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Compton College Supporting the Health, Wellness, and Educational Needs of our Community



Keith Curry president, Compton College, CEO, Compton Community College District.

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BY KEITH CURRY
President, Compton College, CEO, Compton Community College District

While fulfilling my duties as president/chief executive officer of Compton College, which is to ensure students are prepared for their future, I am also aware of my responsibilities to our community. Making sure the college is a good community steward by supporting the health, wellness, and educational needs of all those we

serve is a priority.

New challenges in student enrollment

After a year of experiencing many challenges resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, we face new obstacles in meeting previously set achievement goals pertaining to student enrollment, success, and retention. Starting with enrollment: In my opinion, Compton College enrollment has been impacted more than any other community college in Los Angeles County due to the number of COVID-19 cases and the percentage of COVID-19 related deaths in our community; and the low rate of vaccination of our residents. While we remain focused on the health and safety of our students and employees and continue to offer classes primarily in a virtual format, we realize that many students face extreme difficulties when trying to pay for online classes and other expenses such as housing and food, while also finding time for school among work and

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Senate Confirms Marcia Fudge as HUD Secretary



Fudge, the former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, received a 66-34 vote in the Senate, making her the first woman to serve as HUD secretary since 1979. COURTESY PHOTO

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BY STACY M. BROWN
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The U.S. Senate voted on Wednesday to confirm Rep. Marcia Fudge as Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The confirmation was met with applause from women's and other groups.

"We applaud the confirmation of Rep. Fudge as secretary of the Department of Housing and Ur-

ban Development (HUD)," Marcela Howell, president and CEO of In Our Own Voice: National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda, responded in a statement.

"Her appointment comes at a pivotal time when her leadership is sorely needed. The U.S. faces a severe housing crisis as millions of residents struggle to pay their rent and mortgages due

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Maxine Waters Brings Home the Money with American Rescue Plan! *Help is on the Way!*

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Congresswoman Maxine Waters (CA-43), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Financial Services, issued the following statement after the U.S. House of Representatives voted to pass the American Rescue Plan Act. The legislation was sent to President Biden's desk and has been signed into law.

"The historic American Rescue Plan was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and has reached President Biden's desk and received his signature. I am so pleased that help will soon be on the way for the millions of people struggling to stay afloat during this pandemic.



Congresswoman Maxine Waters (CA-43) working with President Joe Biden on the American Rescue Plan. COURTESY PHOTO

"The American Rescue Plan is a \$1.9 trillion package that I worked on with my colleagues, President Biden and Vice President Harris, that delivers for you, your family, and our community by providing direct cash payments, increased unemployment benefits, emergency rental assistance to help with back rent, sup-

port for small businesses, and so much more. The historic nature of this legislation cannot be overstated.

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Cal. Black Elected Officials Unite to "Crush Unfair" Effort to Recall Gov. Newsom



Governor Gavin Newsom COURTESY PHOTO

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Fourteen California Black Democratic elected officials serving at the federal, state, county and city government levels joined hands in a virtual show of support for Gov. Gavin

Newsom on Monday during a news briefing on Zoom. In one-minute statements, each one explained why supporters are standing behind Newsom as a Republican Party-led effort to recall California's 40th governor gains ground

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Governor Newsom Sets Date for 54th Assembly District Special Election

Former State Director to Vice President Kamala Harris, Heather Hutt Considered Favorite

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(Left) Vice President Kamala Harris in her former role as CA Senator, with her former State Director Heather Hutt (middle). COURTESY PHOTO

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Governor Gavin Newsom has called for a special election to be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, to fulfill the currently vacant 54th Assem-

bly District Seat. The series of special elections which feels like musical chairs, started in November, when now Los Angeles County Supervisor

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Congressmember Bass and Friends Discuss 2021 American Rescue Plan Provisions

BY BERTRAM KELLER
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Amid COVID-19 vaccine reports and President Biden's ambitious \$1.9 trillion stimulus package; Congressmember Karen Bass organized a telephone town hall 24 hours after The House voted 220-211

thing broke out," said Bass as she makes her opening comments. According to Bass, "If I had waited another 10 minutes, I literally would have walked into the insurrectionists in the hall, and who knows what would have happened—considering they were all hunting members

the bill will provide." In what Congressmember Bass described as "a really big deal," families with children received

ment Development Department (EDD) has [added] up to 11 weeks of benefits to PUA or PEUC claims," as well as allow for tax

these payments, be careful [and] wait to file [taxes] until April, and the IRS will look at your data based on 2019 [tax return]."

The Small Business Administration (SBA) is currently offering PPP loans until March 31, 2021, and this includes expanding eligibility to nonprofits and digital needs services, which was not available before. Since funding closed in August, according to Ben Raju, "Over \$7.25 billion [will be added to the] Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)," as well as an additional \$15 billion for Targeted Economic Injury Disaster Loan

forgiveness rules laid out by the SBA. To qualify for forgiveness, you must spend at least 60% of the loan on payroll expenses and use a portion of the loan to cover mortgage, rent, or utility expenses.

Californians will also receive additional economic benefits from the newly passed a budget called the "Golden State Stimulus," which will act "very similar to what's happening at the federal level," according to Senator Kamalanger-Dove. "We are now going to be sending out \$600 or \$1200—one-time payment to Californians who have faced hardships because of



FILE PHOTO
Congressmember Karen Bass advises LA County to file taxes in April to avoid ineligibility of stimulus check during Telephone Town Hall.

FILE PHOTO
California's newest State Senator, Sydney Kamalanger-Dove says "We are working hard to make sure that more money is being connected to EDD."

FILE PHOTO
District Director of SBA Los Angeles, Ben Raju says SBA will have over \$28 billion available for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund in the new American Rescue Plan of 2021.

to pass the new relief bill. The previous town hall Bass conducted was preceded during the aftermath of the infamous 2021 Breach at the United States Capitol—early January. In retrospect, the right-wing attack against members of congress ended with 5 people dead, and 2 related suicides.

"I was in the gallery right before things were happening, and I was very lucky because I left about 10 minutes before every-

of congress."

Despite politics obvious contentions, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), persisted as the primary focus of the Thursday evening town hall. Speakers such as, California State Senator Sydney Kamalanger and District Director of SBA Los Angeles District Office Ben Raju compressed the relatively tall piece of legislature to key "highlights," as well as announced notable "changes and provisions

some good news due to the changes in the Child Tax Credit. Under the American Rescue Plan, taxpayers can claim a credit of up to \$3,600 per child under the age of 6 and up to \$3,000 for children ages 6 to 17. The Child Tax Credit has the potential "to cut child poverty in half," said Congresswoman Bass. "One of the reasons we did this is because we would love to make it permanent."

California's newest State Senator, Sydney Kamalanger-Dove announced that the "[The] Employ-

exemption for the first \$10,200 of unemployment benefits received in 2020.

Before long, the APR will provide a third round of stimulus payments, which up to \$1400 will be directly deposited in the bank accounts of adults or any dependents. However, "be careful" when filing taxes due to potential ineligibility issues regarding stimulus checks. Congressmember Bass advised, "If your 2020 tax data is going to make you ineligible for

Advance (EIDL). EIDLs can reach \$2 million with the \$10,000 EIDL advance automatically forgiven; and PPP loans can reach up to \$10 million and are 100% forgivable if the borrower follows loan

COVID-19." To qualify, Byou must be 18 years or older as of the last date of the tax year, 2020 taxes must be filed, and be a CalEITC recipient, or have filed for ITIN making \$75,000 or less.

Your 2021 Stimulus Cash: Differences Between Your Federal and State Checks

BY QUINCI LEGARDYE
California Black Media

Direct cash relief is coming to Californians soon. Both the state and federal government have begun issuing stimulus checks to Americans.

The American Rescue Plan, which includes the third and largest round of federal COVID-19 stimulus of the pandemic so far, was signed into law by President Biden on March 12. According to several reports direct deposits began hitting peoples' bank accounts as soon as March 14, with paper checks and pre-paid debit cards expected to follow soon.

Low-income Californians can also expect a state-specific Golden State Stimulus check, which will be distributed over the course of 2021. Though both stimulus payments are dispensed automatically, they do have big differences when it comes to qualifications.

For the federal stimulus payment, the full \$1,400 amount will be distributed to individuals with an adjusted gross income less than \$75,000, heads of households earning less than \$112,500 and married couples earning less than \$150,000. Payments will gradually lower for people earning more than those amounts, with the cutoffs for payments being \$80,000 for individuals, \$120,000 for heads of households and \$160,000 for married couples.

This stimulus round will also include an addi-



tional \$1,400 payment per dependent. Unlike previous rounds, this round will also include payments for dependents age 17 and above. The maximum amount possible is \$5,600, for a couple with two adult children.

The income thresholds for this federal stimulus round are based on the most recent tax return filed. Like the previous rounds, the money will be automatically distributed to people who have their tax information filed with the IRS. All eligible recipients, including those who don't typically file taxes, can use the IRS' "Get My Payment" website to request a payment or check its status.

California's Golden State Stimulus relief package was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on Feb. 23. The package includes one-time stimulus payments for Californians 18 years or over who receive the California Income Tax Credit (CalEITC) or file with an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN). An individual who is claimed as a dependent on another person's tax filing is ineligible to receive a payment.

The California stimulus payment will be either \$600 or \$1,200, based on the recipient's eligibility. Californians who either receive the CalEITC, meaning they make under \$30,000 in taxable income along with other qualifications, or file with an ITIN and earn \$75,000 or less will receive \$600. Californians who meet both of these conditions will receive \$1,200. For couples filing jointly, the ITIN requirement will count if at least one person in the couple files with an ITIN.

The biggest difference between the Golden State Stimulus and the rounds of federal stimulus checks that have been issued so far is that eligibility in California is based on 2020 tax returns. The payments will be determined by tax returns filed by October 15, 2021, which is the deadline for filers who request an extension on the original Apr. 15 deadline. The payment itself expires on November 15, 2021. The Golden State Stimulus will go out automatically after 2020 tax returns are filed.

The \$1400 federal stimulus checks are based either on 2019 or 2020 tax returns.

