Program. While earning his MFA, he served as James Cameron's assistant editor for the movie "Avatar."

said Fallentine, who began his career working on "Star Wars: Revenge of the Stith" while being mentored by George Lucas.



COURTESY PHOTO

After finishing school,

Fallentine worked as a video journalist and soon heard about cowboys riding in South Central. Intensely interested, he immersed himself in the culture to educate others about the forgotten past of the African American cowboy, and the prevalence of their impact.

South Central

In 2020, Fallentine released his first featurelength documentary on Amazon Prime. The film received several awards and resulted in the founding of the non-profit organization Urban Saddles, which provides equine therapy and training to inner-city youth in the South Los Angeles community.

"Those stories don't get a light shone on them, not only from what I saw but it's impactful from different directions. Outsiders or people who are unfamiliar of the area avoid it. I have been a product of that

The "Fire on the Hill" documentary follows three men, Ghuan Featherstone, Calvin Gray, and Chris

Byrd, in their evolutionary journey of self-discovery,



COURTESY PHOTO

Chris Byrd

redefining moments, and salvaging tradition after a structure fire destroyed The Hill Stable in 2012.

Featherstone, who wrote and performed some of the music in the film, is a veteran that embarks on a quest to find The Hill's absentee landlord while trying to rebuild the stable. Gray's passion for riding hands. Unfortunately, Hollywood skewed the representation of the West and the cowboys that inhabited

Taking root decades ago in South Central, riding culture has stood the test of time. Through an outsider's lens, unique storytelling, and impeccable camera work, Fallentine has cap-



Ghuan Featherstone, Calvin Gray, and Fatpack at DocNYC Premiere

community, comradery, and the many challenges that buried this history.

The film team traveled around the country to show the documentary and during their time Fallentine recalled, "South L.A. was always a place that was shown to me as a scary place. It took an interest in this culture to break through those barriers that were set up. That is very important, for outsiders and for the people living in the community who we interviewed.

"When we were in festivals and traveling through America, each location we

urban environments who think a certain way about the people and the area they live in," he said.

"We were able to use the film to have these open dialogues, and that's why we're excited to work with PBS to broadcast us on so many stations to open the world and the nation to these types of stories to continue the dialogue."

"Fire on The Hill" has been used in high schools, universities, and community groups to spark conversations and explore deeper understanding across the country.

View Fire on the Hill:



Chris Byrd behind the scenes

reached out to organizations and schools to discuss perceptions about South L.A., western culture, rodeo culture, and compare The Cowboys of South Central L.A trailer on YouTube and tune into PBS or the WORLD Channel starting June 16, to watch



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## Mark Ridley-Thomas Conviction Hearing Set For June 26th

DANNY J. BAKEWELL, JR. **Executive Editor** 

On Monday, June 26, Judge Dale S. Fischer will hear two motions by former Councilman Mark Ridley-Thomas' defense team to reconsider the jury's guilty verdicts, which were rendered in March of this year.

These Rule 29 and Rule 33 procedural motions are considered long shots by legal experts and are prerequisites to Ridley-Thomas's August 21st sentencing and appeal.

In the court filings, the Ridley-Thomas defense team asserts that the prosecution's case relied on false testimony and incomplete investigations of the facts by the FBI's lead investigator and government's star witness. Defense lawyers for Ridley-Thomas have filed two motions with the court arguing that his conviction be overturned and that he deserves a new trial.

His defense team argues in the court filings that the government's star witness, FBI Agent Brian Adkins, gave false testimony on at least three occasions. their second filing, the defense team outlines multiple instances where the government failed to present sufficient evidence on the charges and in some cases,

argues "a total failure of proof," which should lead,



Mark Ridley-Thomas

according to the filings, to an outright acquittal of the jury's conviction.

Ridley-Thomas guilty of four counts of honest services wire fraud and one count each of bribery, conspiracy and honest services mail fraud. The case stemmed from his time as a member of L.A. County's powerful Board Supervisors involved his support of a contract with USC's School of Social Work for Tele-Health, a virtual mental health treatment program

On March 30, the jury

The jury, however, did find Ridley-Thomas not guilty of all fraud counts related to Probation University and the Vermont Street

run by the university.

Reentry Center, as well as all counts related to the USC admission, scholarship, and Professor of Practice appointment of his son, former Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas.

In all, Ridley-Thomas was found guilty on seven counts and not guilty of 12 of the 19 charges brought against him by the govern-The conviction brought

an immediate end to Ridley-Thomas term as an L.A. City Council member and sent shockwaves throughout Los Angeles' African American community where Ridley-Thomas served and been a fearless

decades.

A group of Ridley Thomas supporters calling themselves CD10 Voices has once again called for "public demonstration of support for MRT." They allege that community support remains critically important to illustrate wide skepticism about the verdict, the depth of interest in the case and the strength of solidarity with the defendant.

In an urgent plea for backers, CD 10 Voices wrote in an email that "in the interest of fairness and justice, please plan to attend the hearing on Monday, June 26."

## Political Playback: News You Might Have Missed

By Tanu Henry and EDWARD HENDERSON California Black Media

**Assembly Democrats** Release Spending Plan Ahead of 2023-24 Budget

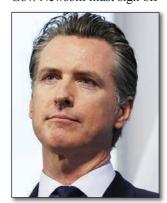
On May 24, California Assembly Democrats released a budget proposal which aims to close the state's projected \$31.5-billion-dollar deficit.

In the plan, the lawmakers are calling on Gov. Gavin Newsom to close five more state prisons by 2027. This is an increase of three more prison closures than the number proposed in the Governor's budget plan released in January.

In the May budget revisions, Newsom declared that despite the closures, California "remains committed to meeting the needs of staff and the incarcerated populations while right-sizing California's prison system to reflect the needs of the state as the prison population declines."

The Legislature is facing

a rapidly approaching June 15 deadline to approve the state's 2023-24 budget, and Gov. Newsom must sign off



Gov. Gavin Newsom

on it before the new fiscal year starts on July 1. State Lawmakers Call for

**Transit Bailout** 

On June 3, Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), along with other lawmakers, held a press conference outside of the California Environmental Protection Agency to call for additional

Gov. Newsom recently presented the legislature with his plan to close Cali-

state funding to support pub-

lic transportation.

fornia's \$31.5 billion-dollar deficit. In the proposal, Newsom did not include critical funding that public transit in the state requires to avoid a deficit.

"Our transit systems have been telling us for months and months and months that this fiscal cliff is happening, and unfortunately the governor's budget had zero dollars in it to address these operational shortfalls - zero!" Sen. Wiener told reporters.

"Instead, the governor's proposal slashes \$2 billion in transit infrastructure money, which will kill various projects around the state and will cause us to forfeit billions of federal matching dollars if we're taking away our own capital investment," Wiener added.

Assemblymember Buffy Wicks (D-Oakland) said transportation is facing cuts across the country, but funding for California's transit infrastructure is not negotiable.

"It's time for the state of

ensure we don't step off a transportation fiscal cliff from which we cannot recover."

The lawmakers want the governor to restore a \$2 billion cut from transit infrastructure and to add operational funding to avoid services cuts. Without state funding, BART says it will have to run trains only once an hour, cut service on weekends and after 9 p.m. on weeknights, reduce service to San Francisco International and Oakland International airports, close some stations and even shut down some lines.

**Large Number of Voters** Still Undecided in California Senatorial Race

Last week, calls from state leaders and the public urging California Sen. Dianne Feinstein to resign grew louder. But there is still a large number of voters undecided about who they would like to replace her.

In a recent poll conducted by the UC Berkley Institute of Governmental Studies, 4 out of 10 voters do not know who they will vote for in the 2024 senate race.

The candidates replace Senator Feinstein include Democrats. Reps. Katie Porter (D-CA-47). Adam B. Schiff (D-CA-30)



Rep. Barbara Lee

and Barbara Lee (D-CA 12) and Republican attorney Eric Early.

According to the poll, Early and Porter are in the lead with 18% and 17% of the vote, respectively. Schiff (14%) and Lee (9%) are falling behind with 42% of likely voters still undecided.

The top two finishers in the March 2024 primary will face off in the general election.

Lee, the only announced Black candidate, received a vote of favorability with 26% of likely voters in the poll. 19% unfavorable and 55% saying they had no opinion. Among Black voters, 45% said they had no opinion of Lee.

Lee is known for being the sole vote against giving President George W. Bush broad war powers after 9/11. In the California Legislature, she wrote the California Violence Against Women Act and a bill enhancing penalties for blocking access to abortion clinics.

"We're not looking back on this campaign," Lee said. "But I want you to look at what I have done as a progressive Black woman, both in the Legislature and in Congress, to know that I'm going to stand my ground. I have convictions and courage. And it's an indicator of what I will do in the

## Despite Pushback From Franchise Owners, Assembly Passes Fast Food Worker Bill

California Black Media

Last week, fast-food franchise owners and other opponents of Assembly Bill (AB) 1228 suffered a setback when the State Assembly approved a bill that would grant national franchise corporations more control over their businesses.

The bill has been forwarded to the Senate for review

The Fast Food Franchisor Responsibility Act, authored by Assembly Chris (D-Pasadena), Holden passed off the Assembly floor with 42 votes in favor of the legislation while 22 members of the Assembly

voted against the bill. "We've heard fast-food workers experience of wage theft, violence at work, sexual harassment and assaults, denied sick days, intense heat, poor work-place safety practices, and retaliation for speaking out," said Holden before his colleagues voted on the bill

'Well, this does not imply that all fast-food franchisees mistreat their workers. It is clear that we must ensure that our fast-food workers are able to thrive in their workplace and in their communities," he added.

According to the Employment Policies Institute, which reviewed wage claims from



restaurant owners from multiple fast-food brands gathered at the State Capitol in Sacramento on May 16, 2023, to oppose AB 1228.

the California Department of up food costs for every Amer-Industrial Relations for the period of 2017 - 2022, the quick-service restaurant industry accounted for 1.6%

he continued.

In the weeks leading up to the vote, a coalition of franchise fast food restaurant



ANTONIO RAY HARVEY/CBM

Percy Johnson owns eight McDonald's restaurants in the Sacramento region. He opened his first restaurant 25 years ago. AB 1228 would 'destroy' his family's business and ability to take care of his employees, Johnson said on May 16, 2023.

of wage claims despite representing 3.2% of California's workforce..

Holden, Mia Bonta (D-Alameda), Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento), Issac Bryan (D-Los Angeles), Mike Gipson (D-Carson), Reggie Jones Sawyer (D-Los Angeles), (D-Los Angeles), Tina McKinnor (D-Inglewood), and Akilah Weber (D-La Mesa) – all members of the California Legislature Black Caucus - voted in favor of AB 1228.

Some opponents of AB 1228 say the bill was introduced to send a message to the fast-food industry.

"What is the bill really about? I looked at this bill closely in the Judiciary Committee and I didn't see evidence that there are more labor violations in the fastfood industry than in other sectors," said Assemblymember Bill Essayi (R-Corona) before the vote.

'Well, I think what this bill is about is retaliation. It's retaliation against an industry that dares to stand up to this body and to pass or qualify a referendum to undo a really bad law that's going to drive owners across California launched a voter-education campaign against AB 1228.

The Stop the Attack on Local Restaurants was buttressed by a public outreach with 30-second ads. The ads featured diverse California franchise restaurant owners sharing their concerns about ways AB 1228 would infringe on their rights to manage their small businesses.

"AB would 1228 destroy franchise businesses like mine," said Mat. A., a Black restaurant owner in Lake Elsinore who appears in one of the ads the group released.

Last month, over 100 local franchise restaurant owners rallied at the State Capitol in Sacramento to push back against AB 1228. They argue that the bill would cut off one of the best pathways to business ownership for minority entrepreneurs. The owners were joined by social justice advocates, other small businesses owners, ethnic business leaders, and several representatives from restaurant brands and trade asso-

ciations.

business. We've worked hard to build a legacy for our family to take care of our employees and take care of our customers," businessman Percy Johnson told California Black Media at the Citizen Hotel in downtown Sacramento, where the franchisees held a news conference.

Johnson owns eight McDonald's restaurants in the Sacramento area that he operates with members of his family. He's been a franchisee for approximately 26 years and his restaurants

employ at least 300 people. "Make no mistake about it, these are our customers, and these are our employees. These are not corporate employees or corporate customers," Johnson added.

In addition to running a successful chain of restaurants, Johnson said he participates in community activities, gives back money to support humanitarian causes, and supports other small businesses.

AB 1228, authored by Chris Holden (D-Pasadena), would void any agreement between a franchise restaurant and its corporate parent that waives liability for violations against the franchisor.

Making the case for AB 1228, Holden explains that some franchisees violate employee rights at a far higher rate than establishments owned and operated by the franchisor.

"I believe many franchisees want to do right by the people that work for them, but may not see it as possible under their franchisor's terms and conditions. This can help to provide some relief while protecting employees and busistatement.

Owners argue that without specialized agreements between franchisors and franchisees, they would be constrained by broad corporate restrictions which often force them to choose between profitability and following standards.

However, supporters of AB 1228 say franchisees would have the opportunity to file action against their corporate parents if abiding



ANTONIO RAY HARVEY/CBM Jai Coward, at the podium, opened a Dog Haus franchise in Santa Clarita with his wife. He and hundreds of franchisees in California say AB 1228 will take away their rights to own small businesses on May 16, 2023.

by the franchisor's terms infringes on their ability to comply with employment

Jai Coward and his wife Kayla Coward are the owners of a Dog Haus franchise in Santa Clara they opened in 2010. Their franchise has grown to 55 locations, including eight restaurants in Texas. When the Cowards were first granted a franchise license, they immediately started planning to expand acting on a dream they had since college.

Now, the Cowards are hoping that AB 1228 will not kill their dreams.

"The whole reason why we went into business is to

"It would destroy our nesses," said Holden in a do business for ourselves. I am here doing this for us and our community. I don't want to be a manager. I can go get a corporate job," Jai Coward said. "Honestly, for us, I think we're looking outside of California (if AB 1228 becomes law). Our brand, Dog Haus, we're franchising nationwide now. For us, it might be us looking at other states and other opportunities as well."

California is home to more than 15,000 franchised quick-service restaurants in every region of the state. The overwhelming majority of franchised restaurants are locally-run and operated by small business owners many of whom are people of color, women, immigrants and veterans.

According to a study by Oxford Economics, nearly 50% of McDonald's owners and operators in California are people of color.

Marisol Sanchez and her family own three McDonald's franchises that she says are employee-friendly, profitable and connected to the community. Some Sanchez's employees have worked for the family for 30

The business helps employees achieve the American dream, she said.

"We provide employees with more than just a paycheck. We've helped dozens of our crew members pursue citizenship, become homeowners with down payment assistance, and apply for college for tuition assistance," Sanchez said. "It's unimaginable why anyone would want to take the decisions out of my hands and instead put out-ofstate corporations in charge of my business and crew members."



## State Senate Advances Smallwood-Cuevas' Legislation to Protect Working Families

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

The California State Senate has passed a package of bills introduced this year by Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas (D-Los Angeles), paving the way for new legislation that will better empower and protect workers across the state.

The Senator's bill package focuses on addressing the needs of working families, protecting the rights to collectively bargain, and creating employment and social safety net programs that support an equitable economy.

Smallwood-Cuevas' bills that were approved by the State Senate and are ready to move forward to the State Assembly are the following: Local Enforcement of Fair **Employment and Housing** – SB 16

Empowers local civil

rights agencies to enforce prohibitions against discrimination in employment and housing.

#### Equal Pay and Anti-Retaliation Act – SB 497

Creates a rebuttable presumption that retaliation occurred when the employer punishes or terminates a worker within 90 days of the worker's complaint of wage theft or unequal pay.

#### **Campus Protection for Pregnant and Parenting** Students - SB 521

Would protect the Cal-WORKs benefits of pregnant, parenting and lactating students who are not being adequately accommodated under Title IX. **Displaced Worker** 

#### Protections Act - SB 627

Requires large chain employers to give advance notice to workers so they

can prepare for a store closure. Also requires employers to give transfer rights to workers at the closed store for any job that becomes open at a chain location within 25 miles.

#### Safety Net for Grocery Workers Act – SB 725

Requires a grocery establishment that conducts a mass layoff due to merger or acquisition to provide workers with at least one week of severance pay for every year of service.

#### **Records Clearing** Efficiency Act - SB 749

Allows people who have completed their prison sentence for a qualifying non-violent felony to petition the courts to reclassify their felony to a misdemeanor using a simpler, more streamlined pro-



Sen. Lola Smallwood-Cuevas

**Prevailing Wage** Protections - SB 830

Ensures that workers conducting custom sheet metal work at off-site facilities still enjoy prevailing-

disproportionately classified

as "runaways" in compari-

son to their white counter-

parts who are classified as

"missing." Therefore, when

Black children are reported

missing, law enforcement

does not always treat those

wage protections when working on a public construction project.

The Worker Rights and Education Act - SB 864

Board to partner with the Labor Commissioner to ensure that their job seekers receive workplace Requires the California rights training.

Workforce Development

## Black Caucus Members' Bills Protecting Black Children, Union Workers

By Antonio Ray Harvey California Black Media

Pro-public service legislation introduced by Assemblymember Tina McKin-(D-Inglewood), Assembly Bill (AB) 1, moved closer to becoming law when it was passed by the Assembly with a 66-3 vote in late last Month.

It is now under consideration in the Senate.

If passed by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Newsom, the bill will permit California legislative staff to unionize and collectively bargain for wages, benefits and working conditions, regardless of their political affiliation.



Assemblywoman McKinnor (D-Inglewood) first piece of legislation that she authored when she joined the Assembly would provide employees of the legislature the right to form, join, and participate in union activities.

"Legislative staff aren't looking for special treatment. They are looking for the same dignity and respect afforded to all represented workers," said McKinnor in a statement after her colleagues voted to advance the legislation.

"To the staff in our district offices and Capitol offices - including our dedicated committee staff - that honorably serve the people of the State of California every day, know this: We see you and we respect you," McKinnor continued.

"With AB 1, we are taking action to make sure that current and future legislative staff, regardless of their member's political affiliation, are afforded a safe, equitable and fair opportunity to build a noble career in public service."

McKinnor, a former legislative employee herself, said at the Women In California Legislature speakers series on March 8 that she was an original signer of the "We Said Enough" letter in 2017. The correspondence led to the "Me Too" movement to address workplace sexual harassment, retaliation and intimidation within the California Legislature.

Mary Virginia Watson, chief of staff for Assemblymember Liz Ortega (D-Hayward), supports AB 1. Watson has been a campaign director, and political organ-

"Congrats to #CALeg staff! I was proud to speak in favor of #AB1 in (the) policy committee, and as a chief of staff, I 100% support Leg staff's right to unionize. A union would improve recruitment and retention and help the legislature better serve Californians!," Watson tweeted.

If AB 1 is approved, it will take effect on July 1,



State Sen. Steven Bradford (D-Gardena) SB 673 legislation would increase awareness and resources to locate missing Black youth and Black women. Bradford is shown here at a California Reparations Task Force meeting in Oakland, Calif., on May 6, 2023.

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Another bill, dubbed the "Ebony Alert" bill, that will help locate missing Black youth and Black women in California also made it out of the Senate last week with a 39-0 vote.

Senate Bill (SB) 673, authored by Sen. Steven Bradford (D-Inglewood), establishes a notification system to address the issue of missing Black children and young Black women in California who do not

receive enough attention. "The Ebony Alert would ensure that resources and attention are given so we can bring home missing Black women and Black children in the same way we would search for any missing child and missing person," Bradford, Vice Chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC), stated in March.

The Black and Missing Foundation Inc. (BAMFI), reports that 38% of missing children in the U.S. are Black, despite Black people making up 14% of the population. Black children are cases with urgency or issue Amber Alerts.

The AMBER moniker which stands for America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response - was created as a legacy to nineyear-old Amber Hagerman, who was kidnapped and murdered while riding her bicycle in Arlington, Texas.