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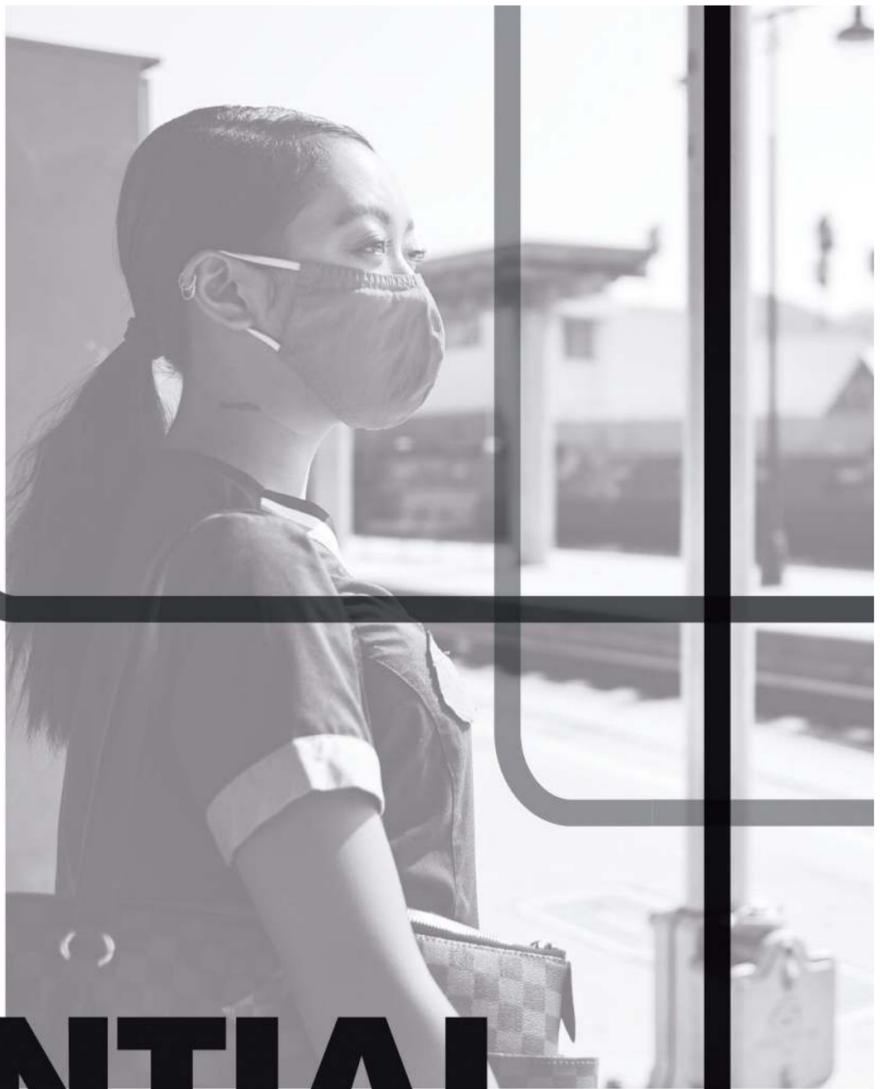
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Two African Americans on Team Advising Gov. Newsom on 'Inclusive' Reopening

By BO TEFU
California Black Media

Last week, Gov. Newsom appointed former Stockton Mayor Michael D. Tubbs, who is African American, as his special advisor for Mobility and Opportunity. In this role, Tubbs becomes one of two African Americans on the governor's Council of Economic Advisors (CEA) -- a group Newsom has charged to help California recover from the economic downturn the coronavirus pandemic has caused.

The other Black gubernatorial advisor is Renee Bowen, an associate professor of economics at the University of California San Diego. Tubbs and Bowen are serving along with 11 other experts Newsom says will help offer guidance on how to rebuild a state economy that is more sustainable and inclusive.

The CEA team will help to build political will, championing policy changes that aim to promote equitable economic opportunities and fight poverty for all Californians, according to the governor's office.

"As we fight the dual pandemics of COVID-19 and economic insecurity, I am honored to work with

the Newsom Administration to bring forward innovative solutions that will lead to inclusive economic recovery for all Californians," said Tubbs.

On Friday, President Biden signed Congressional Democrats' \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan. The federal economic package includes \$1,400 stimulus checks for individuals nationwide. In his third State of the State Address, Gov. Newsom recapped the state's plans to support small businesses, reopen schools, promote equitable vaccine distribution, and provide state stimulus funds. The recently appointed CEA will advise California lawmakers on directing state and federal funds toward programs and investments that soften the pandemic's economic blow.

Although the advisers are not compensated for their roles, they will leverage their areas of expertise as well as their familiarity with business and industry in California to ensure that California families "have the opportunity to not just survive but thrive," during the pandemic, state officials said.

As a special advisor, Tubbs plans to recommend



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Renee Bowen

best-practices gleaned from various external stakeholders, including economic experts and business leaders to reform state policies that will benefit all Californians.

"As I always say, poverty is a choice: a policy one," Tubbs said. "I can think of no greater calling than to build upon my work with Mayors and community leaders across our state and nation to help advance big, bold policy solutions that are rooted in economic fairness, racial equity, and recognize the dignity of all people."

Gov. Newsom said Tubbs has proved himself as a leader who cares deeply about his community and economic fairness.

"I can think of no one more dedicated or better equipped to make recom-



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Stockton Mayor Michael D. Tubbs

mendations to my team and help lead outreach efforts to increase opportunity and entrepreneurship to reduce poverty in California," said Newsom.

During his time as Mayor of Stockton, Tubbs implemented the first mayor-led Universal Basic Income pilot program in the country, and he launched the Stockton Scholars, a program that helps Stockton's youth pursue higher education.

"Tubbs expanded opportunity and hope in his hometown," Newsom continued.

According to state officials, California experienced record-low unemployment before the pandemic -- a rate of 3.9 %.

Gov. Newsom plans to resolve California's fiscal

problems, strengthen the state's economy, and drive unemployment back down from just below 10 %, according to numbers the Employment Development Department released in December.

"We need to invest for the future, adapt to a changing climate, and keep our budget balanced," Gov. Newsom said. "This Council will keep its pulse on what's happening in our economy while making policy recommendations to prepare us for what's to come."

Biden-Harris Administration's \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act and vaccine expansion

The Biden-Harris Administration announced the passage \$1.9 trillion in federal aid Friday, including \$1,400 stimulus checks, to help people affected by the pandemic nationwide.

California legislators continue efforts to boost small businesses as well as support K-12 and higher education as they wait for directives from the federal government on how to allocate the funds.

"The American Rescue Plan will help California roar back from this pandem-

ic," Gov. Newsom said. "All of these pandemic responses add up to a brighter future for California."

State officials said they plan to use the funds on equity, housing affordability, education, and infrastructure to ensure that people come out of the pandemic, "as a stronger and more inclusive California."

In addition to stimulating the economy, the Biden-Harris Administration announced plans to increase access to coronavirus vaccines to all adults by the beginning of May this year. Newsom said President Joe Biden's announcement indicates that "the light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter," a sign, he says, that vaccinating everyone will be a reality soon.

Despite the limited vaccine supply, Newsom says California's distribution efforts are guided by equity.

The state has prioritized those who are most exposed and at risk of contracting the coronavirus since it is, "the right thing to do, and the fastest way to end the pandemic," said Newsom.

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What the \$1.9 Trillion American Rescue Plan Means for Californians

By QUINCI LEGARDY
California Black Media

Last Friday, President Joe Biden signed the latest round of federal COVID-19 relief, the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan, into law.

The broad scope of this

stimulus package covers a wider range of national and state priorities as compared to previous federal government relief efforts. This one is aimed to both prepare the country logistically to emerge from the pandemic and to recover from the economic

strife of the past year.

"This historic legislation is about rebuilding the backbone of this country and giving people in this nation, working people, middle-class folks, the people who built this country, a fighting chance," President Biden said March 12.

Lawmakers and policy analysts alike have shared their thoughts about the legislation, and how it will affect multiple areas of need for Californians.

In his statement, Gov. Gavin Newsom focused on the aid that the state will receive from the legislation. Together, California state and local governments are set to receive over \$40 billion dollars.

"With this infusion of federal stimulus, California can make faster progress on responding to COVID, supporting small businesses, putting money in people's pockets, and bolstering K-12 and higher education. All of these pandemic responses add up to a brighter future for California," said Newsom.

The governor says he looks forward to working with partners in the Legislature to identify "key shared priorities" such as equity, housing affordability, education, and infrastructure, and to chart a path for the state to come "out of this pandemic as a stronger and more inclusive California."

Direct aid to Californians includes one-time \$1,400 stimulus payments for people earning less than \$75,000 and \$300 supplemental weekly unemployment benefits through Sept. 6. The first \$10,200 in unemployment benefits will also be nontax-

able for households that earn under \$150,000.

The American Rescue Plan also provides aid for families with children through an expansion of the child tax credit. The one-year expansion increases the credit to up to \$3,600 per child, distributed in monthly installments. According to projections by the Urban Institute, the child credit tax expansion will cut child poverty in half.

"It is unacceptable that in the richest country in the world, millions of children continue to go to bed hungry and are deprived of basic resources they need to succeed. As Co-Chair of the Majority Leader's Task Force on Poverty and Opportunity, I applaud this long overdue effort to dismantle the systemic inequality that keeps kids and families at the bottom of the economic ladder," says U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA-13).

The American Rescue Plan also includes nearly \$130 billion in grants to state and local educational agencies, along with \$39 billion in grants to higher education institutions and \$15 billion to childcare facilities, to assist with safe school reopening.

The package also provides increased funding for programs that help low-income earners. \$25 billion

will go to emergency rental assistance, with \$5 billion set aside for emergency housing vouchers for unhoused people and survivors of domestic violence. Also, a provision in the package increases the value of cash vouchers for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

For business owners, the Small Business Administration (SBA) will receive \$25 billion for a new grant program for restaurants, bars and "other food and drinking establishments," with \$5 billion targeted for businesses with lower revenue. Also, an extra \$1.25 billion is set for the SBA's Shuttered Venue Operators Grant, which supports live music and performance venues.

In an online briefing held by Ethnic Media Services on Mar. 13, the panelists spoke about how the legislation could serve as a blueprint for future permanent legislation.

"I should emphasize that all of the almost all of these are short term provisions, they are not permanent. But they provide guidance about the kinds of policies we might want to be enacting going forward on a permanent basis," said Chad Stone, Chief Economist at the nonprofit Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

LMU's Cheryl Tawede Grills, Ph.D., Named President's Professor

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Cheryl Grills, professor of psychology and director of the Psychology Applied Research Center at Loyola Marymount University, has been appointed President's Professor in the LMU Belarmine College of Liberal Arts. The title is the highest honor for faculty at the university.

Grills, a clinical psychologist with a current emphasis in community psychology, began her tenure-track position at LMU in 1987. She has dedicated her career to supporting the needs of low-income communities of color using research and community-centered models of preven-

tion and treatment for mental and physical health. Since its founding in 2009, PARC has collaborated with



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Cheryl Grills, Ph.D.

many community-based organizations on grant-funded projects to facilitate social change and community empowerment through action-oriented research.

A national past president of the Association of Black Psychologists, Grills is also the founder of Imoyase Community Support Services, a 30-year nonprofit organization providing action research, program evaluation, and strategic technical assistance to social justice and social service community-based organizations.

In addition to leading large interdisciplinary research studies, Grills is also experienced at working within systems and public policy to address issues of disproportionality and structural racism in the child welfare system, justice system, and juvenile justice system.

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Leadership, Family, and Lessons Learned: Four Generations of Women Navigate the Pandemic Together

Navigating a pandemic with a four-generation family bubble has its ups and downs. Kimberley Goode, senior vice president of External Affairs at Blue Shield of California, has experienced it first-hand while sheltering at home with her mother, her grandmother and her college-age daughter, along with her husband.

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the biggest adjustment came when Goode's employer shifted all but essential office workers to work from home full time in March of 2020. When that shift began, Goode started working at her dining room table, competing with family members for WiFi and trying to keep the home quiet while navigating video calls with coworkers.

She also had to take on caregiving duties, assisting her 75-year-old mother and her 95-year-old grandmother to avoid the risks of having home-health worker visits. That meant squeezing in meal planning and medication distribution between work meetings and taking on responsibility for helping her grandmother get dressed and ready for the day.

"Becoming a hands-on elder caregiver required me to coordinate my calendar to manage both home and work responsibilities," Goode says. "It meant planning for quick breaks throughout the day to step away from work to do what was needed at home."

After a few months, it became clear that she would not be returning to the office any time soon,

and home and work were colliding.

To get her arms around everything on her plate, Goode needed to establish a more permanent workspace with separation from home life and more organizing tools. She ordered a whiteboard to keep track of projects, borrowed her grandmother's antique desk and set it up in the corner of the living room. Her new workspace is flanked by two windows that provide natural light and a bird's eye view of package deliveries, now that most shopping is being done online.

Goode believes that managing through the pan-

don't. Business leaders should consider these unique differences, as we set expectations for productivity and success."

Personal self-care is important at any time in your life, Goode emphasizes, but never more so than now. Listen to your body, she says. "I take micro-breaks during the workday. I walk down the driveway to pick up the mail or enjoy a few minutes of sunshine in my backyard. After work, I unwind mentally by riding my bike, walking, gardening, or watching movies."

Goode acknowledges that her family has been

grandmother didn't hesitate to get vaccinated when it was recently their turn.

"When I asked their

their turn. To help drive acceptance, she leads the communication, education and equity workstreams for

year, there are many lessons she's learned as a leader.

"Although my mom and grandmother lived with us



Wanda Crews (left) and Selma Riley, mother and grandmother of Kimberley Goode, got their COVID-19 vaccines with enthusiasm and no side effects.



Kimberley Goode, senior vice president, Blue Shield of California (back row, middle), is surrounded by daughters Krystalyn (right) and Kaylyn (left), grandmother Selma (front row, left), and mother Wanda (right).

demic has made her a better family member and corporate leader. "I'm more empathetic, and more conscious of what's important and what's not," she explains. "I understand how dynamics in every household can impact what colleagues may need from me. For instance, parents who transport young children to and from day care or school have very different schedule needs than people who

fortunate this past year. "We have no cases of COVID in our family, and we haven't been isolated or lonely because of our multi-generational household. And we've learned lessons that we'll take forward into our future -into our post-pandemic lives."

When Goode thinks about post-pandemic life, she is grateful for the hope that COVID-19 vaccines bring. Both her mom and

doctors about possible side effects from the vaccine, they were very clear that there was a far greater risk of them dying from COVID-19 with their age and underlying conditions than any side effect from the vaccine," she says. "We trust our doctors, made appointments and both are now vaccinated with no issues at all."

On a personal and professional level, Goode hopes that others in the African American community will also jump at the opportunity to be vaccinated when it's

Blue Shield in its role as the third-party administrator for the state of California's vaccine program.

"The disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on the African American community is exacerbating health inequity that already exists," she says. "At Blue Shield, we want to do everything we can to accelerate the equitable distribution of the vaccine and to ensure we reach communities that are disproportionately affected."

As Goode reflects on sheltering-in-place for a

prior to COVID-19, the pandemic helped me appreciate spending more time together as a family," Goode explains. "It has also taught me valuable lessons as a corporate executive and woman managing multiple family obligations. It has reminded me that business leadership can -- and must -- evolve with the times. Most important, it has reaffirmed the power that family love has to keep everyone strong, both mentally and physically, especially during difficult times."

As Stimulus Checks Go Out, Beware Scammers, Says FTC

BY QUINCI LEGARDYE
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New rounds of COVID-19 stimulus checks are either incoming or have already reached the pockets of eligible Californians -- either through the federal American Rescue Plan or the Golden State Stimulus. With the cash

"There are definitely scams where people are pretending to be a government agency or your family member or somebody that you're in love with. They sometimes have just enough information about you to make it feel like it's real, or they try to threaten you and make it feel really urgent. They say that you're

The FTC is already seeing fraud schemes related to the upcoming federal stimulus checks, which the IRS began distributing last weekend after President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan into law on Mar 12.

"We're seeing that scammers are calling and texting, emailing and even messaging people on social media, to try to get people to pay to get their stimulus check. You don't have to pay to get the stimulus check, and you don't have to give your information to anybody. It's all happening automatically," says Leach.

Non-stimulus specific fraud has also been on the rise during COVID, including fake COVID-related treatments, counterfeit personal protective equipment and fake work-from-home offers. According to Leach, one warning sign is the method of payment.

"I think the other thing that's really important for people to know is that no one legitimate will ever demand that you pay by gift card, by cryptocurrency, or by wiring money. It's always a scam. No matter what the story is, if they're saying you have to pay one of those ways, it's a scam," says Leach.

Consumers who want to stay updated about fraud that has been reported and confirmed by the FTC can find information on the agency's consumer website. As for people who have already fallen for fraud, Leach recommends both reporting the scammer to the FTC and talking with members of their community about the scheme.

Leach says, "A lot of people know a lot about

scams, they really do, but people get embarrassed. Scammers are professionals, they are really good at what they do. Talking about

scams both helps protect you and your community. If you've gotten the call, half your friends have too. If you thought about paying some-

body, half your friends did too. It's really valuable to let the light in on what's going on, because that helps slow down the scammers."



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coming in, the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is warning the general public about an expected wave of fraud targeting peoples' stimulus cash.

Reports of fraud have risen throughout the country over the last year since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. While fraudsters target the public at-large, a 2016 FTC report found that African Americans and Latinos are more likely to become victims of fraud than Whites. The same report emphasized the importance of consumer education in Black and Brown communities, so that people can recognize fraud schemes before they lose money.

The types of fraud are wide ranging, according to Jennifer Leach, director of the Division of Consumer and Business Education at the U.S. Federal Trade Commission.

going to lose your social security number if you don't pay them, which is not going to happen, or that someone that you love is going to be in trouble," says Leach.

The pandemic may have also caused the general public to become more susceptible to fraud, according to Leach, possibly due to heightened levels of stress and anxiety.

"It's hard to get the message about fraud across to people when they're feeling alone or worried or just anxious about people they care about or their own financial security. People who are worried about their income or jobs, or how they're going to make rent, may be at greater risk for scams simply because they are worried, and so scammers who get hold of them and threaten them with things have a bigger impact on them," says Leach.

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Goldman Sachs Financial Group Commits \$10 Billion in Investment Capital to Impact One Million Black Women

BY BETTI HALSELL
Contributing Writer

The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. has been the leading financial institution since 1869; starting from their New York base, they developed a global reach with offices established all around the world. The firm's key to success is adaptability; their humanitarian acts reflect their state of constant growth in social accountability. On March 10, the Goldman Sachs financial group announced their One Million Black Women initiative; an investment promising \$10 billion dollars will be funneled to support Black women for over the next 10 years.

Sitting at the head of the Goldman Sachs institution is CEO David Solomon. He has made investing in women-led business a priority since 2008. Solomon is taking it a step further with the One Million Black Women directive. According to the featured article in *Essence*, Solomon stated, "Given all that's happened over the course of the last year, we've done a lot of talking at the firm—and even more listening—to help us figure out how we can do more to end the racial inequity and the gaps that have existed in society for well too long."

The CEO explained the initiative is looking to create an environment of inclusion and commit to providing resources for underrepresented groups such as Black women busi-

ness owners. Solomon elaborated on the amount of \$10 billion dollars reflecting their commitment to the long-standing



Goldman Sachs CEO David Solomon

growth and development that will need to take place within the collective community.

President and CEO of the National Urban League, Marc Morial, sits on the One Million Black Women Council. Morial has advocated for the advancement of Black women; he is fully aware of the power in their perspective. Morial told *Essence*, "Black women have always been a force in our communities and are now emerging even more with the power and position they deserve," he continued, "They are voters and drivers of consumer tastes. Black women are also drivers of culture, including fashion, music, and the arts, and now are making an undeniable impact on politics."

The Goldman Sachs joined roundtables that

focused on the barriers Black women face as entrepreneurs, and how targeted investments can work as a bridge to equality. Their



CEO of the National Urban League Marc Morial

compass in navigating through directive comes from Goldman's relationship, such as Black women's organizations such as Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., National Council of Negro Women, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Black Women's Roundtable and the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, Power Rising, Walker's Legacy Foundation, The Links, Inc., and the Sistahs in Business Expo.

Joining the National Urban League CEO in the One Million Black Women council include: Secretary Condoleezza Rice, actress and producer Issa Rae, Apple Vice President of Environment, Policy, and Social Initiative, Valerie B. Jarrett and many more.

Other organizations such as The National Coalition on Black Civic Participation and The Studio Museum in Harlem will be

represented; contributing to the navigation of the directive as it develops over a 10-year span. Gold Sachs is planning to collaborate with Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the Hope Enterprise Corporation.

Morial continued to break down the significance of Black women in the workforce, quoting his statement from the previous mentioned source, "...Black women are emerging in a place of power in American life that is long overdue. So to focus on an initiative like this, against the backdrop of facing double barriers of race and gender, is timely, critical and necessary."

Co-founder of Bake Me Happy, Letha Pugh has felt the benefits of one of Goldman's small business-focused initiatives; her

business grew significantly; she credited the success in working under the guidance of Goldman's 10,000 Small Business Program. Pugh stated to *Essence*, "...I believe because I had assistance from Goldman Sachs that I didn't go into panic mode. I just went into, Okay. I remember in a specific module, we talked about all the different ways our businesses could be successful."

The One Million Black Women directive is derived from social research demonstrating that Black women are a solid investment, Gizelle George-Joseph, global chief operating officer of the Global Investment Research Division for Goldman Sachs told the previous mentioned source, "If we equalize Black women's positions, because Black women are one of the most marginalized groups in this country, then it's an economy that's working for everybody. What we found from our analysis was that reducing the gaps that Black women experience would actually increase U.S. GDP by at least \$300 billion a year..."

The financial institution found through their previous partnerships with entrepreneurs, that the initial business grew, in addition to creating jobs and overall growth within diverse communities. The \$10 billion dollars in support in Black women will nourish the idea of racial equity by providing more

resources, driving economic progress for the U.S. as a whole.