"When someone who is missing is incorrectly listed as a runaway, they basically vanish a second time. They vanish from the police detectives' workload. They vanish from the headlines. In many ways, no one even knows they are missing. How can we find someone and bring them home safely when no one is really looking for them," Bradford said.

Bradford's Ebony Alert bill is inspired by a similar bill, the Feather Alert, introduced by Assemblymember James Ramos (D-San Bernardino), the only Native American serving in the California Assembly. The Feather Alert law, which took effect in January, assists law enforcement to quickly notify the public when Native American Californians are reported missing.

Black women and girls face a higher risk of being harmed and trafficked. According to a report by the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation on human trafficking incidents in the U.S., 40% of sex trafficking victims were identified as Black women.

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# Gamma Zeta Boulé Foundation Hosts **Annual Mentor Luncheon**

## African American students receive more than \$100,000 in college scholarships

By Sherri McGee McCovey Special to The Sentinel

It was an inspiring afternoon of Black excellence as the Gamma Zeta Boulé Foundation (GZBF) recently hosted its 18th annual L.A.M.P Mentor Program Scholarship Celebration: Igniting the Torch of Empowerment at the Pasadena Hilton Hotel on May 20. The luncheon honors graduating seniors and rewards them with scholarship support for college.

The Foundation is committed to cultivating, achieving, and sustaining the highest quality of life within the greater San Gabriel Valley community through improvement in the areas of Leadership, Economic Development, Education and Social Development.

The organization lives out that commitment through two signature programs: a STEAMposium (in partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.) that exposes middle school, high school, and college students to professionals in all aspects of S.T.E.A.M. Technology, (Science, Engineering, Arts & Math) and the L.A.M.P. Mentor Program open to African American young men, grades 9-12, who desire to attend and graduate from the college or university of their choice.

The luncheon was the culmination of the tenmonth L.A.M.P. Mentor

session that included 36 students (10 seniors, 11 juniors, eight sophomores,

mountains that supported the growth of the mentees in the four pillars of

leges, museums, cultural centers, and dinners with successful African Ameri-



Mentees and mentor attended the scholarship celebration luncheon.

and seven freshmen) who met at least one Saturday a month (from August to May) for a series of workshops at locations throughout the greater Pasadena, Inland Empire, and Los Angeles areas.

L.A.M.P. Mentees were introduced to successful African American men from a variety of professions, enjoyed cultural events, participated in business skills workshops, and were presented with challenges they will encounter in their quest for excellence and success. The program also included a weekend bonding retreat in the

L.A.M.P. – Leadership, Achievement, Management, and Professionalism. Participants were introduced to institutions and individuals that expanded their knowledge and opened their minds to career opportunities.

This unique experience also provided students and parents with an opportunity to learn more about the college admissions process and financial aid as well as writing, networking, financial literacy, and interviewing skills; rising seniors embarked on an educational trip to Washington D.C. that included visits to colcan men in the Washington D.C. area. The L.A.M.P. Mentor Program is free to students and parents.

Gamma Zeta Boulé Foundation welcomes community support of its efforts and contributions to its programs. The L.A.M.P. Mentor Program works with community and corporate sponsors to enhance the experiences of the mentees. There are no geographic restrictions. Mentees come from Pasadena, Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley, South Bay, and the Inland Empire.

Ten outstanding young

men made up the Gamma Zeta Boulé Class of 2023: Marshall Dodds, Sebastian Fuentes. Havden Harper. Xavier Haynes, Terence Mathews II, Asa Phillips, Gilbert Roberts, Xavier Smith, Andrew Taylor, and Sean Taylor.

Each was awarded a scholarship in varying amounts from \$8,000 to \$12,000. One of the seniors, Sean Taylor, was admitted to the coveted Boulé Scholars Program sponsored by Sigma Pi Phi, the Grand Boulé. This vear, there are 50 Boulé Scholars out of more than 1,000 applicants.

In all, the Foundation awarded \$101,000 in college scholarships. Among the graduates, seven have a GPA of 3.5: four are outstanding student athletes, having captained their schools' teams in their sports, competed in, and won conference championships, been ranked in the top ten in Los Angeles in their chosen sport, and entering college as recruited student athletes, one is entering college as a sophomore, and three are outstanding musicians.

Some plan to major in psychology, finance, and pre-law at institutes of higher education throughout the country, including HBCU Morehouse College, UCLA, U.C. Berkeley, Boston University, Southern Methodist University. Pasadena City College, Pierce College, U.C.

Santa Cruz, University of Arizona, and California State University of Northridge.

"The L.A.M.P. Mentor Program is an agent for transformation that provides access and exposure to young African American men who have brilliant minds and infinite possibilities that they do not see," said Ramsey Jay, Jr., Gamma Zeta Boulé Foundation President, and L.A.M.P Mentor.

"It is difficult to inspire a young man to dream of something he has not seen. L.A.M.P. shatters that difficulty. L.A.M.P Mentees become dreamers and when they leave the program, they have gained the tools to move from being dreamers to being achiev-

Young men interested in joining the Gamma Zeta Boulé L.A.M.P. Mentor Program must register and, along with parent/guardian, participate in an orientation session that introduces them to the program and confirms their commitment to the goals and objectives of the program. New L.A.M.P. Mentees are accepted up to September of each year and must wear a jacket, dress shirt, tie, and dress shoes to each L.A.M.P. session.

For more information, visit www.gzbfoundation.org, or contact Gilbert Holmes, director of Curriculum and Development, at lamp@gzbfoundation.org.

## Next Generation of Black Female Engineers Learn About STEM Careers and Financial Literacy

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Community Build, Inc. President Robert Sausedo introduced Brian Grant to the Los Angeles chapter of Black Girls Do Engineer and asked him to partner with him to support the organization, Grant knew this was an opportunity to provide a lasting impact.

Black Girls Do Engineer was founded in 2019 in

munity development, small business lending, charitable giving and financial literacy related projects.

Grant provides assistance to organizations that positively impact underserved communities and service sectors. "It's my responsibility to ensure that our financial support will lead to transformation," Grant said.

In May, City National

Marcus Johnson, Vanessa Sutherland, Heather Cunningham and Donna Spielberg - also gave the group financial literacy advice on saving and money manage-

recurring throughout each of the engineer's presentations was finding a group of likeminded individuals, sharing knowledge and persevering through challenges.



A panel of professional Black female engineers shared lessons learned at Black Girls Do Engineer (LA Chapter) Industry Networking & Financial Literacy Workshop. From left are Jennifer Walters, Leah Mulat, Lorna Holt, Candace King, and Amani Garvin.

Houston, Texas and has four chapters - Los Angeles, Houston, New Orleans and a virtual chapter.

BGDE LA Chapter President Benicia Crooms said the organization focuses on exposing Black girls and young ladies ages 6 - 21 to all areas of STEM and gives them a chance to interact with people who look like them who can share experiences and encourage them. BGDE's goal is to advocate for two million Black-American girls to pursue STEM careers by the year 2050.

Grant is vice president of CRA Community Development at City National Bank and has been in the banking industry for nearly 25 years. As part of CNB's Community Reinvestment Act Team, Grant interfaces with community advocacy groups, community faith-based organizations, non-profits and trade associations to develop and bridge opportunities that support CNB's CRA commitment to com-

Bank and Community Build, Inc., hosted "Black Girls Do Engineer (LA Chapter) Industry Networking & Financial Literacy Workshop." Grant convened a panel of professional Black female engineers from five different sectors to share lessons learned and stories from their professional and college journies with 20 BGDE members, ages 8 -12, interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

Four members of CNB's Black Colleague Alliance -

Leah Mulat, civic engineering associate at Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, was born in Ethiopia and remembers her mother always telling her she would be an engineer. Coming from a thirdworld country, Mulat advised the group not to take what they have in the U.S. for granted and to take advantage of the opportunities that come their way. She also encouraged them not to fear failure.

"Failure is actually your best friend," Mulat said.



Black Girls Do Engineer President Benicia Crooms (center) and Digital Media Lead Mara Baskins (far right) with BGDE members and staff.

"When you fail, you learn from your mistakes, you grow, and you take action."

workshop. Johnson is also

literacy segment of the Robert Sausedo reiterated the importance of the workco-chairman of CNB's shop. Community Build,



CBI President Robert Sausedo (far right) and CNB VP of CRA Community Development Brian Grant (center) pictured with members of Black Girls Do Engineer (LA Chapter), professional engineers and CNB BCA members.

Never be afraid to ask for help, advised Kandace King, a systems engineer at Northrop Grumman.

"Someone probably has the same question, but they may be too shy or timid to ask." King said. "Speaking up not only gets your question answered, but it could also help someone else."

Amani Garvin, the youngest of the panelists, operates Integrated System Electronics tests for SpaceX, the Space Transportation and Aerospace manufacturer founded by Elon Musk in 2002. Garvin said she is proud to be a part of something so revolutionary and encouraged the group to not to settle in their career pur-

"I don't compromise on two things: being myself and doing exactly what I want to do," Garvin said. "If you're not doing something you absolutely love, then what's the point?"

Boeing Project and Certification Engineer Jennifer Walters and SoCalGas Company Field Commissioning Engineer Lorna Holt also shared valuable lessons and experiences with the BGDE group.

Marcus Johnson, senior vice president and head of CNB's Client Contact Center introduced the financial

Black Colleague Alliance where employees receive guidance, support, mentorship and prepare for the next level.

In deference to their audience, CNB BCA members summarized money management in a simple terms. "Don't spend more than what you earn," CNB Senior Program Director Donna Spielberg said. "Keep a journal and know where your money goes."

Spielberg recounted to

Inc. has a long history of developing partnerships and providing programs that serve South Los Angeles, including its Women and Girl's initiative, Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) Intervention and Prevention program and the SAFE Passage pro-

"This information is incredibly valuable, especially to our young girls. It shows that with determination and laser focus, any-



Regina Owens-Dillard, president of Los Angeles Council of Black Professional Engineers and retired Ratheon Director, talks to Black Girls Do Engineer members about the importance of networking.

the group her first important money management lesson at age 13. "When I got my allowance, I learned not to spend it all at once," she said. "I had to make it last until my next allowance and I had to save some of it."

In his closing remarks,

thing is possible," Sausedo

"The financial literacy education is equally important. Like they say, 'It's not what you make, it's what you keep.' The earlier in life you learn that lesson, the easier it will be for you in the future."

# Gospel Voices of Orange County Plan Juneteenth Celebration

By Rodd Amos Contributing Writer

Community members in the City of Orange are set to gather on Saturday, June 10, at 7 p.m., for the 2nd Annual Gospel Voices of OC staged concert, a multi-generational artistic celebration of gospel music presented from 1865 to the present day.

The production, led by Debora Wondercheck, founder of Arts and Learning Conservatory in Costa Mesa, will be held at the Musco Center for The Arts, Chapman University: 337 N. Cypress Street in the City of Orange.

"It's time for Orange County, and our nation, to understand who we are as a people; our artistic excel-

lence and what we bring to the table. The history we experienced is American history, and I thought we needed a Black and Brownstringed orchestra, and classical music written by Black Americans long gone, but never forgotten," explained Wondercheck.

"We're focused on gospel music, the very cornerstone of our ancestors' faith. The hope we had for centuries to deal with all the craziness comes from faith in God and the church congregation. This is where GVOC comes from," she added.

Arts and Learning Conservatory is a performing arts school that provides students with confidence and creativity through musical summer camps, theater productions, and afterschool band and string classes. Operations Director Teisha Hutchins works closely with Wondercheck on organizational strategy.

"It's about making arts education programs accessible to all kids. And not just arts education, but high-quality arts education," said Hutchins.

"What we're bringing to southern California's youth culture is the experience of not only learning how to perform on stage, but language arts, inclusivity, collaboration, the forming of friendships and getting along well with others. It's information that translates to the rest of their lives," she noted.

Music Education Director Edwin Lovo, who heads ALC's youth program and instruction while working closely with teaching staff,

oversees all aspects of to play in front of an audience, and excitement in coming to class every day.



Debora Wondercheck

said, "I get to see our kids' development and growth under the tutelage of our teachers. My vision is giving our kids the confidence

"My favorite part is the finished product; kids who perhaps had no idea how to even hold an instrument playing whole concerts.

When a kid says, 'This is my favorite class', then that becomes the goal," recalled

Outlining what guests can expect to witness when attending the concert, Wondercheck insisted,

"You're going to experience something you'll never forget! A five-yearold will see somebody on stage that looks like them. To our older groups, the music is going to take them back from Negro spirituals, to [gospel singer and composer] James Cleveland, to modern day music. We're going to make this performance exciting to everyone who comes out."

For tickets, parking information and COVIDprotocols, https://bit.ly/43zMNTn.

# Anti-Violence Ventures Brings Men of All Ages Together for an Evening of Healing and Abundance

By Simone Grant Contributing Writer

Anti-Violence Ventures (AVV) hosted a 'mid-year check in and connection session' on Friday, June 2, at Queen Park in Inglewood.

The event, organized by California Black Women's Health Project, was titled "Men's Moment of Clarity" which provided a safe space to network, connect, and celebrate. Refreshments, yoga & light stretching, a healing circle, and statements of abundance was included in Friday's event.

Funded by Blue Shield of CA Foundation, AVV's "Black Men & Boys take a Lead" is an innovative antiviolence social intervention model whose mission is to break the cycle of violence in the Black community through a series of community conversations that engage both Black men and

boys. Their purpose is to get Black men and boys to talk about forms of violence prevention, learn from them when they talk and engage in violence prevention in their homes, lives and communities, and determine what possible solutions and changes can occur when they discuss violence prevention.

George W. Granberry, III is the ambassador for Anti-Violence ventures who works in the community by engaging with young Black men to support their vision.

"AVV focuses on the intrinsic links between three types of violence that are prevalent among Black couples, families, and in Black neighborhoods - domestic, family, and community service," Granberry stated.

AVV is committed to being the change Black men



Anti-Violence Ventures (AVV) hosted a two-hour event at Queen Park to promote mind care, heart care, and community care.

and boys need in order feel comfortable expressing themselves amongst each other. He stressed how it is assumed that Black men and boys are not comfortable discussing personal and community violence or prevention. He also believes that with investments, through incentives, support, and encouragement, "Black men and boys will engage in transformative dialogue and action around violence and violence prevention."

Men of all ages participated in the event. Granberry emphasized how Moment of Clarity's objective was to create a safe space for men to talk and reflect.

He stated that the "intention was the result" and how AVV wanted to "feed some brothas, inspire brotherhood, give them a healing circle, and encourage them to leave that positive energy with someone else."

"Our personal experiences tend to blend together like water colors and we don't always get the chance to process events to give out emotions a place to go," he needed.

acknowledged. He hopes that the session was the break his guests

"They chose to be there by showing up and received a deposit into their spirit which we hope allows them to one, reflect on the first half of the year and verbal-

ize an accomplishment, two, focus internally on feelings associated with any challenges they faced and give them a break to allow those emotions to find a home so that we could all, and three, move forward toward the second half of the year with expectation of abundance," Granberry explained.

Granberry expressed his gratitude for who he calls "three great ambassadors" that do tremendous work with men in the community.

"Justin Rhoane and Albert Neal are a big part of this vision," he stressed. "The work can't happen without them."

For more information on Anti-Violence Ventures, https://antiviolenceventures.org/

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# Transportation Committee Holds Meeting at Michelle & Barack Obama Sports Complex

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From left are Councilwoman Eunisses Hernandez, Transportation Dept. General Manager Connie Llanos, and Councilwomen Heather Hutt and Katy Yaroslavsky.



Councilmembers Hutts, Hernandez, and Yaroslavsky with members of the various community-based nonprofits that attended the meeting.

# Harris-Dawson Applauds Promotions of Top CD 8 Staff –

## Soloman Rivera and Joanne Kim

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hard work and expertise. This opportunity marks another juncture in his career where he can make meaningful contributions that will have a profound impact on the people of Los Angeles."

Regarding Kim, Harris-Dawson said, "I'm excited to welcome Joanne into this new role on the CD8 team. Her effectiveness, talent, values, and deep understanding of the many communities in our district are widely known, and she is well prepared to excel on behalf of the residents of South L.A."

Rivera has 31 years of experience in politics



Solomon Rivera

(COURTESY PHOTO)

and the non-profit social justice arena. In addition to his extensive advocacy skills, observers note that "he brings a comprehensive

knowledge of how City departments, labor, and philanthropic organizations can collaborate effectively to serve the people and families of Los Angeles."

"I will truly miss the camaraderie and support of my colleagues. The dedication and passion they bring to the work is inspiring. I'm proud of our work to pass Proposition HHH to begin the serious work of building houses for Angelenos," remarked Rivera.

"I am confident that we will continue to support each other as we strive to create a more equitable and inclusive Los Angeles."

Kim, previously



Joanne Kim

(COURTESY PHOTO)

chief operating officer at Community Coalition, recently served as organizing director for Bass' mayoral campaign.

As senior advisor, she aided Harris-Dawson is setting strategic priorities for economic development, housing, and large infrastructure projects.

"I am honored to serve in this capacity," Kim said. Councilmember's mission is nothing less than to take bold, swift measures to rectify a half-century of economic neglect and disinvestment in South LA. We will do this the way that we always have - working through multiracial coalitions across the City who also believe in equity and the power of everyday people to achieve it."

Kim earned a Bachelor's degree in economics and a



Councilmember Marqueece Harris-

Master's degree in public health at UCLA. She also holds a certificate in Executive Non-Profit Leadership from Stanford's

## David G. Brown Celebrates Two Decades as L.A. Sentinel Cartoonist

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the satirical art realm."

"David's ability to capture the sentiments of our community in his art while blending thought provoking commentary is a treat that Sentinel readers have been able to enjoy for decades," Bakewell said.

"I personally appreciate not only David's commitment to the Sentinel, but more importantly, his commitment to our community and his dedication to advancing

Black thought through his craft. It is and will forever be appreciated."

A talented designer, photographer and illustrator, Brown is also skilled in creating advertising campaigns for a range of clients including Los Angeles World Airports, Wells Fargo Bank, Auto Club of Southern California, California African American Museum, Warner Bros., and the City of Los Angeles.

In addition, he has produced several health-



David G. Brown (COURTESY PHOTO)

related books for youth and authored the popular graphic book, "Barack, Race and the Media: Drawing My Own Conclusions," which garnered an NAACP Image Award in 2009.

Brown has received numerous merit awards from the National Newspapers Publishers Association for Best Editorial Cartoon. The organization represents more than 230 Blackowned publications across the country. Most recently, he was recognized as by

his alma mater with the Stockton University Alumni Achievement Impact award for his community service as a mentor, role model and educator.

For a number of years, Brown has offered free design workshops for children and teens at local libraries and community centers. He also serves on the board of directors for the Museum of African American Art aiming to "bringing more young people into the museum."

# Black News Publishers Watchful of Legislative Process as Online News Payment Bill Advances

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The bill would mandate that social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook and Google to pay a "journalism usage fee" to news organizations for sharing their content.

Assemblymember Buffy Hicks (D-Oakland) said she authored the bill with the goal of supporting California's local news media outlets including ethnic media and small news publishers throughout the state.

"Free press is in our constitution, and it is at risk right now. That is what this bill is about," Wicks told the Assembly. "Publishers deserve to be paid a journalism usage fee relative to how much their content is used on these platforms."

According to the text of the bill, newspaper advertising has decreased by 66% over the past 10 years, and newsroom staff have declined 44%.

"Given the important role of ethnic media, it is critical to advance state policy that ensures their publishers are justly compensated for the content they create and distribute," the bill's language asserts.

AB 886, also known as the California Journalism Preservation Act, would require outlets receiving funds to use 70% of it on journalists and support staff. The bill was co-sponsored by the California News Publishers Association (CNPA), and the California Labor Federation (CLF).

"When local newspapers shutter, civic engagement goes down, corruption goes up, and the ability to combat disinformation erodes further," CNPA wrote in a statement of support for the bill.

"Like all workers, journalists' labor produces value. News workers win their fair share of it through collective bargaining with employers, as protected by the National Labor Relations Act. But, if



AB 886 supports local outlets, ethnic media and small publishers throughout the state. (COURTESY PHOTO)

that value is unfairly captured by third-party tech websites instead of the news publishers that employ journalists, these workers cannot bargain for pay that reflects their actual economic productivity. Meanwhile, newsroom jobs keep disappearing," wrote CFL's Mitch Steiger in a press release.

AB 886 also references a document written by the African American journalist and abolitionist Samuel Cornish in 1827. It highlighted the need for African Americans to have their own platform to express their grievances, advocate for their rights, and challenge racial inequality.

"We Wish to Plead Our Own Cause," Cornish wrote and Wicks references in the bill language.

The bill language goes on to state, "This call to action spurred the establishment of numerous Black-owned newspapers

publications,

solidifying the role of the Black press as a powerful tool for empowerment and social change, and laid the groundwork in our country for other ethnic media to plead their own cause."

The Bill has faced opposition from multiple organizations such as the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA),

"the California Chamber of Commerce, CalMatters and Facebook's parent company Meta

According to Meta, news accounts for less than 3% of the content appearing on most Facebook users' feeds. They also state that the media's struggles were not in direct correlation with the growth of social media platforms.

"If the Journalism Preservation Act passes, we will be forced to remove news from Facebook and Instagram rather than pay into a slush fund that primarily benefits big, outof-state media companies under the guise of aiding California publishers," Meta said in a statement.

An analysis conducted by the tech industry-funded group Chamber of Progress shows that the biggest beneficiaries of the proposed law would be news outlets such as Fox News, the New York Post and Newsmax, all of which have faced accusations of spreading misinformation in the past.

According to the study, these outlets would receive four times more in revenue than major California news organizations, 151 times more than Latino news outlets in the state, 643 times more than newspapers located in the state's worst news deserts and 844 times as much as California Black news outlets.

The bill will now be considered by the state Senate.

# Tupac Shakur Receives Posthumous Star on Hollywood Walk of Fame

{continued from Pg. A-1} and Tupac Shakur," and Jamal Joseph, author of the 2006 biography "Tupac Shakur Legacy" and a producer of Dear Mama: The Saga of Afeni and Tupac Shakur," participated in the ceremony in front of Amoeba Music at 6212 Hollywood Blvd., which was emceed by radio host Big Boy.

"How fitting that in the 50th year of hip hop that we are celebrating Tupac Skakur," said Hughes. "I am being humbled to witness his family and friends receive this honor."

"From everybody who knew Tupac, we knew he was a star from the time he was a little boy," noted Joseph

The ceremony occurred nine days before the 52nd anniversary of Shakur's birth in Harlem.

Tupac Shakur was raised by his mother, Afeni Shakur, a political activist and member of

the Black Panther Party, in Baltimore, she was intent on escaping Baltimore's violence, relocating to Marin City when he was 17. Shakur connected with the popular Bay Area rap crew Digital Underground, starting as a roadie and back-up dancer, and eventually working his way up to contributing a verse to "Same Song" from the soundtrack for the comedy horror film ``Nothing But Trouble."

Shakur was signed by Interscope Records which released his first solo album, "2Pacalypse Now" in 1991, which was certified gold by the recording industry trade group the Recording Industry Association of America for selling 923,455 units.

Shakur's second studio album, "Strictly 4 My N.I.G.G.A.Z" was certified platinum for selling more than one million copies. Shakur's third studio album, "Me Against the World" released in 1995. It received a Grammy nomination for best rap album, and its lead single, "Dear Mama," was nominated for best rap solo performance.

"Me Against the World" was certified as double-platinum for selling more than 3.5 million copies.



Big Boy and "Set Shakur" at the ceremony for the late Tupac Shakur, pictured at right. (FW: PLEASE CREDIT @IMAGERYBYOSCAR/HCC)

Shakur's fourth studio album, "All Eyez on Me," released Feb. 13, 1996, seven months before his death, also received a best rap album Grammy nomination, while its singles "How Do U Want It" and "California Love" received nominations for

best rap performance by a duo or group.

"All Eyez on Me" was the best-selling album in Shakur's career, selling 5,887,630 units and was certified diamond.

Shakur received a posthumous best rap solo performance Grammy



Sekyiwa "Set" Shakur poses by the Hollywood Walk of Fame star for her brother, Tupac Shakur. (FW: PLEASE CREDIT @

nomination in 2000 for "Changes," part of his "Greatest Hits" album released in 1998.

Shakur starred in the 1992 crime thriller, "Juice," the 1993

romance film, ``Poetic Justice," the 1996 crime drama ``Bullet"; the 1997

black comedy crime film ``Gridlock'd" and 1997 action crime thriller ``Gang

Related" and co-starred in the 1994 sports drama, ``Above the Rim."

Shakur was wounded on Sept. 7, 1996, in a driveby shooting in Las

Vegas and died six days later at age 25. The killing is unsolved.

# Protesters Call for Arrest of White Woman Who Fatally Shot Black Neighbor

By Curt Anderson and Freida Frisaro Associated Press

Authorities came under pressure Tuesday to arrest and charge a white woman who fired through her front her door and killed a Black neighbor in a case that has put Florida's divisive stand your ground law back into the spotlight.

About three dozen mostly Black protesters gathered outside the Marion County Judicial Center to demand that the shooter be arrested in the country's latest flashpoint over race and gun violence. The chief prosecutor, State Attorney William Gladson, met with the protesters and urged patience while the investigation continues.

"If we are going to make a case we need as much time and as much evidence as possible," Gladson said. "I don't want to compromise any criminal investigation and I'm not going to do that."

Ajike Owens, a 35-yearold mother of four, was killed in the Friday night shooting that Marion County Sheriff Billy Woods said was the culmination of a 2½-year feud between neighbors. The women lived in the rolling hills south of Ocala, a north Florida city that is the heart of the state's horse country.

Woods said Monday detectives are working with the State Attorney's Office and must investigate possible self-defense claims before they can move forward with any possible criminal charges. The sheriff pointed out that because of the stand your ground law he can't legally make an arrest unless he can prove the shooter did not act in self-defense.

On Tuesday, a stuffed teddy bear and bouquets marked the area near where Owens was shot. Nearby, children were riding bikes and scooters, and playing basketball. Protesters chanted "No justice, no peace" and "A.J. A.J. A.J" using Owens' nickname. They carried signs saying: "Say her name Ajike Owens" and "It's about us."



- A protester, holds a poster of Ajike Owens at the Marion County Courthouse, Tuesday, June 6, 2023, in Ocala, demanding the arrest of a woman who shot and killed Owens, a 35-year-old mother of four, last Friday night, June 2. (AP PHOTO/JOHN RAOUX)

Outside, the Rev. Bernard Tuggerson said the Black community in Ocala has suffered injustices for years. "Marion County is suffering and needs to be healed completely," he said. "If we don't turn from our wicked ways of the world, it's going to be an ongoing problem. We want answers."

The sheriff said Owens was shot moments after going to the apartment of her neighbor, who had yelled at Owens' children as they played in a nearby lot. He also said the neighbor, who has not been identified by police, had thrown a pair of skates that hit one of the children.

Deputies responding to a trespassing call at the apartment Friday night found Owens suffering from gunshot wounds. She later died at a hospital.

Before the confrontation, the shooter had been yelling racial slurs at the children, according to a statement from civil rights attorney Benjamin Crump, who is representing Owens' family. He also represented Trayvon Martin's family in 2012, when the Black teenager was killed in a case that drew worldwide attention to the state's stand your ground law.

The sheriff's office hasn't confirmed there were slurs uttered or said whether race was a factor in the sheeting.

shooting.

Lauren Smith, 40, lives

across the street from where the shooting happened. She was on her porch that day and saw one of Owens' young sons pacing,

with what police described as feuding between Owens and the woman who shot her

"There was a lot of

lax gun laws and a culture of shoot first."

Ferrell-Zabala said stand your ground cases, which she refers to as "shoot first laws," are deemed justifiable five times more frequently when a White shooter kills a Black victim.

In 2017, Florida lawmakers updated the state's self-defense statute to shift the burden of proof from a person claiming self-defense to prosecutors. That means authorities have to rule out self-defense before bringing charges. Before the change in law, prosecutors could charge someone with a shooting, and then defense attorneys would have to present an affirmative defense for why their client shouldn't be

convicted.

In fact, stand your ground and "castle doctrine" cases — which

told police.

Missouri and Florida are among about 30 states that have stand your ground laws. The most well-known examples of the stand your ground argument came up in the trial of George Zimmerman, who fatally shot Trayvon Martin.

Zimmerman, who had a White father and Hispanic mother, told police that Martin attacked him, forcing him to use his gun in self-defense. He was allowed to go free, but was arrested about six weeks later after Martin's parents questioned his version of events and then-Gov. Rick Scott appointed a special prosecutor.

Before trial,
Zimmerman's attorneys
chose not to pursue a stand
your ground claim, which
could have resulted in the
dismissal of murder changes



to a trespassing call at the apartment Friday night arrest of a woman who shot and killed Ajike Owens, a 35-year-old mother of four, last Friday night, June 2. [AP PHOTO/

and yelling, "They shot my mama, they shot my mama."

She ran toward the house, and started chest compressions until a rescue crew arrived. She said there wasn't an altercation and that Owens didn't have a weapon.

"She was angry all the time that the children were playing out there," Smith said. "She would say nasty things to them. Just nasty." Smith, who is White, described the neighborhood is family friendly.

The sheriff said that since January 2021, deputies responded at least a half-dozen calls in connection

aggressiveness from both of them, back and forth," the sheriff said the shooter told investigators. "Whether it be banging on the doors, banging on the walls and threats being made. And then at that moment is when Ms. Owens was shot through the door."

"I'm absolutely heart broken," Angela Ferrell-Zabala, executive director of Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, told The Associated Press. She described the fatal shooting as "so senseless."

"We've seen this again and again across this country," she said, adding that "it's really because of allow residents to defend themselves either by law or court precedent when threatened — have sparked outrage amid a spate of shootings across the country.

In April, 84-year-old Andrew Lester, a White man, shot and injured 16-year-old Ralph Yarl, a Black teenager who rang his doorbell in Kansas City after mistakenly showing up at the wrong house to pick up his younger siblings. Lester faces charges of first-degree assault and armed criminal action; at trial, he may argue that he thought someone was trying to

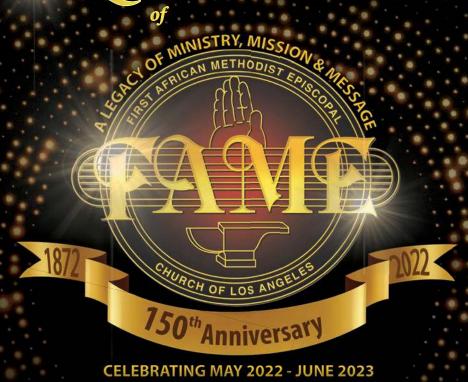
break into his house, as he

as well as immunity from prosecution. But during the trial, the law was essentially used as part of his self-defense argument. Jurors found him not guilty.

At a vigil Monday, Owens' mother, Pamela Dias, said that she was seeking justice for her daughter and her grandchildren.

"My daughter, my grandchildren's mother, was shot and killed with her 9-year-old son standing next to her," Dias said. "She had no weapon. She posed no imminent threat to anyone."

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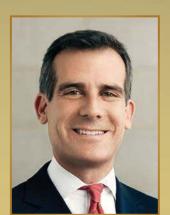


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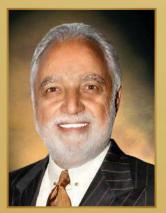
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## The Impact of Hate-Motivated Behavior on African American Health

At the 13th annual virtual Black Physicians Forum, health experts shared how racism underlies hate-motivated behavior which adversely impacts African American health.

By Selen Ozturk Ethnic Media Service

In the context of increased social unrest in recent years, addressing the impact of hatemotivated behavior on African American health critical, physicians and community leaders shared at the 13th annual virtual Black Physicians Forum.

The event was hosted by Sac Cultural Hub Media Foundation and the UC Davis Health Office for Health Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. The forum featured keynote speaker Dr. Flojaune Cofer — an epidemiologist and 2024 candidate for Sacramento Mayor; and moderator William Jahmal Miller, MHA the Chief Administrative Officer of Mercy Medical Group.

Social Determinants of Health and Trauma Data show African Americans fare worse than their white counterparts across a range of health indicators, including infant and maternal mortality, as well as rates of asthma, diabetes and Alzheimer's.

Social determinants of health are key to improving these trends across African American communities, said Dr. Cofer.



From left are William Jahmal Miller, MHA, the chief administrative officer of Mercy Medical Group and Dr. Flojaune Cofer, an epidemiologist and 2024 candidate for Sacramento Mayor.

not only "include the physical factors in our environment, like safe housing, areas for recreation, and the availability of nutritious foods, and clean air and water, but also the social and economic factors like racism and poverty... job opportunities, and community or family violence," she

She presented these determinants in terms of five domains: economic, educational, health, neighborhood and built environments, and social or community contexts. Although hate-motivated behavior can cross domains, it often fits most squarely in a social and community-based context, in terms of "the experiences that we're having and our connection or disconnection with one being

another"

African Americans remain among the groups most targeted for racially motivated hate crimes and hate incidents, both of which have been trending upward in recent years, according to data from the FBI.

The perpetuation and experience of hate-motivated behaviors is effectively examined through a lens of trauma, Cofer said. She defined trauma as an event or series of events "that are experienced by an individual as physically or emotionally harmful, or even life-threatening," leaving a "lasting and perpetual adverse effect on their ability to function their mental, their physical, their social, their emotional or spiritual well-

#### Forms of Racism

Racism critically underlies hate-motivated behavior which adversely impacts the health of African American community members. Racism can take many forms beyond personally mediated actions involving "an acute stressor, an individual insult or a discriminatory act," Coffer said.

Beyond this individual scale there's cultural racism, "which determines which group qualities and characteristics are valued or devalued" in a society; internalized racism, "when we accept the negative things that are said about our own abilities our worth"; and institutional racism, which are "discriminatory race- or class-based policies or practices that can be formal or informal, that can continue to perpetuate themselves long after they're formally in place because of the way that they shape the foundation of how we operate."

To discuss hate-motivated behavior, she continued, is to discuss the intersection of two or more of these forms of racism, and the way in which economic, educational, health, environmental, and social systems amplify or mitigate the harm caused by this racism.

#### Forms of Hate-Motivated **Behavior**

Coffer went on to discuss various forms of hate-motivated behavior, which she defined as intentional "verbal or nonverbal expressions of discrimination." Examples include hate speech in-person or on social media; hate crimes directed toward individuals based upon their actual or perceived racial group; and societal hate-based discrimination in the form of white supremacist ideology.

These forms of hate-motivated behavior against African Americans are a "public health threat ... shaping the context in which we're living," she said. When perpetrators of this behavior act "in ways that are threatening

... with impunity, that really challenges our ability to be able to be healthy, because one aspect of safety is our emotional safety our physical safety. And when that is violated, we are deeply challenged able to live the lives that we should be able to live."

Liberation and Healing Just as each of the above

levels of "dehumanization

and distress" contribute to the institutional systems which encourage these behaviors, so does every level of "liberation and healing," said Coffer.

To challenge hate-motivated behavior from the perspective of public health, she added, practitioners and policymakers "need to be able to call out as a sector that this is wrong, that this is harmful, and that there are serious consequences to it. And when we don't do that, that's not a neutral position; it is ... offering an on-ramp for a risk factor that we know is harmful."

"We need to think about how we center the people who are most harmed" by hate-motivated behavior, she continued, and "the ways in which we are making sure that we are providing comprehensive and appropriate services, especially related to the assessment of our physical and mental well-being, and making sure that we are doing so in a way that affirms ... that what they're experiencing is a very normal response to abnormal conditions."

Otherwise, Coffer concluded, the above-mentioned forms of hate-motivated behavior can be reinforced through personally, culturally, and institutionally perpetuated racism, "and then we begin to think that, once again, something is wrong with us, that we are the problem, instead of being able to rightly identify the external cause of some of the things that are happening."

# Entrepreneur's Innovative Wig Glue Revolutionizes Hair Industry

Contributing Writer

Karen Fox, the CEO and founder of Fox Grand Luxe, is revolutionizing the hair industry with her groundbreaking wig glue, which offers a secure and long-lasting hold for all hair types.

Driven by her personal journey with postpartum hair loss, Fox's innovative product has quickly gained widespread acclaim, propelling her into the limelight. One notable moment that captured attention was when she amazed Tik-Tok users by successfully sticking a 20-pound watermelon to her arm using her own wig glue.

Throughout her entrepreneurial journey, Fox has embodied determination, passion, and a strong commitment to empowering women. Her personal experience with postpartum shedding inspired her to create a wig glue that not only ensures a firm hold, but also nourishes and safeguards the hair, preventing any potential damage.

With the invaluable assistance of dedicated chemists who meticulously tested the formula, Fox's glue exemplifies her unwavering dedication to delivering exceptional quality and ensuring utmost customer satisfaction.

The exceptional qualities of Fox's wig glue reflect the meticulous process behind its formulation. By utilizing highquality ingredients that are gentle on the skin, the glue



Karen Fox

provides a comfortable and secure hold without causing damage. Its water-resistant and humidity-proof formula ensures that wearers can confidently enjoy their wigs in any weather or during any activity, free from concerns of displacement or discomfort.

Here's what Karen Fox had to share with the L.A. Sentinel about her journey.

**L.A. Sentinel:** How did your experience with postpartum hair loss (also known as "postpartum shedding") inspire you to create an innovative wig glue that effectively provides a strong hold without damaging hair?

Karen Fox: When I gave birth to my son in 2020, I experienced postpartum hair loss, also known as postpartum shedding. My hair became noticeably thin, especially in the front, which was a new and unexpected occurrence

for me. This prompted me

first time, and I immediately encountered issues with the glue I used.

Initially, I had a severe allergic reaction to the glue, which prompted me to start researching alternative options that would work better for me. I needed a glue that was user-friendly, reduced application time, and didn't compromise the health of

my hair. Frustrated by the lack of suitable options available, I reached out to an engineer and collaborated with them to develop a glue formula that was quick and easy to apply, providing a long-lasting hold without causing damage to my hair. Once I perfected the formula, I tried it myself and found it to be perfect. This marked the beginning of my personal experience with Fox Grand Luxe glue, which I continue to use to this day.

LAS: How did a viral TikTok video bring you so much attention?

**KF**: Around a year ago, I decided to share a video on TikTok showcasing the effectiveness of my glue. I wanted to demonstrate how easy it was to use and how well it worked.

In the video, I glued a 20-pound watermelon to myself and walked around with it. My TikTok followers were amazed by the results, as they couldn't believe that wig glue could securely hold a 20lb watermelon in place!

Instantly, I received numerous requests to purchase my glue. I had to

quickly set up a Shopify account, create a website, and that's how I launched my

company, Fox Grand Luxe. My company essentially came into existence overnight due to the viral watermelon video, and the subsequent response has been nothing short of incredible.

To learn more about Karen Fox and Fox Grand Luxe, visit www.foxgrand-

# Simon Burris \*Africana Diaspora Black History Month II Crossword

19. \*Like the Sahara

29. Are able, Biblically

35. Where Des Moines is (abbr.)

41. Defensive comeback (3 wds.)

44. \*\*Basketball's Moses or Karl

2. \*\*Malia and Sasha's father Barack

7. Jackson City, Wisconsin (initials)

4. \*\*"48 \_\_\_" (1982 Eddie Murphy movie)

1. \*\*Laker superstar LeBron

5. Colorado's neighbor (abbr.)

6. \*Cleopatra's vipers

8. Employ too much help

33. Corn unit

36. Pressed

others

22. \*\*The Three Musketeers" creator

24. \*\*Singer Al Green's state of birth (abbr.)

38. \*\*Los Angeles former Mayor \_\_\_ Bradley &

43. \*Monograms: Huey Newton/Ethel Waters

25. \*\*Soccer great Pele's continent (abbr.)