Margaret Anadu, global head of sustainability and impact for Asset Management explained to *Essence* why there is a focus on the growth of Black women in Business, "How we hire women, how we retain women, how we promote women, how we invest in their companies—this is a massive cultural issue with deep roots." Anadu acknowledge the opportunity that is seen in society and it is a shared responsibility to be inclusive.

According to the official press release, Solomon stated, "Our newly published research, 'Black Womenomics,' suggests that no investment could have a bigger impact than unlocking the economic potential of Black women." Transparency is going to be a vital measurement in tracking the investments and the results will be shared publicly.

Solomon continued, "In the face of significant disparities, they've shown admirable resilience, especially as they're starting businesses faster than anyone else in the U.S. Building on our 20-year history of investing in female entrepreneurs and underserved communities—we are now proud to partner with Black female-led organizations and an outstanding advisory council to invest in opportunities to unlock their economic and leadership potential."

Come July, California Will Swap Juvenile Jails for Reform-Minded Rehab Centers

BY ALDON THOMAS STILES
California Black Media

Starting in July, California's youth prisons will no longer be accepting new inmates, with a few exceptions. The state is moving most of the estimated 750 children it currently houses in its three remaining detention centers to rehabilitation facilities.

In California, the percentage of Black youth among incarcerated juveniles in California is nearly six times the percentage of African American children in the state. Children serving time in juvenile prisons are 30% Black and about 60% Latino even though African Americans account for nearly 6% of California's total population of about 40 million people. Latinos make up about 39%.

Once the state shuts down the juvenile prisons it currently operates, youth convicted of violating California law will be subject to the local county rehabilitation rules that will be set up in the jurisdiction where the young person commits the crime. The newly formed California Office of Youth and Community Restoration is sending hundreds of millions of dollars in grants to the state's 58 counties to fund the creation of the programs that are replacing youth detention centers.

"We have learned a great deal about what youth rehabilitation may truly look like; this includes trauma informed programming, mental health resources, ways to address issues like substance abuse, de-escalation, stronger academic supports, family

counseling, and so on," Assemblymember Mike Gipson (D-Carson) told California Black Media.

"This approach is a reimagining of care needed to eliminate the school-to-prison pipeline," continued Gipson, who is chair of the Assembly Democratic Caucus and represents a district that covers parts of Los Angeles County, including Compton, Dominguez Hills, Watts and sections of Long Beach.

California's current push decarcerate youth was preceded by widespread calls for criminal justice reform in the state and several pieces of corresponding legislation proposed by several lawmakers. California Legislative Black Caucus members Sen. Steven Bradford (D-Inglewood), Assemblymember Kevin McCarty (D-

Sacramento) and Gipson were among the legislators who championed the reforms.

Gov. Newsom signed the bills into law last year.

"We heard those calls for action loud and clear and today are advancing reforms to improve policing practices by ending the carotid hold and requiring independent investigations in officer-involved shootings," Newsom said in September of 2020 as he signed the bills. The carotid hold is a maneuver that restricts blood flow to the brain, causing a victim to become unconscious or even die.

Newsom also made it a point to mention that stakeholders on all sides of the youth imprisonment problem are involved in rethinking what juvenile justice should look like in California.

"Working with our youth, faith and community leaders, law enforcement, the legislature and countless others demanding change, my Administration remains committed to the important work ahead to make our criminal and juvenile justice systems fairer and safer for all Californians," Newsom said.

Jamilia Land is a Sacramento resident, member of the Abolish Slavery National Network (ASNN) and founder of A.S.A.P., an organization focused on assisting children who have run-ins with the criminal justice system. She described the minors she encountered through her program's outreach.

"The majority of the youth that we work with come from lower income, impoverished communities," Land said. "Often-times, these youths have experienced being in foster care, being raised by a third-party adult -- not a biological



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mother or father. A lot of these children are being raised by extended family." Land says youth imprisonment is not a coincidence or unfortunate consequence, but an essential function built into the structure of a flawed juvenile justice system.

"It was designed to incarcerate anyone who's impoverished or of color in this country. We often hear that the system is broken, it's not. It's doing exactly what it was meant to do," Land said.

Over the years, many California-based organizations have worked to remedy the problem of youth incarceration. One of them is the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights. The national organization, headquartered in Oakland, celebrated the state's decision to replace juvenile prisons with rehab centers.

"Since 2001, the Ella Baker Center has highlighted the abuses of the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to young people and their communities through the Books Not Bars campaign which successfully fought to close five of the eight California youth prisons, resulting in an 85% reduction in the youth prison population," reads the organization's website.

Gipson was sure to note the importance of organizations like the Ella Baker Center.

"The value of grassroots initiatives and organizations

often behind them is critical from an effective advocacy lens gathering interests of our communities," Gipson stated. "Those who practice in these spaces are boots on the ground and play a key role as change agents when change is needed."

But however historic and radical this change might seem to many, youth advocates like Land remain cautious. She says "half measures" may not be enough to solve deeply entrenched problems.

"There is no redesigning the system. There is deconstructing it and reconstructing components that actually promote safety and overall community wealth," warns Land. "The prison industrial complex is now being reshaped and refashioned to look like rehabilitation. Don't be deceived, it is still the same thing."

Gipson, on the other hand, remains optimistic about the future of the juvenile justice system.

"Yes, of course I am optimistic moving these youth out of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and into the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Department of Social Services (DSS) because they will have a better understanding of what Justice Involved Youth need. They will be able to provide them with a more well-rounded approach to focus on rehabilitation and less on punishment," Gipson said.



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Non-Profit Organizations Discuss Budget Plan that Address Highly Impacted Communities: Making Los Angeles Whole

BY BETTI HALSELL
Contributing Writer

The voice of South L.A. was amplified by community leaders on March 10, at the “Making Los Angeles Whole” round table discussion. They spoke candidly about the means of a financial arrangement for the anticipated \$1 billion dollars coming from federal assistance. Public leadership from diversified organizations dissected the needs of each community and presented an investment plan to address issues impacting impoverished and working-class families.

The conversation was geared towards re-imagining life in the wake of a global pandemic, and the opportunities in growing a more connected Los Angeles. Southern and Eastern parts of L.A. have seen an extremely disproportionate impact due to COVID-19; as the viral pandemic changed the way Los Angeles operates, many who were below the poverty fell deeper in harsher conditions.

According to the Making Los Angeles Whole press release, they conducted a study through Advancement Project CA that concluded, “African Americans and Latinos, who are the primary demographic of South L.A., East San Fernando Valley, and East L.A.—have among the highest COVID-19 death rates, and East L.A. ZIP codes rank among the highest in the state for risks of infection, deaths, and a longer economic recovery.”

Making Los Angeles Whole is a radical recovery plan for all Angelenos, looking to resolve pre-existing problems that are now exasperated. The most vulnerable residents are feeling the hardships and trauma in various ways; Angelenos



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have been leaning on each other to survive.

The community organizations that connected on March 10, included Community Coalition, Brotherhood Crusade, Inncity Struggle (ICS), and SEIU local 2015. In unity, these organizations “demand that Los Angeles leaders adopt an equitable funding plan that is reflective of our communities and core values one year after COVID-19.”

COVID-19 has provided a moment of clarity; it has created a clear view of what class brackets have been heavily affected by this global pandemic. Members of multiple organizations represented the severely impacted residents in South Los Angeles. They formed the multi-layered directive, allocating a well calculated budget to aid the South Los Angeles community.

The mission of the meeting was to provide a clear understanding of an equitable spending plan. Making Los Angeles Whole believes “the city must be intentional in directing this investment towards poor communities and working-class families across the city, which have been hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Alberto Retana, presi-

dent & CEO, Community Coalition was joined by Charisse Bremond-Weaver, president & CEO, Brotherhood Crusade, Maria Brenes, executive director, Inncity Struggle and April Verrett, president, SEIU Local 2015 to discuss the history of inequality found within Black and Brown communities. They dissected discriminatory encryption found within current zoning and planning decisions.

South Los Angeles leaders spoke with sincerity as they outlined the funding needed for different issues. Making Los Angeles Whole covered a variety of issues stemming from diverse demographics. They are looking for the city to allocate appropriate funding to assist residents who are barely surviving the COVID-19 outbreak.

The benefit of non-profit organizations collaborating is that each taking a magnified look in various issues; to promote better quality of life for all Angelenos. The Inncity struggle (ICS) mission is to create an influential movement among the East-side of L.A.; they look to build up neighborhoods such as Boyle Heights, unincorporated East Los Angeles, El Sereno, and Lincoln Heights.

ICS plans to create its own “stimulus” aid for over 200 families to account for the exclusion found in undocumented immigrants from prior federal aid. They have supported over 480 low-income, majority Latinx and immigrant families in East Los Angeles. ICS has given away \$370,000 in cash assistance to local families, assisting with rent and utilities.

The Brotherhood crusade looks to assist individuals to surmount barriers and provide resources that facilitates better quality of life. The Brotherhood crusade and the ICS are familiar with one another; they worked together with Community Coalition (CoCo) and raised \$400,000 to support virtual learning in South and East Los Angeles.

CoCo assists with bringing awareness around the economic conditions in South L.A.; they look to build up the region and influence inclusivity within public policy. CoCo has been engaging with its members since the dawn of this pandemic. Dating back to March 16, the organization

has been on the frontlines, providing water, personal protective gear, and toiletries directly with the community.

The SEIU local 2015 represented California’s Long Term Care workers; it’s an organization that harnesses the power of collective support and technology to bring on long-standing transformational change for a more just society. During the pandemic, SEIU local 2015 donated over \$500,000 to organizations throughout California.

Initiated through the Biden American Rescue Act, the city could receive a direct infusion of \$1.3 billion. Making Los Angeles Whole addressed the budget gaps across various impacted communities in L.A. The conversation was an “official call for help, for the families and communities.” The non-profit organization leaders are presenting budgets that would cover a resident for two years.

Collectively, the non-profit organizations are asking for \$1 billion to be invested into working-class families that have been hit the hardest; the formula developed is targeting the aide to improve resources for those most vulnerable.

The funds are looking to be distributed through family care, creating a budget of \$250 million for child and elderly assistance. Adjusted within the plan is to encourage more community engagement as the result of increased funds.

The second part of the requested budget plan is tethered to resources that would increase equity for women. The unified groups

requested, “no less than \$100 million to support women for training, finding employment, and supporting women-owned small businesses and women-led non-profit organizations.” Bremond-Weaver, representing the presence of the Brotherhood Crusade organization, stated, “As a Black woman, Brotherhood Crusade has been working this entire time through this pandemic. We were fortunate to get PPE support but we know in our city, that we cannot move forward unless women get back to work.”

Another major angle of the budget plan is allocating \$250 million to launch a comprehensive “local housing stability program” that looks to cancel rent debt, suspend rent payments for qualifying families, and strengthen mortgage protections, in addition to providing support to vulnerable landlords.

Brenes, from ICS stated, “The impact of the pandemic has exasperated the housing burden on low-income families in the most impacted communities.” She continued, “The new funding we are stating should be used to establish a local fund to provide financial relief to certain qualifying households.”

Los Angeles has worked as an example for progressive thinking; the unified non-profit organizations are looking to keep the city accountable to create refuge for all Angeleno residents during this state of crisis. The strategy they propose insinuates bold solutions and provides a space for severe levels of inequity to be addressed.

House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn (D-SC) and George Floyd Family to Receive the NNPA Fund 2021 Newsmaker of the Year Award

NNPA NEWSWIRE

The National Newspaper Publishers Association Fund (NNPAF) BLACK PRESS WEEK will honor the George Floyd Family and House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn (D-SC) with the Newsmaker of the Year Award for Leadership during its two-day virtual conference on Thursday, March 18, at noon.

The NNPAF is honored to recognize the George

Press of America is honored to recognize their achievements and express our gratitude for their heroic efforts to improve the quality of life of all Americans.”

This year’s virtual Black Press Week theme is “BLACK BUSINESS Challenges, Responsibilities, and Opportunities Amidst COVID-19 Pandemic.” The two-day conference will be held Thursday, March 18, and Friday, March 19, from 11:00, am (EST) to 1:00 pm

ness Committee and ranking member of the Subcommittee on Economic, Growth and Capital Access. The two high-ranking legislators will address the plans Congress is developing to help Black-owned businesses cope with various economic issues.

On Friday, the second workshop will concentrate on alternative funding for Black newspapers, including representatives from digital companies including Google, Facebook, and Borealis, that invest in non-profit and for-profit media organizations.

The cornerstone of Black Press Week is the Enshrinement Ceremony. This year, Carter Walker Wesley (1892-1969), an American lawyer, newspaperman, and political activist from Houston, Texas, will be enshrined in the Black Press Archives and Gallery of Distinguished Black Publishers housed at the Moreland Spingarn Research Center at Howard University.

Black Press Week is held annually to honor the nation’s first Black-owned newspaper – Freedom’s Journal – first published on March 16, 1827. Previous NNPAF Newsmakers of the Year include Attorney Ben Crump, Civil Rights Activist Al Sharpton, Senator Kamala Harris, Senator Barack Obama, the Trayvon Martin family and many more.

To attend Black Press Week activities, go to: <https://virtualnnpa2021.com/>.



James E. Clyburn (D-SC) and George Floyd

Floyd Family for their collective effort for social justice, and their leadership on the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act recently passed in the U.S. House of Representatives. Majority Whip James E. Clyburn, a former publisher and the highest-ranking African American in Congress, will be awarded the Newsmaker of the Year Award for his pivotal role in galvanizing the Black vote across America.

NNPA Fund Chair Pluria Marshall Jr., CEO of the Wave Publications, based in California, stated, “These two awardees are dedicated to advancing the progress of Black people. The Black

(EST).

Reportedly, 40% of Black-owned businesses have closed their doors permanently as a result of the pandemic. The challenge now is to sustain the remaining 60% struggling to survive during these uncertain times. Black newspapers are Black businesses that are experiencing similar obstacles created by COVID-19.

Because of this shared burden, the NNPA Fund’s first workshop on Thursday will feature U.S. Congressman and House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn (D-SC) and U.S. Congressman Dwight Evans (D-PA), a member of the Small Busi-

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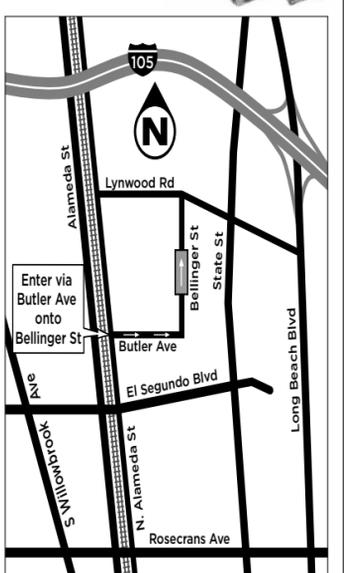
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Compton College Supporting the Health, Wellness, and Educational Needs of our Community



Compton College Associated Student Body members play an important role on campus including coordinating student activities and representing student views on important issues. Applications for 2021 ASB Offices are due March 31, 2021. ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF COMPTON COLLEGE.

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family obligations.

How are we facing these challenges?

How can we help? I think about this question every day. After students are enrolled, how do we support students so they can be successful and complete their studies? For the past year, we have created plans and programs that enhance academic and student services, such as online tutoring, counseling, and workshops. Our support extends outside the boundaries of schoolwork, with the goal of eliminating barriers to their education. This past fall, we registered 288 new students for laptop loans, serving a total of 574 students in this program. Our Wi-Fi hot spot loan program logged similar numbers. Students

rely on this technology to participate in virtual classrooms and to complete their coursework. We also provided free food delivery to students, including over 5,150 Everytable meals and 510 UberEats vouchers.

More than 80 students accessed Edquity emergency grants this past fall, and 711 students received Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act emergency grants. In total, for the past year, we have distributed \$1.3 million in emergency grants.

As we begin to receive the additional funding from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) II and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, we will utilize half of those funds to provide emergency grants and additional support to

address our students' housing and food insecurities. We anticipate disbursing \$8 million in emergency aid to Compton College students through September 30, 2023.

COVID and vaccines in our community

In the news and numerous research studies, we also see how our Compton community faces a higher risk of COVID-19 infections and complications from the disease. A recent report further highlights the deep inequities in Los Angeles County's COVID-19 vaccine rollout and shows Compton among the very lowest rate of those vaccinated. In Compton, records showed that only 5% of residents had received the first dose of the vaccine compared to 25% in areas such as Beverly Hills.

How are we responding

to COVID and vaccines in our community?

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and distribution of vaccines, we are providing a safe and healthy environment, from offering ongoing COVID-19 testing for employees and students to making the COVID-19 vaccine available to community members. This opportunity was provided in partnership with Jim Mangia, President & CEO, St. John's Well Child & Family Center, and Holly J. Mitchell, Los Angeles County Supervisor for the Second District. St. John's Well Child & Family Center is using our on-campus health center as a vaccination pod, offering 2,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine each week to all groups in Phase 1A, as well as all groups, Phase 1B, Tier 1, according to Los Angeles County COVID-19 vaccination distribution guidelines. We are sharing vaccine information to the mailboxes of all district residents via postcards that also promote our spring 2021 second-eight-week session, which begins on Saturday, April 17, 2021. By providing the COVID-19 vaccine at our on-campus health center to our community, we are addressing the inequities.

How can you help?

Compton College has a rich history of providing services to students throughout Los Angeles County, many of you attended Compton College,

or a family member or a friend attended Compton College. We need your help letting others know about Compton College and the many opportunities and supports that are available to Compton College students. We have courses available for the spring 2021 second-eight-week session, which begins on Saturday, April 17, 2021. Help us tell our story, consider enrolling at Compton College, tell family members, your neighbors, and your friends about enrolling at Compton College. For more information on Compton College and to register for classes, please visit our website at www.compton.edu.

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Dr. Keith Curry is the President of the Compton College and CEO of the Compton Community College District. Compton College is the 114th California Community College. Dr. Curry is responsible for overseeing all departments and functions of Compton College and the District and serves as secretary for the CCCD Board of Trustees. He brings an abundance of energy and innovative ideas to Compton College, along with a wealth of experience as a postsecondary education administrator. Dr. Curry earned his doctorate in educational leadership from



While the Compton College campus remains closed to the public, the majority of classes are available online through summer 2021. Eight-week spring classes begin April 19, registration available online 24/7 at www.compton.edu.

Closing

This is important work, and it is my honor to serve our community and our students. By offering our support on several levels, we can contribute to the health and safety of all. Please encourage individuals to register now for Compton College classes

the University of California, Irvine, and a bachelor's degree in American studies from the University of California, Santa Cruz. Dr. Curry is an adjunct faculty member for the College of Educational at California State University, Fullerton.

Maxine Waters Brings Home the Money with American Rescue Plan!

Help is on the Way!

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"To be specific, this bill provides a \$1400 direct payment, expands the child tax credit from \$2000 to \$3000 per child and directs the Treasury Secretary to issue the credit as an advance monthly payment for some parents, and \$130 billion to help safely reopen our nation's schools. The bill also provides \$300 of federal unemployment benefits per week until September 6. In addition to the \$25 billion in emergency rental assistance I secured in the December

package, as Chairwoman of the House Financial Services Committee, I also worked extremely hard to secure \$27.5 billion in additional assistance for renters and \$10 billion in direct assistance to homeowners in this bill. This is going to help people remain housed until our nation emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic, and provides support to all, including mom-and-pop landlords who have been suffering.

"For all of us, this month marks a year to the date at which life drastically

changed. We lost the ability to visit with many of our loved ones, social distancing measures became widespread, and many other normal parts of our lives came to a screeching halt. With this rescue package, we can begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

"Not only will your pockets directly benefit from the bill, but there is also substantial funding to help our nation rebuild. The package includes \$20 billion to enable more people to get vaccinated quickly, \$350 billion for state and lo-

cal governments to continue important services, \$7.25 billion for small businesses and nonprofits to have increased access to the paycheck protection program, and \$28.66 billion for a restaurant revitalization fund.

"From the very beginning of this pandemic, despite Republican obstruction, Democrats have worked every single day to deliver this type of relief that assists you, my and helps to get our nation on a path to a speedy recovery. Along with President Biden and Vice President Harris, I



President Joe Biden and Congresswoman Maxine Waters (CA-43)

made getting this type of assistance to you my number one priority, and I will continue to advocate on behalf of your needs as we move forward.

"As always, let us remain vigilant and let us follow all of the latest Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention guidance to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and defeat this pandemic. With President Biden having signed the bill, I look forward to relief reaching our communities soon."

Jamie Foxx Lends Voice To PSA To Increase Awareness Of Colorectal Cancer

CITY NEWS SERVICE

Academy Award winner Jamie Foxx has joined Stand Up To Cancer for a public service campaign launched today to raise awareness about colorectal cancer screenings, early detection and prevention, with a focus on reaching underrepresented communities.

Stand Up To Cancer and Exact Sciences, a provider of cancer screening and diagnostic tests, timed the release of a public service announcement starring Foxx to coincide with Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. The PSA, in both English and Spanish, will be placed across print, broadcast, radio and digital outlets.

"Cancer affects everyone. I've lost good friends -- young friends -- to this deadly disease," Foxx said.