# \*\*Iconic Black Fathers: **Past & Present**

#### 1. \*\*Moses' successor; "great" grandson of Joseph and Asenath his African wife. (Gen. 41) 7. \*\*Congressman/activist Lewis or singer Legend 11. Cancels 12. \*\*'107' for Afro-Roman emperor Severus 13. \*\*Baseball Hall of Fame Willie 14. \*\*American patriot Colin \_\_\_ 16. Printer's measure 17. Below Sea Level (initials) 18. O \_ \_ \_ AL (peril)

9. Broom (comics witch) 32. \*\*Bernie \_\_\_\_; Chicago-born comedian

10. Ohio city

**15.** "The \_\_\_ has gone, (2 Corinthians 5:17) 17. Besides

20. \*\*Singer Natalie Maria's father

21. \*\*Dr. with Grammys 23. DE/MA/ND, briefly (states)

26. \*\*Actors Jaden and Willow's dad Will

27. \*\*Slugger Hank or singer Neville 28. \*\*Film actor Billy \_\_\_\_ Williams

29. \*Comedian Rock's monogram 30. \*\*Libyan African who carried Jesus' cross

31. Spoonful, say 34. \*\*Harlem's \_\_\_ Clayton Powell, Jr. **37.** \_\_\_ Mexico

38. "Shop \_\_\_\_ you drop" 39. Yoko ; John Lennon's wife 42. \*\*Singer Bobby Brown's state of birth

(See ANSWERS B-6)

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## **Baldwin-Bethany CDC Hosts Parent Resource Spring Expo**

By Cora Jackson-Fossett Managing Editor

The benefits of being foster or adoptive parent were highlighted at the Parent Resource Spring Expo hosted by Baldwin-Bethany Community Development Corporation (BBCDC) on May 20.

The mid-day event, held on the campus of Bethany Baptist Church in South L.A., featured several representatives of local organizations seeking to persuade adults to assist children in the L.A. County foster care system.

Staff members of the Department county's of Children and Family Services were also on hand to provide details becoming a foster or adoptive parent, said



Jacki Miller and Dr. Loretta Gaines of Empowering God's Children Ministry with James Mitchell, BBCDC director of Community Outreach.

(CORA J. FOSSETT/L.A. SENTINEL)

Edwina Lewis, a DCFS supervisor.

"We did this event to reach out to the community to let them know that there's them with their birth family or find a permanent adoptive homes," Lewis

until we can either reunify



From left are Genesis Guzman, Raquel Guzman, Paul Guzman, and Mia Guzman. (CORA J. FOSSETT/L.A. SENTINEL)

Paul Raquel who recently Guzman, fostered and adopted Genesis and Mia, cited the joy of serving as a resource parent after raising their two biological children.

"We love having them

with all of us. There's a need in our community for kids to be in loving homes," said Paul and Raquel.

In addition to receiving information, attendees were also treated to a free boxed lunch, various giveaways and non-perishable food



Joe Trusak and Edwina Lewis of DCFS. (CORA J. FOSSETT/L.A.

from BBCDC.

Elected officials supporting the expo were County Supervisors Holly J. Mitchell and Janice Hahn, Heather Hutt and Long Councilman Al Beach Austin.

Co-sponsors included the Community College Foundation, Empowering God's Children Ministry, Kidsave Weekend Miracles, Faith Foster Families Network, Guardians of Love, Long Beach City

College, Aspiranet Hope



Bessie Jackson, BBCDC volunteer. (COURTESY PHOTO)

Forward and the county's Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program.

# Los Angeles Public Library and Library Foundation Seek Applicants for Creators Program

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The Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) and the Library Foundation of Los Angeles (LFLA) have announced an open call for applications for the second cohort of the Los Angeles Public Library Creators in Residence program.

This initiative is an opportunity for creative Angelenos to develop an original project inspired by the vast resources, collections, and/or services of the Library.

Two creators will selected and each will receive a \$20,000 honorarium plus additional support for materials and production expenses. The open call for applications

is now live, with a final deadline for submission on July 14, 2023.

"We invite a diverse range of creators from visual artists, scientists, and filmmakers to composers, podcasters, and beyond to apply for the LAPL Creators in Residence program," says LFLA President and CEO Stacy Lieberman.

"The Foundation is committed to supporting the Library as a creative haven, and this special initiative provides a wonderful opportunity to more deeply engage our city in the power of our

The two Creators will be selected in the fall of 2023, with their projects culminating in a public

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9:00 a.m.

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nourished and still flourish

presentation in spring 2024. Each Creator is expected

to produce unique physical

or digital deliverables that

become part of the Library's permanent collection, along with a public engagement

exhibition or workshop series.

"The Los Angeles component such as an Public Library is pleased

to provide these types of unique opportunities for L.A.'s creative community and looks forward to the insightful work that will evolve from this collaboration. The Creators in Residence program offers a platform to showcase incredible local talents and use the Library's collections to spark new ideas and contribute to the cultural enrichment of the community," says City Librarian John F. Szabo.

Eligible applicants must be 18 years of age or older and residents of Los Angeles County. To learn more, visit lapl.org/creators or email creators@lapl.org.



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## St. Barnabas Episcopal Church to Celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Pasaden*a*

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St. Barnabas Episcopal Church.will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, June 11, at 10 a.m., in the edifice located at 1062 North Fair Oaks Avenue in Pasadena.

The celebration consists of the worship service followed by the centennial program and luncheon. Guests include the Right Rev. John Harvey Taylor, presiding bishop of the Los Angeles Diocese; U.S. Congresswoman Judy Chu, Assemblymember Chris Holden, Assembly candidate Phlunte' Riddle, and Pasadena Councilmember Justin Jones.

"St. Barnabas, Pasadena was founded in the early 1900s because of the Jim Crow era," said the Rev. V.R. Marianne Zahn, Priest-In-Charge.

"Black Americans fled the South and its racial segregation as part of the Great Migration, settling in the Los Angeles area with hopes of finding favorable economic opportunities and social acceptance.

"Not all religious institutions, however, were welcoming. All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena would not allow Black parishioners to attend services at that time," she said.

Committed to their faith, a small group of believers held a meeting at the Pasadena home of Georgia Weatherton on South Fair Oaks Avenue on June 16, 1909, to organize a Black Episcopal mission. They called it the Saint Barnabas Guild.

The members supported the fledgling ministry through food sales. By 1911, their weekly services



The St. Barnabas Episcopal Church congregation gathers for Sunday worship.

were in the Grand Army Hall on Colorado Street.

In 1923, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church was officially founded by eight Black women, including Ellensteen Bevans, Rosebud Mims and Georgia Weatherton, who hosted the first church services in her home.

The St. Barnabas congregation continued to grow, and the Los Angeles admitted the church in 1932

"Families from All Saints donated land and provided funding for St. Barnabas to build its 'separate' sanctuary in 1933," Zahn said.

Over the decades, St. Barnabas has become a pillar in the Pasadena community, not just for Black residents but for all com-

Episcopalian Archdiocese munity members. Its current congregation is racially diverse and focused on serving. Its notable efforts have included sponsoring the Northwest Pasadena Little League, providing meals for Union Station residents on the third Friday of every month, granting scholarships each year to Pasadena Unified School District graduate, maintaining a community food pantry (ongoing), hosting three Alcoholics Anonymous groups in its Parish Hall on weeknights, hosting a Spanish-speaking Catholic congregation on Sunday afternoons, and hosting a Spanish-speaking Pentecostal congregation on Friday and Sunday evenings.

As the church enters its centennial year with the theme "Saint Barnabas 100 - Still We Rise" (inspired by the late author, poet and civil rights activist Maya Angelou), its members look forward to a new era of growth and inclusion.

"History has taught us a lot," said Zahn. "At St. Barnabas, we will always lead with love. All are welcome here and we truly hope to see you at this special celebration."

Services are also streamed at www.facebook.com/

## ME Socal Region Children's Ministry Presents Talent Show

On Saturday, May 27, the Children's Ministry of the CME Southern California Region presented "A Talent Showcase Spectacular" where the young people performed at their very best!

The youth participants, who represented various CME churches, displayed creativity and skills while entertaining the audience with their array of talents. The outstanding event was held at Lewis Metropolitan CME Church in South Los Angeles.

SCR Youth President Gregory Smith opened the program by introducing the emcees, Brooklyn Weaver from Phillips Temple-Los Angeles and Fitzgerald Faulk from Hays Taberna-



Members of the SCR Children's Ministry perform at the Talent Showcase Spectacular.

cle-Los Angeles.

The children began with a praise song called, Metropolitan-Los Angeles "This is the Day That The Lord has Made," followed Light" delivered by Ryan Washington of Curry Temple, Compton.

Scripture was read by Madison Brown from War-

ren Chapel, San Pedro and T'Ayra Cannon of Lewis delivered a warm welcome.

Two uplifting meloby a prayer, "Jesus be our dies were rendered by the Voices of Hays Tabernacle Children's Choir.

The members included Kyra Spivey, Andrew Spivey, Sabastian Faulk,

Fitzgerald Faulk, Hazel Rouzan, Malachi Rouzan, Aaron Welcome, and Andrew Welcome.

Me'Laia Mitchell from Phillips Temple sang a spirited praise song, followed by Savannah Wade from Amos Memorial-L.A. reading "The ABC Prayers."

Further captivating the

crowd was the trombone solo by Chase Weaver and the keyboard melodies by Zaniyah-Marie Hobson and Xyeiir-Monae Hobson – two very talented sisters.

A'Laysia Winters from Curry Temple read an expressive prayer preceding the lunch with her siblings - brother A'Vonae Winters and little sister Ah'Mari Winters – shouting praises to the Lord.

She was accompanied by drummer Jaylen Durley from Brown Temple-Santa

skit from the "Episodes of a Michael Jackson dance. The performers were Joseph Benjamin, Asher Benjamin, Damien Wills, Jr., Kaelee Range, Kiah

Morgan, Kameron Harrison, Devynn Tave, Daelyn Tave, Darrell Tave, and Caliyah Coleman of Greater Phillips CME Church-Compton.

The program closed with musical selections from the St. Paul Church - Bakersfield Children's Choir. The young people sung from their hearts, with spiritual movements, singing, clapping, stumping, and praying to the Lord. Everyone left the program

with a song in their heart The Right Rev. Charley Another highlight was Hames Jr. is the presiding a musical selection and bishop of the SCR of the Ninth Episcopal District, the Cosby Show" featuring Diana Winton is the SCR director, Carla Lockhart is the SCR chair, and the Rev. Travis Morris is the pastor of Lewis Metropolitan CME Church.

## FAME to Honor Notable Spiritual and Community Leaders

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Pastor J. Edgar Boyd and the members of First A.M.E. Church of Los Angeles will celebrate their 150th anniversary on Friday, June 30, at the Taglyan Cultural Complex in Hollywood.

The following people will be recognized.

Rev. Dr. Cecil L. "Chip" Murray shepherded First AME Church from 1977-2004, taking a congregation of 600 and growing it to more than 17,500. His vision, "Taking the Church Beyond Its Walls," galvanized his flock into over 30 task forces, each targeting a critical issue, from health and substance abuse to homelessness and education. After retiring, he served as a senior fellow at the University of Southern California as the Tanzy Chair of Christian Ethics and chairing the Cecil Murray Center for Community Engagement until 2022, at the age of 92.

Danny J. Bakewell, Sr., co-founder of the National Black United Fund, helmed the Brotherhood Crusade for the past 30 years and now serves as chairman of the board. He is chairman of Bakewell Media, owner of the Los Angeles Sentinel and the LA Watts Times Newspapers, chairman emeritus of the National Newspapers **Publishers** Association,



Dr. Jerry Abraham



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creator/founder of Taste of Soul Family Festival, and chairman of the Bakewell Company, one of the largest African American privately-owned development companies in the U.S.

Clifton W. Albright is the president of Albright, Yee & Schmit, APC. As an active trial attorney, he specializes in providing legal representation for employment, labor and tort defense to governmental and private entities. Albright was appointed to the Industry Trade Advisory Committee on Small and Minority Business and meets with government officials in Washington D.C. on international trade and



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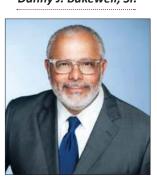


Darrell Brown is the founder and CEO of The Rewirement Project (TRP), an enterprise that engages through the lens of executive coach, management consultant, business strategist and personal success planning. Previously, he was an senior executive in the banking and financial services industry responsible for strategic, tactical and profit and loss manage-

Areva Martin, Esq. is a CNN contributor, awardwinning civil rights attorney, civic leader, philanthropist and talk show host. She co-hosted the daytime talk shows "The



Danny J. Bakewell, Sr.



**Darrell Brown** 

Doctors" and "Face the Truth." Martin is the host of "Areva Martin in Real Time" on KBLA radio and won awards in media for highlighting racial disparities and social inequities in America. She is the founder and president of Special Needs Network and the founder and principal of Martin & Martin, LLP, one of Los Angeles' premier Black, femaleowned law firms.

Wilfred L. Marshall is the economic development representative of the Economic Development Administration for Southern and Central California. Throughout his career,

he has assisted small and



Rev. Dr. Carieta Cain Grizzell



Rev. Dr. Cecil L. "Chip" Murray

medium-sized business firms with acquisitions and mergers as well as with general and specialized development. Marshall was deputy mayor for Small Business and Economic Development during Mayor Tom Bradley's administration and managed and operated programs that created contract opportunities for small and minority firms throughout the Los Angeles area.

Dr. Jerry P. Abraham, MD MPH CMQ, is a renowned physician and public health advocate who currently serves as the director of Vaccine Programs at Kedren Community Health Center. Dr.

Abraham is also assistant professor of Family Medicine & Psychiatry at the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, a historically Black medical school, and serves as the co-director of their joint-initiative, the CDU-KEDREN Mobile Street Medicine Program. has served on numerous boards and committees and has been a vocal advocate for health equity and medical justice, particularly in underserved communities.

Dr. Carieta Cain Grizzell, a retired AME Church pastor, is the greatgreat granddaughter of Bishop Richard Harvey Cain, and the great granddaughter of the Rev. Jarrett E. Edwards. She presently serves as pastor of the Fair Oaks United Methodist Church in Fair Oaks, California. She has worked to improve the quality of life for youth and young adults, providing a wide range of programs and organizing Community Development Corporations. Dr. Grizzell has been the recipient of many civic and congressional awards and honors for her exceptional work.

Join the celebration on June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Taglyan Cultural Complex in Hollywood

To learn more, call the First AME Church Events office at (310) 568-9091 or emailing fame150gala@ gmail.com.

# Resisting and Avoiding the Artificiality of Life: Cultivating and Valuing the Truly Human Person responsiveness linked and Maat in his heart, suggest- or as the situation required.

The current and increasing embrace and touting of artificial intelligence was preceded and made possible by the earlier progressive production of the artificiality of life, that is to say, the undermining and diminishing of what it means to be human and natural in all its complexities.

It is reflected in the too many ways in this society relate negatively to other human beings and to the natural world, how pets are often more prized, protected and provided for than fellow human beings; how the internet has interrupted, altered and digitized our relations and ways of relating with each other; and how small-minded and coldhearted self-referentiality, focusing on oneself as the only meaningful self in the world, has become the central reality of so many.

Thus, the central concerns about the threats of artificial intelligence must be joined with the unavoidable question of the existing and ongoing artificiality of human life that invites and welcomes its counterparts, not only artificial intelligence but also artificial feelings and ultimately, artificial conceptions of human relations, human beings, and the natural world.

Now, it is a fundamental Kawaida contention that the hub and hinge on which the whole of human life turns are human relations. We come into being in relationship and either fail, flounder, or flourish because of them. Thus, quality relations are key to grounding, development and flourishing and to being and becoming fully human. To talk of and strive to be and become fully human does not mean we are not already human, but rather suggests an expanded and expansive effort to realize fully our human potential, i.e., come into the fullness of our African and human selves.

Thus, central to this question is how do we, as Haji Malcolm urged us, protect, and promote our humanity, and how do we cultivate and develop it in the most fruitful and fulfilling ways and thus come into the fullness of ourselves? For we are not only submerged in worshipful, disabling, and dependent relations with technology, logging on constantly and living and sleeping with our devices, we have also begun to see it as a paradisical path to a new anti-human

form of self and reality. For stripped of all its mystification, scientism, and consumerist advertising, it is a self and reality shaped by machines and devices, derivative, dependence-creating and thus agency-reductive. And the pandemic only heightened our sense of isolation, alienation and device-de-

But as so many have discovered, there is no magic balm in machine-occupied Gilead, and studies constantly reveal a rising and expanded tide of alienation, anxiety, depression, and device-dependency, especially among the young. For our lives become mediated and made real and relevant by machines and our relations with them, leaving less, often little and sometimes no time to listen to, hear and act with and for those of great meaning and importance to us for count-

less human reasons. What is missing, then, in this rushed reveling in the imagined new world of rightful and adequate concern with the human and relational reality in which the concept and practice of being and becoming expan-



sively human is rooted and realized.

Here, I want to pose the ancient Egyptian Kawaida-Maatian concept of the sedjemic person, sdmw as an essential way out of this maze and iceland of machine orientations and inducements. Although its root word, sdm, is translated variously as listening, hearing and obeying, I want to advance a more expansive meaning of the word, engaging it as a person for whom rightful attentiveness, empathetic understanding, and appropriate action as requested or required are essential principles and practices for achieving what it means to be and become truly human and come into the fullness of ourselves.

Each of these three essential elements carries with it a specific kind of

interrelated to the other. forming an organic integrated whole. These elements of responsiveness are both principles and practices, moral values that elicit and require a moral practice. Listening calls for rightful attentiveness; hearing calls for an empathetic understanding; and obeying or rather complying requires appropriate action in response.

This responsiveness is to the Divine, others and the world. And the ground and linking concept and practice for this responsiveness is Maat, the principle and practice of rightfulness of and for the Divine and in and for ourselves, others and the world.

Being a sedjemic or morally responsive person, then, is rooted in responding first to the moral sensitivities, obligations and actions required by Maat which is goodness and rightfulness. Thus, Intef, son of Sent, in defining his moral practices in relations with others, says "I am a sedjemic person, one who listens to Maat and ponders it in his heart." The verb sedjem here not only means listen, as indicated above, but also one who listens and hears, and ultimately acts according to what is requested and required.

Intef says, he ponders

ing he thinks deeply about how to live a Maatian life, be a Maatian leader and relate rightfully to his fellow human beings. Thus, he also writes that he is "generous to the poor and needy; one who does what is beneficial to his fellow human beings; a source of knowledge for those who don't know and one who teaches a person what is useful to him; and one who is "skilled in speech in situations of the narrow mind and the constricted heart."

Thus, being and becoming truly human is a morally sensitive and thoughtful ethical practice. We must listen to each other then, be rightfully attentive to each other in our speaking and in our silence, for if we listen caringly and considerately, we can even hear each other's silence actually speak to us in beautiful, needful and some of the most meaningful ways.

To hear in this Kawaida-Maatian and African sense is to feel for and feel with. in a word, to have and practice an empathetic understanding. It is a sharing of hope and hardship, suffering and satisfaction and of life, work and struggle. And finally, the sedjemic person who is rightfully attentive, and has empathetic understanding must and does act appropriately as requested For as always, practice proves and makes possible everything.

One of the most definitive moral self-presentations from ancient Egypt of the sedjemic person is that of Intef, son of Sitamun. He says, "I am a beloved servant; one who speaks truth and does not pass over his faults; disciplined in heart and mind in times of haste; confident in doing things in the midst of the people; one who does more than what is asked of him; one whose insightfulness is applied in every matter; one who hears and acts as asked; one who performs efficiently as desired; an attentive hearer and a determined doer; thoughtful and eloquent; cool-headed, free from haste; a Maatian person free from irreverence; one sensitive to pain and suffering; and a man of integrity, upright and effective in action."

Dr. Maulana Karenga, Professor and Chair of Africana Studies, California State University-Long Beach; Executive Director, African American Cultural Center (Us); Creator of Kwanzaa; and author of Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture and Introduction to Black Studies, 4th Edition, www.OfficialKwan-

MAYOR EMMA SHARIF

## **Compton Residents Welcome More** Resources to Help with Debilitating Sickle Cell Disease

Compton is home to technological wonders is many hard-working families who, between paying for housing and food, are also faced with limited access to quality health care. With rising costs nationwide, communities experiencing health disparities cannot endure cuts to critical services, especially those keeping us alive.

The Jeffrey Smith Sickle Cell Clinic in the Martin Luther King Jr. Outpatient Center in Willowbrook, a neighboring community, has proven successful. Since 2019, it has treated several hundred sickle cell patients in the area with comprehensive medical care.

Sickle cell is an inherited blood disorder. Instead of having healthy, round red blood cells, people with sickle cell disease have red blood cells that are hard, sticky, and sickle-shaped. When passing through small blood vessels, these cells can get stuck and clog blood



**MAYOR EMMA SHARIF** 

flow, preventing blood from reaching nearby tissue. The lack of tissue oxygen can cause people to experience sudden attacks of excruciat-

ing pain. Approximately one hundred thousand people live in Compton. About 65 percent are Latino, and 35 percent are Black - two demographics most affected by sickle cell disease in the U.S.

An estimated 9,000 Californians live with sickle cell disease; in LA County,

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roughly 2.500 are adults.

Three years ago, the Networking Californians for Sickle Cell Care (NC-SCC) clinics received \$15 million in state funds to provide much-needed resources for those living with the disease. Since its initial funding, 12 statewide clinics have opened, more jobs and training services have come to our communities, and patients have access to specialized primary care and blood specialists.

In addition, those battling this genetic condition receive support from patient navigators and social workers providing mental health services offered at no charge through the Sickle Cell Disease Foundation.

Additionally, hospital emergency department visits have been reduced by 11 percent, hospitalizations by 20 percent, and the total length of hospitalization stays reduced by 50 percent. In the process, the

state has saved millions of dollars.

These numbers are a drastic difference from prior years when California spent more than \$162 million annually in sickle cell-related emergency room visits and hospitalizations.

We are grateful that sickle cell services are a short distance away. I was present at the center's inaugural four years ago and have witnessed firsthand the impact services have had on families and our community.

As the state budget is reviewed, I urgently request that my colleagues in Sacramento consider the successes of the program, which would keep the doors open at Jeffery Smith Sickle Cell Clinic and the other 11 clinics in the state with muchneeded funds.

The Honorable Emma Sharif is mayor of the City

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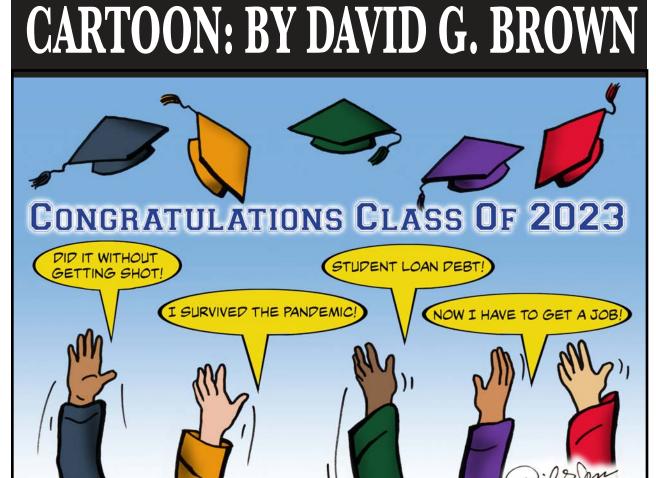
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# The Payment, the Scarcity and the Tragedy

Small community hospitals can do many things – set broken bones, treat wounds, prescribe medication – but there are some things we just can't do. We are not – nor should we be - a cancer care center. We do not do openheart surgery. We are not a children's hospital. Instead, our job is to assess each patient and - if the patient's condition exceeds what we can provide in treatment move them on to a specialty hospital that can provide that treatment.

Only we can't. As a recent front-page story in the L.A. Times shows, our patients often linger for days – sometimes a month or more – waiting for a transfer, even as their health deteriorates.

There are many reasons why transfers can be difficult (a healthcare workforce shortage, lack of beds) but one common denominator trumps all else: Medi-Cal. In a nation where doctors are paid more to treat some patients (those with Medicare or commercial insurance) and less to treat others (Medi-Cal), who gets a bed becomes yet another fault line in our separate and unequal healthcare system.

Case in point: We

recently treated a man who needed heart valve surgery at a specialty-care hospital. He had limited scope Medi-Cal insurance, which doesn't cover many services. The patient lingered in our hospital's intensive care unit, in terrible pain and towards the end delirious, while we pleaded with other hospitals to perform the surgery he needed.

During a case review, one of our doctors got on the phone and called the physician who had originally rejected this patient for transfer at a bigger, specialty-care

hospital. It was a tense, compelling conversation



DR. ELAINE BATCHLOR

the other doctor taking a second look at the case.

Simultaneously, our heroic care managers were able to get this patient promoted to full-scope Medi-Cal— a better, but still inadequate, insurance. The patient was transferred.

Begging and pleading is obviously not an ideal way to handle patient transfers. Nor can we petition the media to pay attention to every injustice. There are just too many. We need structural and legislative change now to keep these tragedies from playing out – again and again – in our emergency department. Here's what needs to happen:

Raise Medi-Cal reimbursement rates. California pays too little to providers to take care of those enrolled in Medi-Cal, the public insurance that covers one-third of our state's population. We are in the low end of states in terms of our provider reimbursement rates.

Hospitals get paid eight times more to treat a commercially insured patient than they do a Medi-Cal patient. Unsurprisingly, doctors won't work in areas like South LA with large Medi-Cal populations.

The lack of doctors (at last count, we lack 1,500 doctors relative to average-

sized areas) means people here cannot get the care they need. As a result, they get sick (or even sicker) and end up in our crowded emergency department.

Often, they with simple, manageable conditions that have advanced to a severe state due to basic lack of access to preventive care. Think about a small sore that doesn't get treated and worsens to the point where the patient has to have his or her leg cut off. It's awful. It's common. The payment creates the scarcity that results in the tragedy. It's as simple as that.

Prioritize urgent, rather than elective, procedures. One of the reasons patients can't get transferred is that hospitals everywhere — and especially specialty hospitals — are full to the brim. They often tell us they have no beds when we call asking for a transfer. What is less acknowledged

is that many of those beds are filled with patients seeking non-urgent (but highly compensatory) elective surgery. There is no real system in place to prioritize patients by medical need. We could use a more organized system.

Of course, the way big hospitals stay in business is through lucrative elective surgeries and not by serving low-paying Medi-Cal patients. That's the problem. It's easy to blame bigger, more affluent hospitals for refusing to accept transfers, but they are driven by the negative incentives of Medi-Cal.

The problem is not the big rich hospitals versus the small, less-affluent hospitals. It's the system. And it's long past time for that system to change.

Dr. Elaine Batchlor is the chief executive officer of Martin Luther King Jr. Community Hospital in South Los Angeles.

•DR. ALFRED L. GLOVER •

# Oil and Gas production in our Los Angeles Communities

Living in Los Angeles for over 20 years, I have viewed the climate injustice and environmental racism in our neighborhoods from oil and gas drilling specifically in Black and Brown communities.

I have witnessed over the years the admissions of a steady stream of carcinogens, and other toxic chemicals, that have affected our neighborhood, in a very quiet and fashion. clandestine Exposure from these hazardous operations, gas and oil include constant emissions, odors, noise, pollution, and persistent exposure to fracking and other detrimental activities.

The risk from volatile organic compounds or VOCs, along with noxious mixture of other air contaminants, and methane which is one of the most potent pollutants to the environment. The emission of hundreds of chemicals that often disrupt hormones, and cause reproductive developmental harm. Contamination of our ground water and potentially drinking water is very real.

Chronic exposure to drilling sites is as harmful to the lungs as breathing freeway exhaust and second hand smoke on a constant basis. Hazardous gases also releases a mixture of dangerous,

petroleum-based gases, known as BTEX, that stands for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene.

Benzene is a known carcinogen linked to an increase in leukemia and other blood cancers. Knowing all this helps, explain the prevalence of ethnic and racial health disparities black Californians, having the shortest lifespan an experienced the highest death rate from breast, cervical, colorectal, lung and prostate cancer among all racial and ethnic groups in the state of California.

What are some of the solutions? We are still waiting on the protections from the landmark health



DR. ALFRED L. GLOVER

and safety act California Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law in September 2022. What we saw soon after was signed, the oil and gas companies wasting no time filing referendums to overturn the measure. The California setback law prohibits operators from reworking and repairing existing wells in addition to starting new wells within the safety zone. The good news is that our local governments and activist groups aren't willing to wait around for the enforcement of the state law.

The city of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County have acted on their own to formulate stricter policies to prevent oil and gas productions moving forward. The greater news is that the Biden - Harris administration signed an executive order on April 21, that created an office of environmental justice

that recognizes that racism is a fundamental driver of environmental injustice.

This is a great opportunity for all of us to get involved, through our organizations, schools, and churches. We must hold our politicians accountable to enact clear-cut, climate and environmental justice policies.

Our children and their children's children will have an environment that they can live and thrive in.

Dr. Alfred Glover is a 2023 Climate and Health Equity Fellow, Podiatric Surgeon and Limb Salvage Specialist, and a Lieutenant Commander United States Navy.

•COUNTY ASSESSOR JEFF PRANG•

## The 2023 Assessment Roll

I come before you this month to let you know we are in the final stages of fulfilling our Constitutional mandate and probably the most significant item I do as your Assessor: The Assessment Roll.

As I visited with you last year about this same time, some of you were scratching your head and wondering: What is the Assessment Roll? Others are more than familiar with the comprehensive tally that values more than 2.5 million real estate parcels in Los Angeles County that results in the very tax dollars that goes to pay for our vital public services, such as police, fire, schools, and even libraries, to name just a few.

In the meantime, I have announced the May 15 forecast for the 2023 Assessment Roll to the Board of Supervisors that

taxable property values are anticipated to increase approximately 5% over 2022, marking 13 years of continuous growth. Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. Assessments are based on the value of property as of the lien date of January 1, 2023.

The May Forecast projects the anticipated growth rate for the annual Assessment Roll which closes in early July. The forecast is an important tool for local governments as they prepare their annual budgets in anticipation of property tax revenues. The Annual Assessment Roll is the inventory for all taxable property in the County and can provide insight into the state of the real estate market and the local economy.

As an example, the Assessment Roll last year grew by a record \$122



LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASSESSOR JEFF PRANG

billion, which is almost 7% in growth over the previous year's Assessment Roll and is approximately \$1.89 trillion in total net value. The total net value translated to nearly \$19 billion in property tax dollars.

The Roll, as it is known, contains the assessed value of all real estate and business personal property in the County's 88 cities along with the

unincorporated areas. It also breaks down the number of single-family residential homes, apartments and commercial-industrial parcels.

The 2022 Roll was comprised of 2,589,521 million real estate parcels and business assessments, including 1,889,000 single-family homes, 250,000 apartment complexes, 248,000 commercial and industrial properties and more than 165,000 business property assessments.

The Roll also is driven in large measure by real property sales, and that added \$69.6 billion to the Roll last year; the CPI adjustment mandated by Prop. 13 reached its full potential of 2%, adding an additional \$34.2 billion; and new construction added another \$6.3 billion.

I always like to remind the readers that although the Roll grows in assessed value, that doesn't necessarily correlate to an increase in the property tax bill. Most property owners last year only saw a 2% adjustment prescribed by Proposition 13.

All this exhaustive effort goes into the Assessment Roll because it is the very foundation of Los Angeles County's property tax system. If the Roll is not thorough and accurate, the County might not receive the necessary funding for the year and critical government services are left wanting. Others cannot do their job until we do

The 2023 Assessment Roll will be released in early summer and, yes, you can expect it will still be affected by this past pandemic, even though the requirements are now lifted. The economy may be sluggish while it reacquires its footing. We will know more as the details are finalized.

For more information about the Assessor's Office and the many tax savings programs we offer, please visit our website at assessor. lacounty.gov.

Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang has been in office since 2014. Upon taking office, Prang implemented sweeping reforms to ensure that the strictest ethical guidelines rooted in fairness, accuracy and integrity would be adhered to in his office, which is the largest office of its kind in the nation with nearly 1,400 employees and provides the foundation for a property tax system that generates \$19 billion annually.

## Kamlager-Dove, Colleagues Call for Renewed Diplomatic Efforts in Haiti

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Congresswoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove (CA-37) joined her colleagues Congressman Mike Lawler (NY-17), Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick (FL-20), and Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar (FL-27) on June 6, in introducing a bipartisan resolution calling for renewed diplomatic efforts by the United States and its international partners to help achieve a negotiated, Haitian-led solution to the current political and humanitarian crises in Haiti.

"As Haiti's security, humanitarian, and political crisis stretches into its third year, I am proud to co-lead this bipartisan resolution to urge renewed diplomatic efforts by the United States and the international community to help achieve a Haitian-led solution to restore Haiti's political institutions and address Haitians' basic needs," said Kamlager-Dove.

"The Haitian people continue to suffer from relentless manmade and natural disasters, but the international community must not let these perpetual challenges become the status quo. We cannot turn a blind eye to the catastrophe unfolding only miles from our shore. Our response to Haiti's nightmare should not be to write it off as hopeless or insurmountable,



Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove

it should be to act," she concluded.

"The situation in Haiti is of critical importance to many of my constituents in the Hudson Valley," said Lawler. "As the elected representative of one of

the largest Haitian Diasporas in the world, I share their concerns about the ongoing public safety and political crises in Haiti."

"As a Haitian American, it is deeply upsetting to watch Haiti confront a series of humanitarian, political, and economic crises that grow worse each day," said Cherfilus-McCormick. "This resolution underscores that the United States has a responsibility, as both a neighbor and ally of Haiti, to address this instability before it grows further out of control. The violence and painful suffering faced by Haiti cannot continue any longer. I commend the civil society groups and numerous organizations across

the Haitian Diaspora who remain steadfastly committed to restoring stability overseas."

"The humanitarian crisis in Haiti has reached a tipping point of biblical proportions," said Congresswoman Salazar. "We must get the criminal gangs under control and return a feeling of safety and security to the country so Haitians can work toward building a brighter future."

As a member of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Congressional Haiti Caucus, Congresswoman Kamlager-Dove is committed to advocating for democratic governance, stability, and prosperity in Haiti.



Forgiving for Living

## We Need to Wake Up to The Anti-Woke Movement

the Right Thing." Spike directed the movie and played the lead role of Mookie, a young African American man working as a delivery driver for Sal's pizzeria.

John Turturro portrayed Pino, Sal's openly racist son, who had a hostile relationship with predominantly African community American around the pizzeria. The

Most of us remember movie came out in 1989 Spike Lee's movie, "Do and at the time served as a powerful social commentary that prompted viewers to examine their own biases, challenge the status quo, and take action to address racial inequalities.

> The movie examined systemic racism, prejudice, and cultural clashes that existed within the community. While the film does not explicitly use the phrase, "wake up,"

it presents a compelling narrative that encourages both Black and White viewers to confront and engage with the realities of racism and discrimination.

Thirty-four years after this iconic film, we are still experiencing the realization of social injustices and disparities persist in society today. Black America, we must wake up to the fact that we still have opposition from certain people, political

agendas, and government institutions who are trying to cancel our cultural history, ignore critical race theory, and make America the place where "woke" comes to die.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, who is also a Republican presidential candidate, has brought much attention to the "woke" movement because of his desire to render it null and void. Why would a person who wants to become the leader of the free world try to kill a movement that wants to dismantle systems of oppression, including racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, and others?

Woke ideology acknowledges that people can face multiple layers of discrimination and that these various aspects of identity, such as race, gender, sexuality, and class, are interconnected. You would think that any

presidential candidate regardless of political affiliation would want to support a movement that encompasses various social and political issues, including but not limited to racial and social injustice, inequality, environmental justice, and economic disparities.

Communities of color must wake up to the fact that if one White parent in a Miami-Dade Florida County elementary school can complain that a book based on a poem written by a young Black National Youth Poet Laureate, Amanda Gorman, is not educational, and indirect hate messages, confusion, indoctrinates students, and now is restricted from students reading lists, it is disheartening. marginalizes and conveniently minimalizes African Americans contributions

are elements in this country that do not want to recognize and realize that racism is deeply ingrained in our legal systems, policies, and societal structures, perpetuating systemic inequalities. History has shown us that racism is not only the result of individual prejudices or overt acts of discrimination, but rather it operates within various aspects of society, including law, education, housing, employment, and criminal justice.

Currently, seven states have banned critical race theory, while another 16 states are in the process of banning it. That constitutes almost all states with a Republican governor. These governors and states are saying that there is no structural or systemic racism and they want no public discourse on anything concerning race, power, diversity, equity and inclusion.

# Success On "The Way"

Ask Dr. Jeanette Parker<sup>TM</sup>



## Is Jesus 'The' Son of Man -'The' Son of God?

Perhaps you may have learned, as I have, that reading and studying the scriptures offer some of the highest levels of intellectual reading as well as it is entertaining soothing, comforting, engaging and even fun!

I find it hard to stop reading the Bible and want to explore it hours upon hours. That is my experience in reading about Jesus Christ, the Most High God and the only true God. He refers to Himself as the 'Son of Man.'

He alone uses that identification. Others call him Lor, Rabbi, Master. Why? Let's explore Jesus self-assigned title, which requires diligent bible learners to know more. It does not refer to only His humanity. The title is found at least 81 times in the synoptic Gospels written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. They write about His life and what he said.

But those who think this without a thorough study of the scriptures would be in error. You can be fascinated to learn that in Daniel 7:13-14, "son of man" is written - "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into His presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and His kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."

In Daniel's vision, he saw two individuals. One is the Ancient of Days, a title which is given to God and mentioned three times in Daniel 7. The other person mentioned is "one like a son of man," referring to the fact that He was human in His appearance.

But some additional facts about this personage in this passage bring a whole lot more to the description of Him: (1) He was given sovereign power (2) All nations worshiped Him (3) He was the king of an eternal kingdom. We can reasonably divinely conclude when comparing to Jesus. It can be no one else...the only true God. This is the coming of (return of Jesus Christ) that this one like a 'Son of Man' ...more than just a man.

There are other Old Testament references. This points to the coming of a great king who would (and will) rescue God's people from their sins and release prisoners from slavery. Now that he has come 26:2; Mark 8:31; 9:31;

and will come again. Our expected deliverer came to be called the Messiah, 'anointed one'.

country.

Since the time that the book of Daniel was written in approximately 497 BC, the Jews rightly saw this person in Daniel 7:13 – 14 as the Messiah. Therefore, at the time of Jesus, they were expecting 'one like a son of man.'

When Jesus used the term 'Son of Man', He was denoting His humanity. That title referred to His divinity as that special one in Daniel's prophecy. What else did Jesus reveal about the "Son of Man?"

(1) That He had the power to forgive sins: Matthew 9:5 - 6 - `(2) That He is Lord of the Sabbath: Matthew 12:8. (3) That He is the King of a kingdom, and the angels are His: Matthew 13:41, Matthew 16:27 - 28. (4) That He is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God: Matthew 16:13 - 17 (See also Matthew 17:9, 22, 23; 20:18 - 19;

10:33 – 34; Luke 9:22)

(6) That He was to give His life as a ransom for many: Matthew 20:28. (7) That He was unique and came from heaven: John 3:13 - (8) That all who believe in Him are to have eternal life (through His resurrection): John 3:14 -15 (to be continued)

Thanks for reading! Jeanette Grattan Parker is the founder-superintendent of Today's Fresh Start Charter School, 4514 Crenshaw Boulevard, L.A. 90043, 323-293-9826, www.todaysfreshstart. org, (Ask Dr. Jeanette TM) "Inquiring Minds Want to Know." All articles are copyright. All rights reserved © Any errors? Let me know. Sundays for music & message: 11:30 a.m. {1-712-775-8971 code 266751} References: The Holy Bible, Rhonda Balance, April 8, 2021, Yesterday's **Prophecy** in Today's News. Don't stop praying and hoping. Studylight.org.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 23TRCP00210 Superior Court of California,

County of Los Angeles Petition of: Siggens for County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Siggens for
Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS:
Petitioner Siggens filed a
petition with this court for a

decree changing names as

Siggens to Kyler Spencer 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 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.