"We need to make sure that we are taking care of our bodies, paying attention to certain things, that you didn't necessarily think about when

you were younger," the actor said. "Medical issues come up and you may not know what's at your disposal, so that is why I am proud to shine a light on the importance of getting screened for colon cancer early and bring awareness to the options that are available with this PSA campaign."

In 2020, nearly 148,000 Americans received a new diagnosis of colon or rectal cancer, according to Stand Up To Cancer, which notes that Black people have the highest colorectal cancer rates of any ethnic group in the

United States. They are 20% more likely to get colorectal cancer and 40% more likely to die from it than any other population. And research has shown that colorectal cancer screening rates are the lowest in Hispanic communities, with Black and Hispanic people typically being diagnosed at a later stage in the disease when it is more difficult to



Jamie Foxx attends a special screening of "Robin Hood" at AMC Loews Lincoln Square on Nov. 11, 2018 in New York. EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION/AP

treat.

"We are so thankful to Jamie Foxx for lending his voice to this campaign. We have seen a sharp drop in screenings as a result of COVID-19, and this compounds an already significant screening disparity in minority communities," said Sung Poblete, CEO of Stand Up To Cancer.

"With routine screening, colorectal cancer is one of the most preventable cancers," Poblete said. "It's beatable in 90% of cases when detected

early, and lives can be saved with just one simple step. People must get screened!"

Kevin Conroy, chairman and CEO of Exact Sciences, said: "Providing personalized outreach and making it easier to get people screened is vital, especially in minority communities."

The PSA campaign is part of a larger initiative between SU2C and Exact Sciences, which provided a \$10 million grant to enable the nonprofit to create a

colorectal cancer "Dream Team" of researchers that will identify communities near anchor institutions serving medically underserved communities.

The team will help pinpoint unique local needs of those areas and will provide free colorectal cancer testing in the identified zones and study samples collected via approved tests for colorectal cancer, including colonoscopy, CT

colonography, flexible sigmoidoscopy and at-home stool tests that analyze fecal DNA and/or blood. The research will aim to develop better approaches to colorectal cancer interception, according to SU2C.

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Biden: States Should Open Vaccinations to All Adults by May 1

By STACY M. BROWN
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National Correspondent

Just hours after signing into law his massive \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan, President Joe Biden addressed the nation and announced the implementation of his next phase of a national strategy to put the pandemic in the country's rear-view mirror.

The President declared that he would direct states, tribes, and territories to make all adults eligible for the coronavirus vaccine by May 1.

In his first prime-time address since taking over the Oval Office, President Biden proclaimed a goal of getting the nation closer to normal by the July 4 holiday.

"If we do our part, if we do this together, by July 4, there's a good chance you, your families, and friends will be able to get together in your backyard or in your neighborhood and have a cookout and a barbecue and celebrate Independence Day," he noted as he stared

firmly into the television camera.

Speaking from the East Room of the White House, President Biden said returning to normal requires everyone to continue wearing face coverings, social distancing, and getting vaccinated.

More than 529,000 Americans have died since the pandemic began, and nearly 30 million have contracted the virus.

"We all lost something," the President declared.

"A collective suffering, a collective sacrifice, a year filled with the loss of life. In the loss, we saw how much there was to gain. An appreciation, respect and gratitude," he uttered.

Within his first hours in office, President Biden launched a comprehensive strategy to defeat the pandemic. He noted that in the seven weeks since, the Administration has delivered more than 81 million vaccinations and more people can visit their loved ones again.

"There is more work to do," the President reminded

viewers.

He promised that the White House COVID-19 Response Team has concluded that the accelerated vaccination efforts will enable prioritized vaccinations that will prove far enough along by the end of April that officials could lift all eligibility restrictions at that time.

The President outlined a "ramped-up effort" to create more places for people to get vaccinated, enabling officials to reach those hardest hit and most challenging to reach.

Over the next six weeks, the Administration will deliver vaccines directly to up to an additional 700 community health centers that reach underserved communities, increasing the total number of participating community health centers across the country to 950, White House officials said.

The Administration also will double the number of pharmacies participating in the federal pharmacy program, making the vaccine available at more than 20,000 pharmacies in loca-



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tions convenient to all Americans.

Pharmacies are also directed to expand mobile operations into the hardest-hit communities to reach more people.

The Administration promises to more than double the number of federally run mass vaccination centers, run by FEMA, the U.S. military, and other federal agencies in partnership with states, to ensure that we

reach the hardest-hit communities in this historic effort.

"Finding light in the darkness is a very American thing to do," President Biden said.

He also used the national platform to denounce racism and hate crimes against Asian Americans, whom the previous Administration targeted as the cause of the pandemic.

"There have been

vicious hate crimes against Asian Americans who've been attacked, harassed, blamed, and scapegoated," President Biden remarked.

"At this very moment, so many of them, our fellow Americans, are on the front lines of this pandemic trying to save lives and still are forced to live in fear for their lives just walking down streets in America. "It's wrong, it's un-American, and it must stop."

Newly Sworn-In Sen. Sydney Kamlager Assigned to Serve on Eight Committees

By TANU HENRY
California Black Media

Last week, California Senate Pro-Tem Toni Atkins (D-San Diego), swore in former Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager (D-Los Angeles) as the state's newest and only Black woman senator.

The same day Atkins announced that she has also appointed Kamlager to eight committees in the upper house of the State Legislature.

"I was pleased to swear in our newest senator," Atkins said. "Sen. Kamlager is a dedicated public servant who has long fought for criminal justice reform, civil rights, women's rights, and the planet. I look forward to the addition of her passionate voice on the Senate floor."

In her new role, Kam-



lager represents the state's 30th Senate District. It stretches from downtown Los Angeles to South Los Angeles County and covers sections of Crenshaw, Inglewood, Ladera Heights and Culver City.

With her new Senate appointments, Kamlager will be serving on six standing committees. They are Appropriations; Budget and Fiscal Review; Governmental Organization; Human Services; Public Safety; and Rules. Atkins also assigned Kamlager to the Budget Subcommittee #4 on State Administration and General Government and to the Joint Committee on Rules.

"As I move forward to the Senate, I take with me the valuable perspectives of my Assembly colleagues & their districts," Kamlager tweeted. And I prom-

ise to continue to be a partner in equity, fairness, discussion, & debate, without judgement or polarization, for all Californians."

Kamlager also thanked her former Assembly colleagues for their support over the last two years and for welcoming her when she was first elected to serve in the lower house of the State Legislature in 2018.

California Senate Major leader Bob Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys) congratulated Kamlager and welcomed his newest colleague.

"Looking forward to seeing more of this dynamic leader in action," he said.

"Representation matters," Kamlager said earlier this month when she won a special election to become a state senator. "We know what happens when we don't have a seat at the

table. Policies and budgets fail us. Having a Black woman – a working mother – in the State Senate is critically important for perspective in the fight for recovery, justice, and equity."

Assemblymember Autumn Burke (D-Marina del Ray), who is now the only Black woman in the California Assembly after Kamlager's resignation -- and the only other African American woman in the State Legislature -- wished her friend and fellow California Legislative Black Caucus member well.

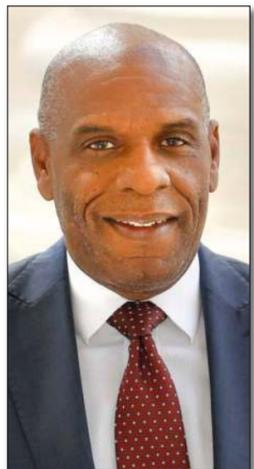
Burke posted and captioned a photo she took with Kamlager on the Assembly floor.

"Congratulations, Senator," Burke tweeted. "@SydneyKamlager and me in the assembly; last two Black women standing!"

California Cannabis Equity Program Provides Another \$15 Million in Funding, continuing Senator Bradford's Work on Cannabis Equity

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The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), in partnership with the Bureau of Cannabis Con-



California State Sennator Steve Bradford is Chair of the California Legislative Black Caucus and the Chair of the Senate Committee on Public Safety.

rol, announced a \$15 million grant award through the Cannabis Equity Grants Program for Local Jurisdictions. This program seeks to advance economic justice for populations and communities--disproportionately affected by cannabis prohibition--by providing funding to local

jurisdictions that are committed to promoting equity in the legal cannabis marketplace and eliminating barriers to entering this industry.

The California Cannabis Equity Act (SB 1294, Statutes of 2018, Chapter 794) created this program and was authored by Senator Steven Bradford (D-Gardena), who issued the following statement:

"I authored SB 1294 to respond to the inequity and injustice in a growing cannabis industry that excluded those most impacted by the systemic racism of the 'war on drugs,' which devastated the lives of millions of people of color. Cannabis equity grants help to reverse those injustices. It is great to see such massive interest in the program and the power of its continued success. This grant program must be one tool of many if we want to achieve equity.

But we cannot rest on our laurels. Our state must continue to expand equity and opportunities in this industry. We must assist local equity applicants with licensing fee waivers using a framework similar to one I created in 2019, given the hurdles those fees pose to

individuals. This year, I introduced legislation and am seeking budget appro-

priations to finally fund that initiative and deliver relief to those most impact-

ed by these fees."

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upon the \$30 million in cannabis equity funding awarded previously.

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Senate Confirms Marcia Fudge as HUD Secretary

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to the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic," Howell offered.

She continued. "In addition to dealing with the fallout from the pandemic-induced economic downturn, Rep. Fudge will have to clean up the housing policy mess left by the last administration.

"Black women and their families suffered immensely under Trump's housing policies, which weakened protections against discrimination. Now, HUD must clean house and get back to the



Marcia Fudge COURTESY PHOTO

business ensuring all U.S. residents have access to safe, affordable housing."

"In Our Own Voice praises the Senate's confirmation of Rep. Fudge and we encourage the senators to continue to confirm the president's other appointees.

"President Biden promised to have a cabinet that truly reflects the people of our country. A government by the people, for the people and of the people must include women and people of color — including the women

of color being held up by the Senate. Confirm them now."

Fudge, the former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, received a 66-34 vote in the Senate making her the first woman to serve as HUD secretary since 1979.

The Ohio-native becomes the second Black woman and the third woman ever to lead the department.

"I can think of no one better to lead us out of this pandemic and create strong communities

for the future than Marcia Fudge," Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, told The Hill.

"When she came before the [committee], Congresswoman Fudge's knowledge and passion for service, her commitment to the people who make this country work were obvious to all of us, Republicans and Democrats alike."

Governor Newsom Sets Date for 54th Assembly District Special Election

Former State Director to Vice President Kamala Harris, Heather Hutt Considered Favorite

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Holly Mitchell, won the seat to replace outgoing Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. Following Mitchell's historic election onto the now all female Board of Supervisors, the California Senate seat she previously held, became vacant. Shortly after Mitchell resigned and transitioned into the Supervisors seat, Assemblymember Kamlager-Dove announced her bid to fill Mitchell's vacated Senate seat. Kamlager-Dove easily cruised to victory in the March 2 election, with almost 70% of the district's votes in the special election. By winning the special election, Kamlager-Dove became the only African American woman in the California Senate, where she joined Senator Steve Bradford as one of only two African Americans in the California Senate. With Kamlager-Dove's move to the Senate, her 54th Assembly seat is now vacant and could now possibly be filled in the May 18 election, if any of the current candidates running can garner over 50% of the votes. If none of the candidates can garner 50% of the vote, a runoff would occur sometime in the Summer of 2020.

With Sydney Kamlager-Dove now moving over to the California Senate and with the appointment of former Assembly Member Shirley Weber to Secretary of State, Autumn Burke is the only African American woman now in the California Assembly. Governor Gavin Newsom's decision



Heather Hutt FILE PHOTOS

not to appoint an African American woman to fulfill Vice President Kamala Harris Senate seat, leaves only one African American woman in the California State Senate and only one African American woman in the California Assembly. Several community residents, as well as political, labor, and community leaders see filling the vacated 54th Assembly seat with another African American woman as a mandate in order to keep the balance of representation somewhat equal (there are currently eight African Americans in the California Legislature, six men and two women).

"The strides that woman have made in securing a voice in politics, both locally and nationally, has been unprecedented in the past few years. But we cannot rest on our laurels; we cannot afford to go backwards. The perspective, the voices, and the issues that Black women like former Senator Holly Mitchell and former Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager-Dove brought to the forefront, cannot be diminished. We still need that voice in Sacramento;

we still need that voice to help address the issues of working moms, of working families, of quality affordable health care, quality affordable childcare, or how to address homelessness and how to recover from the devastation of the pandemic. All of these issues can easily get lost if we don't have that voice and that perspective back at the table," stated Tracy Mitchell President of Mothers Action, a local, community-based organization servicing children and families in South Los Angeles.

Heather Hutt is the former State Director for Vice President Kamala Harris, back when she was in the U.S. Senate. Hutt was the first African American woman to hold this top executive staff position in the history of California. She declared she would seek to fill the 54th Assembly seat even before Senator Kamlager-Dove won her bid to move to the Senate. Now that Sydney has officially vacated the seat, Hutt has garnered an impressive list of supporters who have signed on in favor of Hutt for the 54th Assembly,

which makes her the clear and designated favorite to claim the seat. Almost every member of the California Legislative Black Caucus has endorsed Hutt for Assembly, including Assemblywoman Autumn Burke as well CLBC Chair Senator Steve Bradford and Progressive Caucus Chair Assemblyman Reggie Jones Sawyer, and CLBC mem-

ber Committee (LAAAW-PAC), and Los Angeles Black Pride and Promote have also endorsed Hutt for Assembly. The Latin-X community is also joining forces in support of Heather; she has gotten the endorsement of former Speaker John Perez, as well as Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia and Los Angeles City Council-

member Gil Cedillo, who has also served in both the California State Assembly and the California Senate.

"Heather Hutt is not new to the 54th District; she is not new to this community. She grew up right here in the community; she raised her three sons here in this district. She has always been someone who can and will get things done for people in this community. The only thing different is she will be the woman at the forefront of issues rather than as the woman working behind the scenes to get things done in this community, as she has done her entire life. It's her time, it's her turn," stated Charisse Bremond-Weaver, President of the Los Angeles Brotherhood Crusade.

Heather Hutt said she made the decision to run for the Assembly instead of joining her former boss in Washington, D.C., out of a life-long love for her community and a dedication to serving and uplifting those in need. "I grew up here, in Leimert Park. This is my neighborhood. Being in this community, I understand what's important, what leadership looks like and what the changes and challenges are. When you love where you are and you love your community, you want to share that love in your work as well as in your personal life," she said.



54th Assembly seat hopeful, Heather Hutt (right) FILE PHOTOS

bers, Mike Gipson and Jim Cooper.

To further demonstrate the broad coalition of support for Hutt, hundreds of women throughout the state, recently signed a letter in support of Heather Hutt for Assembly, as well as powerful labor and political coalitions, including the International Union of Operating Engineers, Black Women Organized for Political Action (BWOPA), several members of Los Angeles African American Women's Political Action

cilmember Gil Cedillo. "As Chair of the L.A. City Council's Housing Committee, I know firsthand how important it is that we elect candidates who are dedicated to creating more affordable housing solutions for Angelenos. I'm proud to support Heather Hutt because she shares this vision for a more proactive approach to addressing our region's homelessness crisis. Her perspective and experience in public service are greatly needed in Sacra-

Cal. Black Elected Officials Unite to "Crush Unfair" Effort to Recall Gov. Newsom

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across the state.

The two main organizations spearheading the recall effort, RescueCalifornia.org and RecallGavin2020.com, announced last week that they had collected the signatures of more than 2 million Californians for the petition they expect will soon trigger a recall election.

To begin the process of removing Newsom from office, the governors' opponents must collect 1.5 million signatures — or 12 % of the total number of people that voted in the last gubernatorial election. They must also submit the signatures to registrars in all 58 counties by close of business on March 17.

"This is the beginning. Let's hope this is the last time we come together to talk about this. But mark my words, if this recall does qualify, we will crush it because we will be united. We will not fall for a trick," said U.S. Congresswoman Karen Bass (D-CA-37), pointing out that Gov. Newsom has done nothing that should

warrant him being removed from office.

Bass said based on the price tag of past attempts to recall California governors, most recently Gov. Gray Davis in 2002, an election to remove Newsom from office would cost taxpayers over \$100 million.

A total of 9.4 million voters cast ballots in the special election that ended Davis' governorship.

Because the state, will hold a gubernatorial election next year, Bass says, it not fiscally responsible to hold one this year.

California's highest-ranking Black elected official U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA-13) said there is "no reason to recall the governor of the state of California."

"There will be an election in June 2022 and people will have a chance to vote. So, I urge everyone to join us in this unfair recall against Governor Newsom," she said.

Sen. Steve Bradford (D-Gardena) said Gov. Newsom has been a "friend of the African American com-

munity."

"This governor has stood with us on criminal justice reform. He has eliminated and paused executions because he realized the majority of people of death row are minorities — Black and Brown individuals who are over-sentenced and over-prosecuted all the time and many times are innocent," said Bradford. "So, we stand with this governor. He has stood with us."

So far, recall supporters say they have over 2 million signatures — well over the minimum required by the state. The Secretary of State's office has until April 29 to verify the signatures.

Many supporters of the recall effort say their plan to oust Newsom has been motivated largely by frustration over the strict coronavirus lockdown the governor imposed on the state. Some of the leading supporters are the California Republican Party, 2018 Republican gubernatorial candidate John Cox, former San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer and the Republican National Committee. Both Cox and

Faulconer have put their names forward to replace Newsom, if he's removed from office.

"We've proven we can win. And I did it twice in San Diego. San Diego's registration mirrors that of California — 24 % Republican — it's the same in San Diego as it was statewide," Faulconer said in an interview with the conservative magazine National Review. "So, I know how to build coalitions and win and get results. I know how to use the power of the bully pulpit to go out and win the argument publicly and then win the vote. That's what you have to do to be successful in California and you have to get not just Republicans but independents and a portion of Democrats as well."

But according to Ballotpedia, Republicans have had it in for Newsom for a while. This is the sixth recall attempt against Newsom since 2019. But the previous five weren't successful.

In addition to Bass, Lee and Bradford, the other African American California elected officials who joined

the media briefing to express their support for Newsom are: State Sen. Sydney Kamlager (D-Los Angeles); Assemblymembers Autumn Burke (D Inglewood), Reggie Jones-Sawyer (D-Los Angeles) and Mike Gipson (D-Carson); San Francisco Mayor London Breed; Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell; California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond; California Board of Equalization Member Malia Cohen; Antioch Mayor Lamar Thorpe; Los Angeles City Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas; and Los Angeles City Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson.

Gov. Newsom, who has said very little publicly about the recall, spoke up in an email to supporters Monday.

"I am not going to take this recall attempt lying down," Newsom said. "I'm going to fight because there's too much at stake in this moment."

The governor also took to Twitter.

"I won't be distracted by this partisan, Republican recall — but I will fight it," he tweeted. Get-

ting Californians vaccinated, our economy safely reopened, and our kids back in school are simply too important to risk."

Breed said Newsom had led the state through a difficult time. She said Newsom showed more leadership than former President Donald Trump. According to Breed, Trump had abandoned San Francisco during the early days of the coronavirus pandemic. She dismissed the recall effort as a "right-wing attack."

In Washington, Sens. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Bernie Sanders (D-VT), Alex Padilla (D-CA) and Cory Booker (D-NJ) all came out in full-throated support of Newsom the same afternoon. Shortly after, Georgia Democrat Stacey Abrams also voiced her support for California's governor.

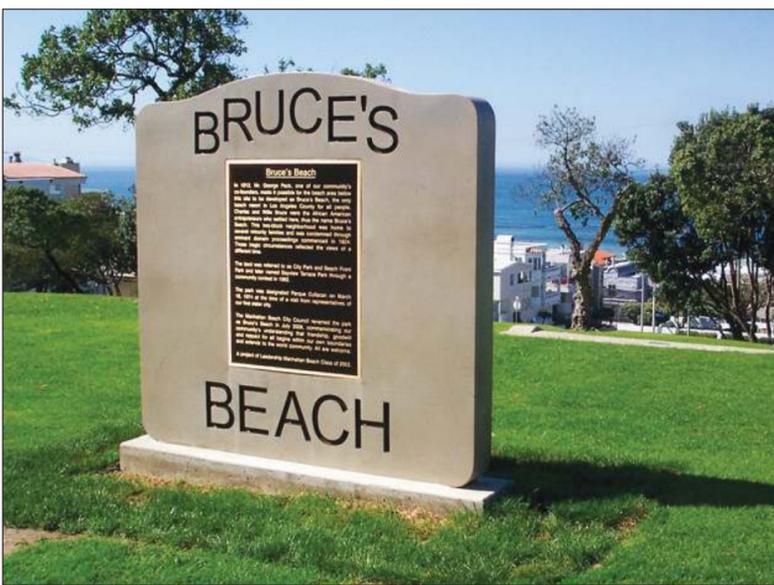
"This governor was duly elected and deserves to serve his full term," said Cohen. "A recall is the ultimate statement of voter suppression. Citizens of California came together and voted disproportionately to support Gov. Newsom. It is our duty to fight this baseless, senseless recall."

Los Angeles County Looks to Return Black-Owned Beach Front Land to Descendants of Original Owners

BY BETTI HALSELL
Contributing Writer

Bruce's Beach has a historical past, one that is similar to other dark chapters found in the context of the American story. The ocean wave plot was named after the original owners, Willa and Charles Bruce;

properties happened routinely during the Jim Crow era. The goal was to drive Black people out of these areas and have them sell their land. City officials would gradually obtain the Bruce's beach, and other Black-owned coastal plots through an ordinance known as eminent domain.