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Gary Y Tanaka Judge of the Superior Court 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29/23 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29/23 CNS-3709312# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 23STCP01816 Superior Court of California

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Angeles, CA 90012 (To appear remotely, check in advance of the hearing for information about how to do so on the court's website. To

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A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Los Angeles Sentinel News Date: May 26, 2023 Curtis A. Kin Judge of the Superior Court 6/8, 6/15, 6/29, 6/29/23 CNS-3799078# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 23STCP01842 Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Monique Marvae

Bell for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED TO ALL PERSONS:

Petitioner Monique Marvae Bell filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Monique Marvae Bell to M.

Mawasi Belle The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. name should not be granted.
Any person objecting to the
name changes described
above must file a written
objection that includes the
reasons for the objection at 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: Jul 24 2023, Time: 9:30 AM, Dept.: 26, Room: 316 The address of the court is 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 (To appear remotely, check

in advance of the hearing for information about how to do so on the court's website. To find your court's website your court's website, go www.courts.ca.gov/find-

my-court.htm.)
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Judge of the Superior Court 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29/23 CNS-3708351# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

#### SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) Caso): 23STCV00526 NOTICE TO DEED CASE NUMBER (Número del

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): JOHN SKYLER OWENS, an individual; MY-PHUONG PHAM, an individual; and DOES 1-50, inclusive; YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL OBAGI

DEMANDANTE): OBAGI LAW GROUP, P.C., a California law corporation NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and

legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-

Help Center (www.courtinfo. ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your

wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call

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an attorney referral service. If vou cannot afford an attorney, ou may be eligible for fre legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site Legal Services web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado.

Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS CALENDARIO desp después

CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de calfornia (www.sucorte. ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y

la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado. puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www. Legal Services, (www. lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www. sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas v los costos exentos cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 N. Hill Street,

Courthouse, 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
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): Zein E. Obagi, Jr., Obagi Law Group, P.C., 1611 S. Pacific Coast Highway Suite 105 Redondo Highway, Suite 105, Redondo Beach, CA 90277, (424)284-

2401 DATE (Fecha): 01/10/2023 David W. Slayton, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court, Clerk (Secretario), by D. Williams,

(Secretario), by D. Willia Deputy (Adjunto) (SEAL) 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22/23 CNS-3705713# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 23STCP01731 Superior Court of California,

County of Los Angeles Petition of: La Donna Jean Williams for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner La Donna Jean Williams filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: La Donna Jean Williams to Donna Jean Williams

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 me 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 17, 2023, Time: 9:30 am, Dept.: 26, Room: 316

The address of the court is 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California 90012 (To appear remotely, check in advance of the hearing for information about how to do so on the court's website. To find your court's website, u your court's website, go www.courts.ca.gov/find-

my-court.htm.)
A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Scoting. Sentinel

Date: May 22, 2023 Judge of the Superior Court 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22/23 CNS-3704865# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 23STCP01572 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Sapri Facial
Hawes for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Sapri Facial Hawes to Shapri Fachelle Hawes

The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated

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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 Notice of Hearing: Date: JUL 10 2023, Time: 10:00 AM, Dept.: 72, Room:

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The address of the court is 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 (To appear remotely, check in advance of the hearing for information about how to do

so on the court's website. To find your court's website, go to www.courts.ca.gov/findmy-court.htm.)
A copy of this Order to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the

petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel
Date: MAY 10 2023
CURTIS A. KIN Judge of the Superior Court 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8/23 CNS-3702348#

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#### SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL) CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso): 22STCV21041

22STCV21041
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):
JARRELL D. DAVIS, an
individual; JARRELL D.
DAVIS, Trustee of The
Vermont Trust, dated May 6,
2014; DENNIS HOLDINGS,
INC. a California corporation: INC., a California corporation; DANCO, INC., a California DANCO, INC., a California corporation DOES 1 through 100, Inclusive; and All Other Persons Known or Unknown Claiming any Legal or Equitable Right, Title, Estate, Encumbrance or Interest in Real Property Described in the Complaint to Plaintiff's Title

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): CEDRIC L. PRICE, an individual; HAZARA PRICE, as Trustee CEDRIC individual; of the Hazara Price Separate Property Family Trust Established December 14,

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.
You have 30 CALENDAR
DAYS after this summons and

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

warning from the court. There are other legal requirements You mav want to call an attorney attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You legal services program. can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www. courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees

and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will

dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a

continuación. DÍAS DE 30 Tiene 30 DIAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte v hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su

respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte. calfornia (www.sucorte. ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta

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en contacto con la corte o el

colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las

cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación

de \$10,000 ó más de valor

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recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraie en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. The name and address of the court is (El nombre v dirección de la corte es): Los Angeles Superior Court, Central District, 111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012 The name,

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 o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Mark J. Mulkerin, Esq. (SBN 166361), BURKE, WILLIAMS & SORENSEN, LLP, 1851 E. First Street, Suite 1550, Santa Ana, CA 92705-4067 Tel: (040), 863-3363 / Esy: Tel: (949) 863-3363 / Fax: (949) 863-3350 DATE (Fecha): 06/30/2022 Sherri R. Carter Executive

Sherri R. Carter Executive Officer/ Clerk of Court, Clerk (Secretario), by S. Bolden, Deputy (Adjunto) (SEAL) 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8/23 CNS-3698343# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

#### **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023117866

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

1. WORLD DONUTS, 2.
WORLD DONUTS BAKERY,
12637 GLENOAKS BLVD, SYLMAR, CA 91342 County of LOS ANGELES Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: LLC/Al No 5648916

Registered owner(s): WORLD DONUT 12637 CORP, 12637 GLENOAKS BLVD, SYLMAR, CA 91342; State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by a Corporation

The registrant(s) started doing business on 05/2023.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and that the 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)). WORLD DONUT 12637 CORP CHARLES CHAO, CEO

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/30/2023. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business violation of the rights another under Federal, State or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29/23

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## **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS**

NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023106135 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KID FROM PHILLY, 9350 WILSHIRE BLVD 203, BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90212 County of LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation Organization Number: LLC/AI 3974757

Registered owner(s): PHILLY FROM PRODUCTIONS, LAUREL CANYON BLVD 543, VALLEY VILLAGE, CA 91607; State of Incorporation:

This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) started doing

business on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the rojessions 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) (\$1,000)). FROM PHILLY

PRODUCTIONS S/ RALPH HARRIS, CEO This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/12/2023. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name

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

in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29/23 CNS-3708678# OS ANGELES SENTINEL

NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023121275 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SEK-C Trucking, 8612 Cimarron St., Los Angeles,

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

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CA 90047, County of Los Angeles Mailing Address: P.O. Box 91121, Los Angeles, CA

90009 Registered owner(s): Steven E. Wynn. Steven E. Wynn, 8612 Cimarron St., Los Angeles, CA 90047 This book This business is conducted

by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 06/2023

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 quilty of a misdemeanor. is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). S/ Steven E. Wynn, Owner

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on June 1, 2023 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk except as provided Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement

must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29/23

CNS-3708365# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023111040

following person(s) (are) doing business as:
U N G R A T E F U L
MERCHANTS, 3760 1/2
DALTON AVENUE, LOS
ANGELES, CA 90018 County of LOS ANGELES Registered owner(s): VELVET LAVONE JOHNSON, 3760 1/2 DALTON, LOS

ANGELES, CA 90018 This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant(s) started doing business on 05/2023. 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/ VELVET LAVONE JOHNSON, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05(19/202)

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

must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal State or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22/23

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023115031 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Gay Jock Underwear, 855
North Croft Avenue Unit
208, Los Angeles, CA 90069,
County of Los Angeles

Registered owner(s): Brian P Heidrich, 855 North Croft Avenue Unit 208, Los Angeles, CA 90069 This business is conducted

by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name names listed above on 11/2022 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 guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). S/ Brian P Heidrich, Owner

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 5/24/2023 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A Fictitious Business N Statement must be before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22/23 CNS-3706725# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

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)). Rosezetta Upshaw,

Managing Member 23032 Soledad Canyon Road

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 5/24/2023 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form.

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22/23

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT

LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2023/105416
The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:
1. AUNT ELMA'S
BELIZEAN SPICES, 2. BELIZEAN SPICES, Z.
AUNT ELMA'S BELIZEAN
CULINARY SPICES, 43841
27TH STREET EAST,
LANCASTER, CA 93535
County of LOS ANGELES
Positoted curps (2): Registered owner(s): LACRISTA TOMARA THOMPSON,

43841 EAST, 27TH STREET LANCASTER, CA CA 93535 State of Incorporation: CA This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to

exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)).
S/ LACRISTA TOMARA THOMPSON, OWNER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on

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

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal. State. or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22/23 CNS-3706589#

#### LOS ANGELES SENTINEL **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023109989

following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
M | T C H O S C H
PRODUCTIONS 15703
KENNETH PL, CANYON
COUNTRY, CA 91387 County of LOS ANGELES Registered owner(s):

ERNEST MITCHÈLL CANYON KENNETH PL, CA COUNTRY, CA 91387 This business is conducted by an Individual The registrant(s) started doing

business on 05/2023. 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 registrant knows to be false guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars

(\$1,000)). S/ ERN ERNEST MITCHELL, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/17/2023.

NOTICE-In accordance with

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

before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious

exceed one thousand dollars

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Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 6/15/23 CNS-3704633# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023108499 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Redwood Piano Services, 3527 12th Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90018, County of Los Angeles

Registered owner(s): Michael Rhoton, 3527 12th Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90018;

This business is conducted by: an Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 05/2023

declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). S/ Michael Rhoton, Owner

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

The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 6/15/23 CNS-3702931#

CNS-3702931# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023108738

File No. 2023108738
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Perkies, 101 North Brand Blvd 11th Floor, Glendale, CA 91203, County of Los Angeles; Mailing Address: 519 Raymond Ave Apt #5, Santa Monica, CA 90405
Registered owner(s):

Registered owner(s): Reliabra LLC, 519 Raymond Ave Apt #5, Santa Monica, CA 90405; NY This business is conducted

by: a limited liability company The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 12/2019

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 punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). S/Rose Mangiarotti, President Reliabra LLC

This statement was filed

with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 5/16/2023 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address o a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the must be accompanied by the

Affidavit of Identity form.
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2023101694 following person(s) (are) doing business as:
Spudnut Donuts, 3001 S.
Figueroa St., Los Angeles,
CA 90007, County of Los

Angeles
Articles of Incorporation or
Organization Number: AI
#ON: 5448388 Registered owner(s): Pop Club Donuts, Inc., 3001

S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles CA 90007; 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/ Sotheary Long, CEO Pop Club Donuts, Inc.

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 5/8/2023 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally position Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section

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The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8/23 CNS-3702475# LOS ANGELES SENTINFI

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2023091510
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: KANDLES BY KOKUA, 5338 ONACREST DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90043 County

of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s):
GENEVA ANKAI-TAYLOR,
5338 ONACREST DRIVE,
LOS ANGELES, CA 90043 This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant(s) started doing business on 04/2023.
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/ GENEVA ANKAI-TAYLOR,

OWNER This statement was filed

with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/25/2023. NOTICE-In accordance with

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

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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2023085237 following person(s) is (are) doing business as: SUPERO, 11318 S 11318 SANTA BLVD, LOS MONICA BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90025 County of LOS ANGELES
Mailing Address: 138 N
BRAND BLVD SUITE 200,
UNIT 276, GLENDALE, CA

Registered owner(s) MUKJI, LLC, 11318 SANTA MONICA BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90025; State

of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by a limited liability company
The registrant(s) started doing business on 02/2023.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who

declares as true any materia 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)). MUKJI, LLC S/, MANAGING MEMBER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/18/2023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023091179

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
BOB'S LIQUOR STORE, 704
S SPRING ST SUITE 508,
LOS ANGELES, CA 90014
County of LOS ANGELES
Pagisterad owner(s): Registered owner(s): TIMOTHY HAZURE, 4453 LINDEN AVE APT #3, LONG BEACH, CA 90807 This business is conducted by

an Individual The registrant(s) started doing business on 04/2023.
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/ TIMOTHY HAZURE, OWNER

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/25/2023. NOTICE-In accordance with

Subdivision (a) of Section

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

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in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8/23 CNS-3702190# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL **FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** 

NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023102137 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Diverse City Group, 3456
Hughes Ave #102, Los
Angeles, CA 90034, County
of Los Angeles; Mailing
Address: PO Box 30064,
Scattle WA 08112

Seattle, WA 98113 Registered owner(s): Diverse City LLC Limited Liability Liability Company, 3456 Hughes Ave #102, Los Angeles, CA 90034; CA This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 04/2022

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 quilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000)). S/ Cheryl Ingram, President

Diverse City LLC Limited Liability Company
This statement was filed

with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on 5/9/2023 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** 

NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023102987 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Sky Counseling Center, 1001 Fremont Ave Unit 91031, County of Los Angeles

Registered owner(s): Rich Painter, 1001 Fremont Ave Unit 3324, South Pasadena, CA 91031 This business is conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced

to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/2019

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (ex 000).

(\$1,000)). S/ Rich Painter, Owner S/ Rich Painter, Owner
This statement was filed
with the County Clerk of Los
Angeles on 5/9/2023
NOTICE-In accordance with
Subdivision (a) of Section
17920, a Fictitious Name
Statement generally expires
at the end of five years from
the date on which it was filed
in the office of the County
Clerk, except, as provided

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS** NAME STATEMENT File No. 2023097399

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
AMPM POST, 1702 S.
ROBERTSON BLVD STE 167, LOS ANGELES, CA 90035 County of LOS ANGELES Registered owner(s):
AKIEM BROWN, 15143
WEST FRED WAY, VAN
NUYS, CA 91405

This business is conducted by an Individual

The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to

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(\$1,000)). S/ AKIEM BROWN, OWNER This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 05/02/2023. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement suits the accompanied by the must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form.

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another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8/23 CNS-3700103# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL LACMTA will receive Proposals for MA105918 -

**GOVERNMENT** 

Proposals for MA105918 - Metro C (Green) Line OCS Spring Tensioner Assembly at the 9th Floor Receptionist Desk, Vendor/Contract Management Department, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012. A Pre-Proposal conference will be held on Wednesday Line

be held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 10:00 a.m., at One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012, Virtual Meeting: Online. 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 Wednesday, July 12, 2023. Proposals received after the above date and time may be rejected and returned unopened. Each proposal must be sealed and marked Proposal No. MA105918.

For a copy of the Proposal/ Bid specification visit our Solicitation Page on our Vendor Portal at https:// https:// or for <u>business.metro.net</u> or for further information email Veda Sargent at sargentv@metro.

CNS-3707674# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY IFB No. MTL2305259

3 No. MILEGE Railroad Frogs Cauthern California The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) is seeking quotes for Railroad Frogs. Bid documents may be obtained https://metrolinktrains. at nttps://metrolinktrains. com/doing-business (free registration). Electronic Bids are due at 2:00 P.M. (PT) on 6/21/2023. further information,

contact Arisa Hicks, Contract Specialist, at (213) 452-0250 or hicksa@scrra.net

CNS-3707143# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

NOTICE OF availability recirculated DRAFT program Environmental

Impact Report for
The Los Angeles County
Metro Area Plan
PROJECT NO.: PRJ2021-

004165
ADVANCE PLANNING
PROJECT NO.:
RPPL2021011918
ADVANCE PLANNING
PROJECT NO.:
RPBL302301430

RPPL2022010129 ADVANCE PLANNING PROJECT NO.: RPPL2022010131 ADVANCE PLANNING PROJECT NO.: RPPL2022010133 ADVANCE PLANNING PROJECT NO.: RPPL2022010143 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. RPPL2021011925

ZONE CHANGE NO. RPPL2021011985 **ENVIRONMENTAL** ASSESSMENT NO.: RPPL2021011920 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

NUMBER 2022020274
accordance with the lifornia Environmental California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), notice is hereby given that a Recirculated Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Los Angeles County Metro Area Plan (Project) is available for public review from June 12, 2023, through July 28, 2023. California

The County of Los Angeles (County), as lead agency, previously circulated the Metro Area Plan Draft PEIR for public review from November 17, 2023 through November 17, 2023 through November 18, 2023 th 17, 2022, through January 16 2023. After the conclusion of the public comment period for the Draft PEIR, the County elected to revise the Project to reflect County-driven to reflect County-driven revisions and to address comments received during and after the Draft PEIR public review period. The County has subsequently prepared a Recirculated Draft PEIR a Recirculated Didis . \_ to analyze environmental implementation of the revised Project. The Recirculated Draft PEIR wholly replaces the

Draft PEIR that was originally circulated in November 2022. PROJECT LOCATION

The Metro Planning Area is one of the County's 11 Planning Areas identified in the County General Plan (General Plan) and it includes the following seven includes the following seven unincorporated communities of the County: East Los Angeles, East Rancho Dominguez, Florence-Firestone, Walnut Park, West Athens-Westmont, West Rancho Dominguez-Victoria, and Willowbrook. Collectively, these seven communities are referred to as the Project area.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION The Metro Area Plan is intended to guide growth and development within the seven unincorporated communities of the Metro Planning Area through horizon year 2035. The goals and policies of

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the Metro Area Plan provide a development framework that supports the principles that supports the principles of smart growth and climate resiliency; provides for a variety of housing types; fosters economic opportunities; advocates historic preservation; and promotes a vibrant, safe, healthy, and diverse community with attention on environmental justice. The environmental justice. The implementation programs of the Metro Area Plan provide strategies and actions to implement the plan, consistent with its goals and objectives. The Project includes land use and zoning changes set forth in the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update (Housing Element) that would provide for approximately 30,968 additional dwelling units An amendment to Title units. An amendment to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the County Code is also proposed to allow for the development of Accessory Commercial Uses (ACUs) on corner lots in residentia zones within the Project area. In addition, the Project includes an implementation program that would require the County to develop an industrial land use strategy (Industrial Program) for the communities of East Los Angeles, Florence-Firestone, West Rancho-Dominguez Victoria and Willowbrook within fine vices of Project within five years of Project approval. The Industrial Program would establish two new Countywide zones— Life Sciences Park (LSP) and Artisan Manufacturing (M-0.5)—to allow for cleaner, alternative industrial uses such as artisan manufacturing and life sciences facilities, which would apply to select candidate parcels, as identified in the Recirculated Draft PEIR. To implement the Industrial Program, the County will conduct additional research and outreach to the property owners of candidate parcels; meet with stakeholders; gather relevant land use and economic data; perform additional analysis relative to the new industrial zones; and rezone appropriate candidate parcels with the appropriate industrial zones as supported by the additional outreach, information, and analysis. Under the two new industrial zones, candidate parcels could accommodate development of approximately 1,124,731 additional square feet of industrial building area. Implementation of the Project requires various discretionary

actions, including but are no limited to, the following: General t to establish amendment to establish the Metro Area Plan, update the land use policy map, add a guiding principle, update the land use designation table, rescind three existing community/neighborhood plans, and authorize certain administrative updates to the

General Plan. Zone Change to update the County's zoning map to maintain consistency with the updated land use policy map; revise existing zoning map overlays to establish the Planning Area Standards District (PASD) overlay; delete the existing Willowbrook and East Rancho Dominguez Community Standards District (CSD); modify the East Los Angeles, West Athens-Westmont and Walnut Park CSDs houndaries delete or modify various CSD Area Specific Boundaries, and incorporate existing Setback Districts into the updated CSD Sub-Areas; and incorporate all Project proposed rezoning efforts, including proposed rezoning (outside of Florence-Firestone) set forth in the Housing Element residential zone, adding the new Green Zones (-GZ) Combining Zone on parcels that are currently to the Green Ordinance, and other technical clean-ups to correct mapping errors and eliminate unnecessary

split-zoning or spot-zoning.

1. Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) County Code amendment to allow ACUs on corner lots in residential zones; allow shared kitchen complexes in certain commercial and industrial zones; require Conditional Use Permits Conditional Use Permits (CUPs) for K-12 schools and establish development standards for K-12 schools: establish a Planning
Area Standards District;
re-categorize five existing
Setback Districts as CSD Setback Districts as CSD Sub-Areas under the PASD regulatory framework; revise or delete six existing CSDs; require a 20% CSDs; require a 20% lower-income set-aside in housing developments on certain sites rezoned or identified in the Housing Element; reorganize the Connect Southwest Los Angeles and Willowbrook TOD Specific Plans so TOD Specific Plans so that regulations and development standards are codified in a numbering system that is consistent with the rest of Title 22; amend the East Los Angeles Third Street Form-Based Code; and amend Chapter 22.418 Florence-Firestone Zones & Development Standards. Amend the Florence-

Amend the Florence-Firestone TOD Specific Plan to allow shared kitchen complexes in certain commercial and industrial zones and require CUPs for K-12

schools.

Amend the East Los

Angeles 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Specific

Plan to allow ACUs on certain lots in the residential transect zones; allow shared kitchen complexes in certain commercial transect zones; clarify regulations on blade signs; and require CUPs for K-12 schools and delete the definition of "school" which definition of "school" which

definition of scribor which is inconsistent with the Countywide definition.

Amend the Willowbrook TOD Specific Plan and Connect Southwest Los Angeles TOD Specific Plan to reorganize appropriate of the specific property of the semipoparty of various components of the Specific Plans so that only Specific Plans so that only regulations are codified in Title 22 and the non-regulation plane to of these specific plans would also be streamlined with some

be streamlined with some technical clean-up.

SUMMARY OF significant Environmental iMPACTS

The Recirculated Draft PEIR identifies the following Project impacts to be significant and unavoidable, even with implementation of feasible mitigation measures: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services (Parks), Recreation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and

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Utilities and Service Systems The Recirculated Draft PEIR identifies impacts PEIR identifies impacts in the following resource areas that are not expected to result in any significant environmental impacts: Aesthetics, Agriculture/Forestry Resources, Energy, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use/Planning, Mineral Resources, Transportation, and Wildfire Transportation, and Wildfire. Various sites in unincorporated Los Angeles County are identified on lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code (Cortese List). A total of 247 Cortese List sites were identified within the Project area. Eleven (11) of the 247 sites are open/active investigation or remediation sites. However, 236 of the 247 Cortese list sites have release cases that have been closed by the lead regulatory agency. Public Hearing
A public hearing on the proposed Metro Area Plan proposed Metro Area Plan and the Recirculated Draft PEIR before the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled for September 13, 2023. The public hearing will be properly noticed when the

be properly noticed when the hearing date is confirmed. Public Review Period In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15105, the CEQA 45-day public review period for the Recirculated Draft PFIR begins on Monday, June 12, 2023, and ends on Friday, July 28, 2023. The County may hold a virtual Project information session(s) during the public review period, which will be announced on the Project website.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
The Recirculated Draft PEIR
wholly replaces the Draft
PEIR that was circulated in November 2022. Public comments on the November 2022 Draft PEIR will not be responded to in the Final PEIR. New public comments are requested on the Recirculated Draft PEIR, and only these will be responded to in the Final PEIR. Separate comment letters for the Recirculated Draft PEIR and the Public Hearing Draft Metro Area Plan reviews are requested during submission. Written comments on the Recirculated Draft PEIR can be provided to the County by the close of the 45-day review period on **July 28, 2023,** at 5:00 p.m. via email or mail to:

Los Angeles County
Department of Regional
Planning

Attn: Christina Tran 320 West Temple Street, G10 Los Angeles, California 90012

Email: MetroAreaPlan@ planning.lacounty.gov
All written All written comment letters/emails regarding the Recirculated Draft PEIR will be included in and responded to in the Response to Comments section of the Final PEIR.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY A digital copy of the Recirculated Draft PEIR is available on the Project website at planning.lacounty. gov/long-range-planning/

metro-area-plan/documents/.
A printed copy of the Recirculated Draft PEIR and the Public Hearing Draft Metro Area Plan is available for public review by appointment during normal business hours at the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning's main office (320 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012) starting on Monday, June 12, 2023. A hardcopy of the Recirculated Draft PEIR (with electronic copies of all appendices) and the Public Hearing Draft Metro Area Plan are also available at the following public libraries: public review by appointment

the following public libraries:

AC Bilbrew Library
150 E. El Segundo Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90061 City Terrace Library
4025 E. City Terrace Dr
Los Angeles, CA 90063

East Los Angeles Library 4837 East 3rd St Los Angeles, CA 90022

East R Dominguez Library 4420 East Rose St East Rancho Dominguez, CA 90221 Florence Library

7807 Compton Ave Los Angeles, CA 90001 Huntington Park 6518 Miles Ave Huntington Park, CA 90255

• Woodcrest Library 1340 W 106 St Los Angeles, CA 90044 Los Angeles, CA 90044

Willowbrook Library
11737 Wilmington Ave
Los Angeles, CA 90059
The hours of operation at each
library varies. Please refer to
the County library website to
confirm this information before visiting: lacountylibrary.org. Thank you for your participation in the environmental review of the Metro Area Plan. Visit the Metro Area Plan website for

more information: planning. lacounty.gov/long-rangeplanning/metro-area-plan/
Para obtener más información y mantenerse informado sobre el Plan del área metropolitana (Metro Area Plan - MAP) y el Borrador Recirculado del Informe

Programático de Impacto Ambiental (Draft Recirculated Environmental Program Imnact Report – Recirculated Draft PEIR) visite: planning. lacounty.gov/long-rangelacounty.gov/long-range-planning/metro-area-plan/ o envie un correo electrónico a MetroAreaPlan@planning. lacounty.gov o llame al (213) 974-6409 o (213) 974-6316 y deje un mensaje. Para ver el aviso de disponibilidad (Notice of Availability – NOA) en línea, incluyendo una versión del NOA en español, por favor visite: planning.lacounty.gov/ visite: planning.lacounty.gov/ long-range-planning/metro-area-plan/documents/.

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Bidding Opportunity with LACCD
For future bidding opportunities please visit the Online Vendor Portal which can be accessed by visiting the website www. build-laccd.org under "Contractors and Bidders" then clicking the PlanetBids link. NOTICE IS

HEREBY ROTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Los Angeles Community College District ("District") invites B Licensed General Contractors to submit Statements of Qualification (SOQ) for the following procurement:

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from Contractors for

Los Angeles Valley College,

**Public Notices** Academic Building #2.

Construction Services.
Construction of new two-story, non-separated mixed use occupancy, II-A construction of approximately 75,745SF classroom building, equipped throughout with automatic sprinkler protection and fire detection and alarm system. The building consists of classroom, laboratory, and administrative offices. Site work including hardscape and landscape, underground utilities infrastructure, storm drain system. New arcade construction that connects to the existing Arcade Structure and ends at north and south and ends at north and south side the new building.

How the Procurement

Process for this Project will

take place:
This procurement process will take place in two steps:
(1) the instant Request for Qualifications step (i.e., a project specific prequalification) ("RFQ"); and (2) a subsequent Invitation for Bid step ("IFB") (i.e., lowest competitive bid). Upon receipt and evaluation of the Statements of Qualifications Statements of Qualifications ("SOQ's") submitted in response to this RFQ, the SOQ's will be scored, evaluated and the Pre-Qualified Contractors for the Project identified. Thereafter, the Dictrict will sublice and the District will publish and issue an Invitation for Bids only to the Contractors who have pre-qualified. Only Pre-qualified Contractors are permitted to submit a bid (Public Contract Code section 20651.5). Award of the Construction Services Agreement will be made to the lowest responsive and the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. The award of the Construction Services Agreement will be made pursuant to, without limitation, the authority provided to the District under Public Contract Code section 20651, and other applicable law(s).

All Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) must be submitted through the Online Vendor

https://pbsystem.planetbids. com/portal/21372/bo/ bo-detail/106280 no later than: June 22, 2023 before 02:00

PM Local Time.
The Applicant assumes full and sole responsibility for timely receipt of its SOQ and any other documents required to be submitted with the SOQ. by the District. The District will have no responsibility for SOQ's not submitted in a timely manner, no matter the

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Meeting will be held
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The Southern California
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For further information, contact Brian Jacob, Senior Contract Administrator, at

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#### **PROBATE**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER **ESTATE OF** DAVID GEORGE HECKMAN AKA DUTCH HECKMAN CASE NO

22STPB12086 all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of DAVID GEORGE HECKMAN AKA DUTCH HECKMAN. A PETITION FOR PROBATE

has been filed by ANGELA M HECKMAN in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ANGELA M HECKMAN

be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 06/28/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012 IF YOU OBJECT to the

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# **Business Leaders Urge Legislators to Pass** \$180 Billion Infrastructure Plan

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

California business leaders overwhelmingly Gov. Gavin support Newsom's \$180 billion infrastructure proposal that would equip the state to build vital projects faster, while creating an estimated 400,000 constructionrelated jobs.

Nearly 90 nonpartisan associations business representing all sectors and regions of California signed a letter this week urging swift passage of all 10 bills in the governor's plan. The association leaders, listed below, cited the urgent need for investments to upgrade the state's aging infrastructure, spur creation of good-paying jobs and help meet ambitious climate



Tracy Hernandez (FILE PHOTO)

The letter was delivered to all members of the California State Legislature by the New California Coalition (NCC),

nonpartisan civic movement that advocates for commonsense solutions to improve statewide livability.

sweeping plan includes provisions that modernize environmental weaponized sabotage essential infrastructure and housing projects. It caps certain lawsuits filed under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to nine months, mirroring a "shot clock" solution advanced by NCC and its network of statewide partners.

The plan will also supercharge the creation semiconductor manufacturing jobs in California. NCC early and vocal efforts to booster of California's competitiveness for funding unlocked by passage of the federal CHIPS and Science Act. A Dec. 2022 report published by NCC

examined how California could address workforce and regulatory barriers including project delays caused by CEQA lawsuits - to help the high-cost state leverage its many competitive advantages.

"We strongly support this plan that will speed up construction, expedite court review, smooth permitting and address the abuse of the CEQA process that has halted key projects," business leaders wrote in their letter.

"The 88 diverse signatories and logos on this letter represent only one pillar of the statewide base standing up this historic proposal. Business leaders are proud to stand with labor, environmental and community groups to support Gov. Newsom's

plan because it will improve everyday access to water, transportation, clean energy and other vital infrastructure needs," said NCC Co-Leader Tracy Hernandez, who also serves as founding CEO of the Los Angeles County Business Federation - BizFed.

"Our grassroots advocacy campaign isn't over until this proposal is signed into law. NCC leaders will testify at committee hearings every day this week to remind legislators how delaying approval of this package disproportionately Californians the greatest need," NCC Co-Leader Wunderman, who serves as president/CEO of the Bay Area Council.

# Democratic Governor in Kentucky Pushes Back Against GOP Opponent's Criticism on Crime Issues

By Bruce Schreiner Associated Press

Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear declared Tuesday that he's been steadfast in the fight against crime, hitting back against his Republican challenger's attacks on public safety issues — which have risen to the forefront of Kentucky's closely watched gubernatorial campaign.

Flanked by a bevy of current and retired law enforcement officers backing his reelection campaign, Beshear laid out his record on criminal justice issues. As governor, he said, he pushed for large pay raises for state troopers as well as increased training for police officers. As attorney general, he prosecuted child sex offenders, cleared a rape kit backlog and combated senior scams, he said.

"Leadership is about stepping up and doing work," Beshear "Running toward challenges, not abdicating responsibility. During my time as attorney general and now as governor, I've always tackled challenges ... in crime head on. Leaning into problems, not backing away and blaming others."

Beshear's comments aimed Republican challenger, Daniel Cameron, the state's current attorney general.

campaigning last week, Cameron said Beshear "bears all of the responsibility" for what the Republican nominee claimed were rising crime rates. Cameron did not mention that as attorney general he's the state's chief law enforcement officer an omission that drew a pushback from Beshear.

"That's not just wrong," the governor responded. hiding and blaming problems others."

said an FBI database shows Kentucky's violent crime rate is well below the national average, and that every state bordering Kentucky has a higher rate than Kentucky's with one exception -- Virginia.

Beshear said he would push for additional funding law enforcement training and body armor to protect law officers if he wins another term in November.

Cameron has pointed to his own considerable support from the law enforcement community.

Meanwhile, Cameron's June 2, 2023. (AP PHOTO/TIMOTHY D. EASLEY) campaign has blasted the governor's decision to allow the early release of some nonviolent inmates during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic. ended up committing new crimes, Cameron said. State Republican Party spokesman Sean Southard on Tuesday referred to them as the "governor's getaways," adding: "Crime is bad enough without Andy's help."

Beshear responded that more than 20 governors from both parties took the same action to release low-level. nonviolent inmates near the end of their sentences to help ease the spread of the virus in

The governor then went on the offensive, slamming Cameron's response to the hundreds of pardons and commutations issued by former Republican Gov. Matt Bevin in his final days

"I believe that the people of Kentucky can recognize the difference between letting low-level offenders out during a deadly pandemic near the end of their sentence, versus our current attorney general's failure to appoint a special prosecutor or do anything



Kentucky Attorney General and Republican candidate for Governor, Daniel Cameron speaks to supporters in Richmond, Ky., Cameron's

he's a McConnell protege,

having previously worked

as the senator's legal

between the ex-president

and the Senate GOP leader.

Republicans are "excited

Carmack

counsel. Cameron has

about Matt Bevin's pardons of rapists and murderers,"

Beshear said. Democrats Cameron of shirking his Some people released duties by failing to hold an ever-expanding gulf Director Sam Newton. accountable pardons of violent criminals and others before Bevin left office following his electoral loss to Beshear in

> Cameron has referred to the Democratic attack ad as "completely absurd." He said his decision to turn the investigation over to the FBI drew broad support at

> In another development, a top aide to Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell has joined adding another political heavy hitter to his team in trying to defeat Beshear.

> Terry Carmack, the senator's chief of staff, will assume a senior management role Cameron's campaign, Southard said. Cameron's campaign said the addition of Carmack reflects an "allhands-on-deck" approach by a unified GOP in support of his bid to unseat Beshear.

Cameron won former President Donald Trump's endorsement early in the primary campaign and to make history" electing governor. Cameron would become Kentucky's first Black governor if elected.

h Democratic Governors Association, meanwhile, had a different characterization Carmack's role.

"Daniel campaign has a new new babysitter on loan from Mitch

again trying to hand Daniel a political office," said shown an ability to bridge DGA Communications

McConnell, who is once

Carmack has extensive political experience at the state and national levels. He served previously as

state party chairman in Kentucky, chief of staff to members of Congress and as political director for the National Republican Congressional Committee.

His addition to the Cameron campaign was described as a "terrific move" by Scott Jennings, Kentucky-based Republican political commentator and former adviser to President George W. Bush.

"Terry is one of the most experienced guys in Kentucky politics," said Jennings, who has close ties to McConnell. "We are in for a close, hard-fought race and you won't find a smarter, savvier operator than Carmack. He knows the state like the back of his hand."

Carmack is taking a eave of absence and will return to staff after the November

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**NOTICE OF PETITION** TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: KATHLEEN TRAVIS CASE NO. 23STPB03751

all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of KATHLEEN TRAVIS. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by TAMLA NICOLE TRAVIS in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES.

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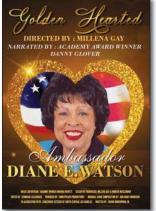
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## Diane Watson Documentary Narrated by Danny Glover Premieres at Marina del Rey Film Festival

By Marie Y. Lemelle, MBA

Contributing Writer Los Angeles is the home of one of the most celebrated

leaders of our time - the Honorable Diane E. Watson – and now her story is on the big screen and slated for a Southern California premiere on Sunday, June 11, at 4 p.m., at the Marina del Rey Film Festival.



The film poster for "Golden Hearted: The Legacy of Ambassador Diane E. Watson."

The festival will be held at the Cinemax 18 and XD Theaters at the Howard Hughes Center, 6081 Center Drive in Los Angeles.

Filmmaker Millena Gay directed and her company, HoneyPeach Productions, produced "Golden Hearted: The Legacy of Ambassador Diane E. Watson." Acclaimscreenwriter Frank Underwood, Jr., wrote the screenplay and co-executive Concerned Citizens of South-Central Los Angeles,

produced in association with Danny Glover, with reflections from actress Kathleen Bradley-Redd,



From left are Watson, actress Kathleen Bradley-Redd, and filmmaker Millena Gay.

a nonprofit organization.

"Golden Hearted' is about acknowledging the accomplishments and appreciating the personal and professional sacrifices that Diane made for the advancement of global humanity," said Gay. "It's a humbling experience as a first-time documentarian to be so well received by film festivals in and out of the state of California."

"Golden Hearted" premiered at the Honolulu African American Film Festival in February with a showing at the Las Vegas Black Film Festival in April. The documentary received a nomination for Best Feature Length Documentary in the 2023 SoCAL Fest Award running from June 22-25, in San Diego.

"My one-hour and 20minute documentary, narrated by award-winning actor Lawrence Hilton-Jacobs and

others, will continue to tour

the film festival circuit," said

"Working with Mr. Glover would be any filmmaker's dream. His narration was the golden touch for my project."

Some of the historic moments depicted in the documentary include the decades after the end of the Civil War. This era saw a wave of lynching, imprisonment, and Jim Crow laws taking root.

What followed was the disproportionate impact of mass incarceration, discriminatory housing policies, substandard healthcare practices and an overall lack of economic investment. Growing up in the 1940s and 1950s, Watson was directly impacted by this events and was determined to make a change.

"It is our duty to watch over the actions and activities of this government and to insist that, in words as well as in deeds, the interests of our constituency primarily and of the nation ultimately are served," said Watson.

The documentary chronicles the career of Watson, the second African American woman elected to the L.A. County School Board in 1975 and the first African American woman in the California State Senate. She went on to become the U.S. Congresswoman for California's 33rd congressional district, serving for 12 years before retiring to take care of her ailing mother.



Actor Danny Glover reviews the voice-over recording for the documentary with director Gay.

honored that R&B star Howard Hewett is the music supervisor for my documentary about Ms. Watson," said Gay. "We have known each other for years and always wanted to do a project together and this was the perfect time."

"This is a story that needs



Congresswoman Sydney Kamlager-Dove, left, and L.A. Mayor Karen Bass, right, with Ambassador Watson.

Although Watson sacrificed marrying the love of her life, she made life better for all Californians with the legislation she penned and fought to get passed, winning wars, breaking barriers, and blazing a trail so that current and future generations could have a better life going forward, noted Gay.

"I am super excited and

understand the struggle of a Black woman in politics," said Hewett, a native of Ohio, but a long-time resident of Los Angeles. "The world needs to know the importance of telling our stories."

Hewett is known for his vocals and as the lead for Shalimar. He tours solo and continues to record music.

"Since 1998, I have been

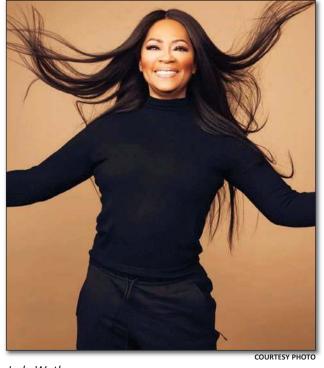
introducing young people of color to the jobs behind the camera in the film industry," said Noreen McClendon, an executive producer of the film and executive director for Concerned Citizens of South Central of Los Ange-

"We had a few interns who received an intense education through shadowing production professionals at some of the location shoots," she added.

Watson had extraordinary working-class parents who valued education. She earned her Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D. degrees in educational administration. She later attended the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Watson built her legacy by devoting her life to public service and becoming an influential and powerful leader within the highest levels of American politics.

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Jody Watley

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The internet's popular Squad Reactions

Show has once again struck gold with its latest discovery - the groundbreaking Grammy award-winning

# Rob Squad Reactions Discovers Jody Watley's Chart-Topping Song

artist and singer-songwriter Jody Watley.

In an exciting episode released on Friday, June 2nd, the show's host, Rob, experienced the sheer brilliance of Watley's charttopping hit, "Looking for a New Love," for the very first time, leaving audiences captivated and inspired by the legendary artist's musical prowess.

The Rob Squad Reactions Show has become a global phenomenon with its genuine and heartfelt reactions to a wide range of music from various genres and eras. In their quest to unearth hidden gems and celebrate timeless classics,

the show's host and team stumbled upon the electrifying sounds of Jody Watley, known for her innovative blend of R&B, pop, and dance music.

During the episode, viewers witnessed Rob's genuine astonishment as he immersed himself in the infectious rhythms and irresistible hooks of "Looking for a New Love." As the music played, Rob's reactions ranged from head-bopping enthusiasm to stunned admiration, truly showcasing the impact of Watley's signature sound. episode not only introduced the Rob Squad Reactions Show's fanbase to Watley's

incredible talent but also highlighted the enduring appeal of her music.

Jody Watley rose to prominence as a global solo artist delivering blockbuster hits, including "Looking for a New Love," "Real Love," and "Don't You Want Me," and "Still A Thrill." Watley revolutionized the music industry with her unique style, captivating performances, and empowering lyrics.

The Rob Squad Reactions Show has consistently delighted audiences by providing an authentic platform for rediscovering and appreciating timeless music. With their latest discovery, Jody Watley, the show continues to honor and share the legacies of influential artists, ensuring their contributions remain timeless and appreciated by new generations.

The episode featuring Jody Watley's "Looking for a New Love" is now available on the Popular Rob Squad Reactions Show's official YouTube channel. Viewers are encouraged to join the conversation and share their own reactions to Watley's music using the hashtag #RobSquadDiscoversJodyWatley.

To watch the episode, visit https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=s7At7ceaewI.

## Black Music Month: California Celebrates History and Heroes

By McKenzie Jackson California Black Media

Kenny Vance has a talent for creating vivid musical imagery.

If you ask the 79-yearold about his musical upbringing in 1950s Brooklyn, New York, Vance will note how groups in the '50s and '60s, composed of African Americans, sang their way from their neighborhood stoops to small recording studios.

These vocalists, whose Rhythm-and-Blues singing style is known as doo-wop, would release a song or two and sometimes never be heard from again.

With his documentary "Heart & Soul: A Love Story," Vance, a musician, actor, and film director, puts the musical talents of by featuring three bands "unsung doo-whop heroes" in the limelight again.

The film will be screened at the GRAMMY Museum in Los Angeles on June 8 at 7 p.m., as part of Black Music Appreciation Month.

Black Music Appreciation Month celebrates African American musical influences that gave rise to genres such as barbershop, blues, funk, gospel, hiphop, jazz, and swing music. The observance was established by President Jimmy Carter in 1979 and every president since Carter has continued the tradition, including President Joe Biden.

Throughout June, Disneyland is also honoring the history of Black music performing hits by Black from various artists decades on the Hollywood Backlot stage at the park.

Back in Los Angeles, **GRAMMY Museum Chief** Curator and Vice President of Curatorial Affairs Jasen Emmons said that "Heart & Soul" shows the musical innovation in the Black community.

"If you didn't have access to instruments this ability to get together and create vocal harmonies as a group — it doesn't require access to certain things," he stated.

"You can do it anywhere — stoops, subways, street corners. I think of hip-hop having similar innovation — despite the resources — to create

something original and enduring."

The film is a collection of video recordings shot by Vance over a decade with artists he befriended and worked with. The oral histories' documentary features first-hand accounts of what it was like for young Black and Latino musicians to go into an entertainment industry that was unsure of how to manage the new artists' sound.

Vance, prone to breaking out in melody himself while discussing the musicians featured in "Heart & Soul," said the doo-wop performers — whose 50s' and 60s' heyday influenced later genres like rock 'n' roll and soul — oftentimes get no credit for their impact on American music



From left are Naomi Randolph, Kenny Vance, Cleveland Still and Renee Minus.

culture.

Brand architect and television personality Erika Pittman will emcee the Los Angeles screening. Hiphop icon Christopher "Kid" Reid, one half of the duo Kid 'n Play, will deliver an opening monologue. Entertainment journalist Brande Victorian will lead an afterscreening conversation with Vance.

Emmons hopes viewers gain a deep understanding of doo-wop music.

"There is an audience that deeply loves doo-wop and when the songs come on the radio, they evoke a lot of emotion in people," he noted.

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## Student Athlete of the Week: Ismail Turner

By Amanda Scurlock Sports Editor

UCLA senior track and field stand-out Ismail Turner knows how to compete and study at a high level. He was recently named on the Pac-12 2023 Winter Academic Honor Roll; Turner is an economics major.

"It's definitely a big accomplishment, especially doing economics, coming from a STEM background," Turner said. "It means a lot to me and hopefully continue to inspire people who also want to pursue high-level athletics and academics."

Turner competes in the

100m, 200m, 400m, the 4x100m relay and the 4x400m relay events. He helped the 4x400m relay squad come in third place with a 2:59.25 time at the Texas relays. Their performance broke a 35-yearold school record.

"It's easier almost to achieve success individually within the sport," Turner said. "It feels really good and really proud to be like we came through and were able to compete around and sometimes better than what the people ahead of us were."

At the Rafer Johnson-Jackie Joyner Kersee Invitational, Turner came in second place at the 200m with a 21.09s time. He ran the 400m in 45.13 seconds at the Mt. SAC Relays, putting him in second place. Turner also came in fourth place in the 100m at the Dual meet against USC.

One lesson he learned from his coaches is that his training and preparation will keep his body from failing him during heats.

"What it takes to just prepare for big races week in and week out and competing at some of the higher levels of these meets, you don't always feel very good," Turner said. "Just knowing that your body won't fail you and that you

have done all the preparation, all your practice and hard work and long days on the track and in the weight room, you just have to bring it out of yourself."

In 2022, Turner made Team USA after competing in the 400m at the USATF Outdoor Championships.

"I was able to soak up a lot of knowledge from some of the vets on Team USA and some of the people that were at the meet and a lot of the great coaches," Turner said.

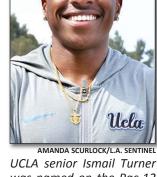
Throughout his time at UCLA, Turner noticed that he improved his consistency in academics and athletics.

"Being a student athlete,

especially at UCLA with these different exams and midterm season, these fastpaced quarters, it's very hard to stay consistent," Turner said. "If you're doing well in your classes, you'd be less stressed, you'd be in a better mental state going into your races."

Turner's favorite class is an economics class that focuses on the theories of development. In the class, students come up with ways that developing nations can improve their economic standing.

"It was pretty interesting to learn about because my mother is from Kenya," Turner said. "I was able to



was named on the Pac-12 2023 Winter Academic Honor Roll.

pick Kenya as my country and figure out what's their most optimal thing to improve so that they can become a more well-developed economy and hopefully, overall better country."

## Angel City FC Falls to Chicago Red Stars on Juneteenth Night

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK Sports Editor

The Angel City Football Club celebrated Juneteenth during their matchup against the Chicago Red Stars on Monday. Prior to the match, the football club collaborated with the Black-woman led podcast Shea Butter FC to host a street fair.

"I think it went really well and hopefully we brought some of particularly Black Los Angeles to the game and that they'll come back," said Shea Butter FC co-host Sylvia Bullock. "It's

live podcast, food from

The street fair included a hosts Sylvia Bullock and Skye interviewed ACFC



against the Red Stars.





Shea Butter FC co-hosts Skye (left) and Sylvia Bullock.

been nice to be supported by a pro franchise to be able to do things like this."

Black-owned businesses. and live music by DJ ADAJ and Ramskillit. Podcast

general manager Angela Hucles and forward Simone Charley.

"I think it's so important to acknowledge Juneteenth because it´s an important part of our history," Charley said. "It's not just Black history, it's American history."

The podcast hosts also explained the fundamentals of soccer to fans and did other interactive activities.

"It was cool to see the little Black girls run up and be excited to see Simone (Charley)," Skye

"That's part of why we even started to give a voice to Black people in this space."

Members of the team wore apparel from different Black-owned companies, including Jas It Up and Fear



ACFC forward Simone Charley (right) poses with a

of God Essentials. The club also showed a video of Charley, defender Madison Hammond and forward Jasmyne Spencer visiting Leimert Park to meet with

Black female entrepreneurs.

This night marked the season debut of the Olympic gold medalist forward Sydney Leroux who had been sidelined due to injury. Despite being subbed in late in the game, she scored the sole goal for the ACFC with forward Alyssa Thompson getting the assist.

"I feel like that's the one thing that I didn't know, can I come back and be Sydney? Can I cause havoc and can I be disruptive? And I could, I did," Leroux said. "It's not the result that we wanted but

Leroux mentioned how the ACFC's celebration of Juneteenth is significant, especially for children.

"We're really happy that Angel City took Juneteenth seriously and gave us our time and our flowers," Leroux said. "Growing up, I didn't really have us to look up to, so seeing all of us be honored tonight, it was really cool because it gives little Black girls and boys someone to look up to."

Angel City lost to the Red Stars 2-1, they now have a 2-5-3 overall record.



Shea Butter FC co-hosts interview ACFC general manager Angela Hucles (left) and Charley.

for me, I got to prove to myself tonight that I can still They will travel to battle the Washington Spirit on June 10 at 4:00P.M.

## L.A. Clippers, Intuit, Make Inglewood More Green

By Amanda Scurlock Sports Editor

The Los Angeles Clippers recently partnered with Intuit and Aspiration to plant trees in Edward Vincent Park. This event is part of the franchise's commitment to plant 1,000 trees in Inglewood ahead of the Intuit Dome's grand opening in 2024.

Inglewood mayor James Butts mentioned how the trees are a "needed" and "very appreciated" addition to the park.

"Edward Vincent Park is 57 acres, the largest park in South Bay," Butts said. "We have more trees per square mile than any city in the South Bay as well and that's because the people

who designed the city, they and volunteers, 45 trees



Inglewood councilmember Dionne Faulk, mayor James Butts, former councilmember George Dotson, Clippers alum Craig Smith, and City Clerk Aisha Thompson at the Clippers tree planting event.

trees."

With the help of the organization TreePeople

Vincent Park. Clippers alum Craig Smith was excited to plant trees in his hometown.

"I was born in Centinela hospital and I just feel so much of the joy," Smith said. "It's all about sustainability and all about putting things together and really building a strong foundation."

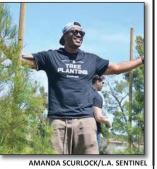
Inglewood District 4 Councilmember Dionne Faulk volunteered to plant trees. She mentioned how the city needs more vegeta-

"I would love to, as

councilwoman, beautify the city and make it as pretty inside as it is on the outside," Faulk said. "When you have a partner like the Clippers that come in and not only want to progress their business but also ... have a stake in the beautification in the community and in our kid's futures, that's a great community partner."

Several trees were planted around the outdoor Amphitheater at the park.

'What an awesome experience to be able to witness trees actually going in the ground and then one day to be sprouted out an looking so beautiful," said Inglewood elected city clerk Aisha Thompson. "I'm sure our residents are happy, our children will grow up and see it and know that the Clippers



Smith poses with a tree he planted.

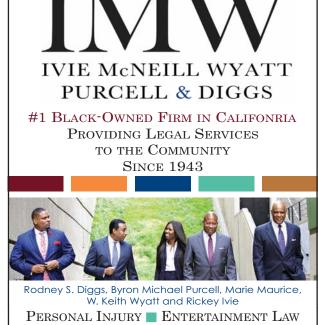
were very instrumental in making sure our parks and surrounding community

looked good." Groups of volunteers worked together to plant Aleppo Pine and Coast Live Oak trees. TreePeople urban greening community

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organizer Talia Dotson is glad to see companies and franchises invest in the environment.

"It's really great to see the Intuit Dome that's coming be a part of putting in more trees to increase the {See LA SPARKS on D-3}



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TreePeople members helped volunteers properly plant trees.

## Black Star Lacrosse Club Making Youth Sports History in Los Angeles

By Denver Mackey Contributing Writer

During the months of April and May, Black Star Lacrosse Club has been making sports history among the youth in Los Angeles.

I've been out here for twoand-one-half, so I'm trying to get more kids into it and provide more opportunities for them," said Geffrard, who has nine years of coaching experience, and 15 years of playing experi-

history. Santa Monica was a place of refuge for many Black people escaping the Jim Crow south, and many Black families settled into the neighborhood of Bel-



Black Star Girls team after their game in Santa Monica on Mother's Day.

Black Star Lacrosse Club's goal is to improve the quality of life of underrepresented groups and empower youth to overcome barriers to success, happiness, health, economic prosperity, academics, leadership and self-confidence through the game of lacrosse. Nesly Geffrard, founder, president and head coach shared his experience in creating this organization as well as what having this club means to the community.

"I've been coaching lacrosse for 10 years now.

"We've been grateful to get some of our kid's scholarships, and I would love to see our kids getting into the HBCU sports arena as well. We are the only team that looks the way we do out here, and we're trying to grow even more," he noted.

Under the guidance of Geffrard, Black Star Lacrosse Club achieved major historical wins during their games in April and May. On April 23, the 2nd and 3rd grade boys team played at Belmar Park, a special location to play at

place for Black businesses until the 1950s when gentrification and eminent domain took hold of the community, forcing these thriving Black businesses and families out. For Black Star to play on the new field at Belmar Park, it is incredibly important to recognize the history, and reclaim their presence, especially being apart of the vouth in this community.

A few weeks after, on May 7, the Black Star Girls Lacrosse team played at Edward Vincent Park, the first time that a predomihad played a game in Inglewood. The growing participation and team membership for Black Star proved again to be noteworthy, making history that will forever be remembered.

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given its rich Black cultural nantly Black lacrosse team

Not only does Black Star offer lacrosse, but also during their spring season, they collaborated with the L.A. County ocean lifeguards to obtain admission for team members to the free Ocean Adventure Camp. The kids got to hang with the ocean lifeguards and learn about water safe-



Black Star Boy's team member enjoying a win.

youth into highly skilled lacrosse players who graduate from their program with fond memories of a youth lacrosse team experience that was the foundation and inspiration of their continued future playing lacrosse.

As stated in the organi-

all-inclusive, safe, fun, developmental and competitive lacrosse experience.

"Every participant, regardless of age level, identity and initial skill will have the opportunity to learn the game while improving individual and team skills and



Black Star boys and girls teams together after a game.

fun outings along the coast. Many of their activities included learning about waves, currents, tidepools, and careers, while also taking part in kayaking, paddle-boarding, and sailing.

Black Star Lacrosse hopes to develop Angeleno

zation's mission statement, "We are committed to teaching the power of teamwork, sportsmanship, responsibility, communication, courage, and leadership. Black Star Lacrosse Club seeks to develop, advance, and facilitate an prepare Angeleno youth for high school level lacrosse."

To learn more about Black Star Lacrosse, visit blackstarlacrosse.org or follow them on Instagram @blackstarlax to find out how your child or loved one can get involved!

## HACLA, Nike and Boys & Girls Club Unite to Bring an Outdoor Turf Soccer Field to Mar Vista Gardens

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On Wednesday, May 31, the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) joined with Nike executives, the Boys & Girls Club and Councilmember Traci Park of Council District 11 to celebrate the unveiling of a new outdoor turf soccer field in the heart of Mar Vista Gardens housing community to provide more access to sports for residents. The ribbon cutting was followed by a free soccer clinic, made available to children from



Many youth will enjoy the new outdoor turf soccer field at Mar Vista Gardens.

the Boys & Girls Club.

We know that the youth in this area play a critical role in shaping the future of sports in this City and in the world," said Franky Arechiga, Boys and Girls Club branch director for Santa Monica/Mar Vista Gardens.

"It is our sincere hope that by delivering on an equitable and inclusive field of play for our kids, we will not only serve the future of athletes, but inspire movement, health and get families moving."

"At the Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, we are deeply committed to improving the quality of life of our residents with a focus on people, place, and pathways to opportunity," said Jonathan Nguyen, assistant director of Housing Management at HACLA.

"We're so grateful to

Nike for this partnership and for their commitment to providing these pathways through equitable access to sport in communities that are often overlooked."

"This field represents more than just a space for sports—it's a platform for our young people to engage with and become enthusiastic about athletics, particularly with major events like the Olympics on the horizon," said Councilwoman Park.

"It's also a place to inspire children to dream big and open opportunities for

## LA Sparks Take the Win During HBCU Night

By Denver Mackey Contributing Writer

On Saturday June 3, the Los Angeles Sparks hosted HBCU Night at their home game against the Seattle Storm at Crypto.com Arena and the team took home a win with a score of 92-85.

The L.A. Sparks received celebrity support via appearances from NBA player Kyrie Irving and hip hop artist Wale. At the game's end, Sparks forward Nneka Ogwumike scored a high of 27 points and 14 rebounds while the highest assists came from Sparks



Sparks youth HBCU Dancers with mascot, Sparky in shirts from Legacy History Pride.

guard Jordin Canada.

To kickoff the night, the Sparks sponsored a college fair for prospective students to learn more about HBCUs. The session also featured remarks by Christopher Cathcart of Howard University and Aneesha Dubois of Norfolk State University, who both elaborated on their HBCU experiences.

The L.A. Sparks notes that the HBCU panel and college fair was created to honor and recognize the educational accomplishments made in the Black community and provide a sense of camaraderie and guidance, giving students a pathway to success alongside their peers and idols.

Councilwoman Heather Hutt was recognized for her work in the community and for being the first Black woman to represent District 10 as well as the only Black woman on the

Los Angeles City Council. L.A. city's youth also made an appearance at halftime where fans got to enjoy an electrifying performance by the drill team from the Stephen M. White Middle School of Carson. Also, lively routines by the Sparks young HBCU dancers kept the crowd entertained while DJ Malski energized the audience with the turntables.

The LA Sparks showed their HBCU love by featuring apparel from Legacy History Pride, a fashion brand committed to building upon the foundation of historically-Black schools, sharing the history of African American ancestors and instilling pride in Black culture.

Sparks guard Jasmine Thomas, 12-year veteran and 2017 All-Star, stunned in her LHP gear, repping Norfolk State. Sparks guard Layshia Clarendon, a WNBA All-Star and FIBA World Cup Gold Medalist, represented Clark Atlanta in her LHP crewneck.

A community member sharing what HBCU night



Councilwoman Heather Hutt and Natalie White, founder and CEO of Natalie White Basketball and A10TION Foundation, INC.

meant to her revealed, "Having so many family members go to HBCUs, it is amazing to see the energy and comradery that happens when these alums come together. It is so important for us to be rec-

ognized in ways like this." Visit the LA Sparks webhttps://sparks.wnba. com/, Instagram @la sparks, and Twitter @LASparksPR for more information on upcoming games and future



Stephen M. White Middle School Drill Team.

Layshia Clarendon and Jasmine Thomas in Legacy History Pride HBCU apparel.

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green canopy within Inglewood," Dotson said. "It's great that the Clippers are participating because it shows that they care about their city and their resi-

The buildings in urban

areas can cause the heat island effect where these areas become warmer due to solar energy being soaked up by buildings. Trees cool these areas off while giving pedestrians shade on hot days.

"The trees help us with oxygen," said St. Marys' student Melaysia Smith who volunteered to plant trees. "You get to meet different people and see everybody in the community together and help out."