The monument plaque at Bruce's Beach park in Manhattan Beach.

family for generations; most of the members of the family cannot bring themselves to speak on the topic publicly. There is a deep hurt among them, and it needs a paralleled healing. According to ABC news, the beach that was stripped away from the Bruce family is now worth \$75 million dollars, and members of the county are looking for opportunities to return the land to the rightful owners.

A community taskforce has formed around the subject and have been rallying behind the cause, to bring awareness of the truth behind the beach's covered up history. However, there has been critiques on the organization's diversity level



Mrs. Willa Bruce (left) with her daughter-in-law and sister on Bruce's Beach in the 1920s

\$120,000 (\$3,203,044) for loss of property and damages. The Bruces received \$14,000, which is \$300,000 in present day, and other families received far less than that.

L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn stated, "The property that was once the Bruce's is now owned by the County and I want L.A. County to be part of righting this wrong." She continued, "I am looking at everything from repurposing the property in a way that tells the history of Bruce's Beach to actually giving the property back to the descendants of Charles and Willa Bruce."

One of the direct descendants of the original owners of Bruce's Beach, Anthony Bruce, told L.A. Times, "The first thing we need to get right is the information about the

plaque. We need to make sure the plaque tells the exact story about what happened." He continued, "That was our property. And they removed it with eminent domain, which was pretty much like using the law to pretty much commit a crime."

Californiabeaches.com described the present Bruce's Beach as the following, "... Thanks to its picturesque setting, the well-manicured lawns that overlook the shore are the site of frequent picnics ..."



Winter view from the top of Bruce's Beach park

they were the first Black landowners in Manhattan Beach. They purchased a couple coastal lots in 1912.

However, the city of Manhattan found a way to take ownership of their property. Nearly a century later, Los Angeles County is revisiting the prospects of returning proper ownership of the beachfront to the descendants of the Bruce family.

Through the eminent domain procedure, certain members of the Manhattan community allotted City officials the power to acquire privately-owned properties and reinvent the lots for public use. The urgent takeover of Bruce's land was for a public park.

The Bruce family fought for years in litigation; they asked for

and lack of working directly with the Bruce family.

The goal for everyone involved is to make sure the authentic story of Bruce's Beach is told, and the justice is projected over the rights of ownership. The taskforce is looking to present a course of action later this year to community leadership.

The overturn of this land would bring in a new light of equality, seen over the horizon of the California coast. Its past transgression cannot be re-written, but the correction of the injustice will create a new future for the Bruce family. for generations to come.

The story of Willa and Charles paints a wider picture of wealth that lived in the Black community, one that is not often talked about. Their pain of that legacy being taken away has lived with the Bruce family through their name's sake. A century later and the recognition that is instrumental to the healing has finally come.

Located on 2600 Highland Ave. in Manhattan Beach, CA, Bruce's Beach served as an oasis for people of color looking to enjoy the scenic coast during times of segregation. According to L.A. Times, Willa and Charles Bruce purchased a piece of paradise for \$1,225 (\$33,034), and eventually bought another lot as well. Other Black families followed suit buying estates alongside them, and a Black community of beachfront property owners was created.

The hatred for such growth was not hidden; the L.A. Times reported that the vandalism and sabotage to Black-owned beach



Charles and Willa Bruce's wedding photo. The couple started the first Black-owned business in Manhattan Beach.



Willa Bruce, her son, Harvey Bruce and her daughter-in-law, Meda, sitting in front of Bruce's Beach Lodge circa 1920.

As beautiful as the surface sounds, the story of Bruce's Beach is tainted below its depths. The county has recognized the biased decisions that were passed in

1924 by the city of Manhattan Beach, and now they are seeing through a new lens of awareness, and want to work on righting a long-standing wrong.

This pain in deception has weighed on the Bruce



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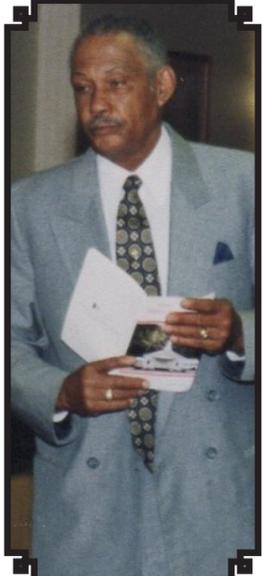
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Beulah Mae Calvert

April 13, 1923 - January 10, 2021



Beulah Mae Calvert (88) of Culver City, CA, passed away January 10, 2021. She was born April 13, 1923 in San Antonio, Texas, the youngest of 9 children, to Izola Green Clark. She graduated from Phyllis Wheatly High where she was a majorette. After graduation Beulah traveled widely, serving the US government in Akinawa, Panama Canal, Neumberg Germany, Tacoma WA, & Williamsburg VA, earning a B.A. Degree. Settling in Los Angeles, she worked

as a comptometer operator. In 1964 she began a career at the Los Angeles Sentinel in advertising and Real Estate Supervisor until retirement. "Busy Beulah" enjoyed reading, poetry, art, & music, a fan of football, playing softball, and riding horseback. The last years of her life she resided at Windsor Care Center in Culver City.

She had one son, Basil Calvert (deceased) and survived by a grandson, Basil Fennel Calvert; sister, Zola Green (94); niece, Derith Green; cousin, Robert Clark; a great-grandchild, and an abundance of nieces, nephews, & cousins. She will be greatly missed.

Beulah was laid to rest at Angeles Rosedale Cemetery.

For more information contact Derith Green at 512-294-8036.

Emily Fennell

Passes Away



Mrs. Emily Carole Chretien Fennell

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Mrs. Emily Carole Chretien Fennell, a native Angeleno, died peacefully on March 3, in Orange Park, Florida after a prolonged illness. Mrs. Fennell was a reading specialist for decades with the Los Angeles Unified School District and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Bernard Fennell; son, Jeffrey; and nieces, cousins and friends. Services are pending. For more information, contact Mr. Fennell at (904) 294-2547 or (904) 264-3138.



Black History Moments from the LA Sentinel Archive 1933-2021

As a part of Black History Month, the Los Angeles Sentinel opens and shares its vault of archival articles and ads in Black History. The newspaper's vast archive spans the rich history of African Americans (AKA negroes and coloreds), mostly through the newspaper stories, comics, and ads that chronicled Black life in America and beyond, from 1933-present. The content chosen collectively tells the story of an ever-evolving culture of Black people and their pursuit towards justice, opportunity, and achievement, and their ever-enduring march toward equality. If it happened in Black history, there's a very good chance that the Sentinel covered it!

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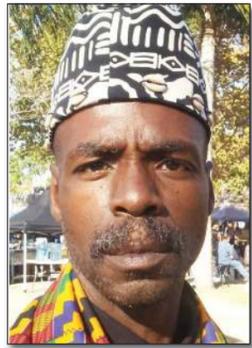
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LEIMERT PARK ALTERCATION HALTS FILM PRODUCTION

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A physical altercation between safety personnel and members of a South Los Angeles grassroots coalition on February 25 in Leimert Park Village cut short a film



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Kevin Wharton Price

production and threatens future filming revenue in an area that has struggled economically, first from construction of the Metro Crenshaw/LAX Line and more recently from the coronavirus pandemic.

Members of Africa Town Coalition and the Safe Passage Public Safety Ambassadors employed by Community Build, Inc., (CBI) clashed at the end of the second day of filming for the Apple TV+ series "Truth be Told." CBI is the nonprofit organization that manages the Greater Leimert Park Village/Crenshaw Corridor Business Improvement District (GLPVCC BID). The mini-series "Truth be Told" debuted in 2019 on Apple + and stars Octavia Spencer ("Hidden Figures," "The Help") and Aaron Paul ("Breaking Bad").

The day after the altercation, Truth be Told's produc-

tion company Are You Sleeping, relocated the film set to Pasadena.

The dispute once again raises the long debated issues of gentrification, employment and who decides what's best for Leimert Park Village.

Representatives from Africa Town and CBI differ on how the dispute started.

According to Africa Town leader, Kevin Wharton Price, who hosted a Facebook Live event to air his grievances against Community Build President and CEO Robert Sausedo and his man-



FILE PHOTO
Robert Sausedo

agement of the GLPVCC BID. Price claims Sausedo instigated the conflict.

"Robert Sausedo and his goons approached us in the middle of the street and viciously attacked us," said Price. "We came to talk peace and this is what happened." A two minute video posted on Africa Town's Instagram account shows several men engaged in a brawl on the sidewalk in Leimert Park Village.

Sausedo denies the allegations. "I wasn't even outside when the fight occurred," said Sausedo. "Kevin and African Town was extorting money from the film crew.

The safety ambassadors were not going to let that happen. Now Kevin is trying to redefine the narrative and redirect the blame."

Price said on Facebook Live that Africa Town's objective was to confront Are You Sleeping Productions about their relocation of 75 homeless people in a "violent" manner in downtown Los Angeles during a previous Truth be Told film shoot in December.

"He took our grievances and he said he would go talk to his head people and we would be back with them," Price said on Facebook Live.

Are You Sleeping Location manager Tim Hillman denied that any homeless people had been displaced during previous film productions for the Apple TV+ series. "We did not disrupt any homeless people in Leimert Park or downtown. It was all fiction to get headlines," Hillman said. "The businesses in Leimert Park were very welcoming and open to our filming and unfortunately the group that came in was very disruptive and we had to stop filming and go away and that was very unfortunate."

Marvin, a CBI Safe Passage public safety ambassador who requested his last name not be used, was part of the altercation and also disputed Price's version of events. He said the security team responded when a member of the film crew alleged that a group of men approached them demanding compensation for the disruption caused by the filming.

"We went out there to check it out. Turns out, these

guys from Africa Town weren't merchants in the village," said Marvin. "They said they were vendors, but they weren't selling anything that day, so they weren't directly impacted." Marvin said.

Marvin said the situation escalated as he explained to African Town representatives that affected businesses were notified of the film shoot weeks in advance and payments had already been negotiated. Marvin said the exchange turned physical after he told the group, "Nobody is going to pay you, just to pay you, man."

Chase Johnson, owner of Harun Coffee and James Burks, former City of Los Angeles director of special projects, negotiated the logistics and compensation



COURTESY PHOTO
The filming of Apple TV+ series Truth Be Told starring Octavia Spencer and Aaron Paul in Leimert Park Village was relocated to Pasadena following a fight between safety ambassadors and a coalition of grassroots activists on February 25.

for the film production on behalf of the Leimert Park Village Merchants Association and CBI.

According to Burks, the production company was contracted to pay \$38,000 for the three-day film shoot. According to CBI's records, this amount is substantially more than the filming revenue received for all of 2020. A portion of the money was allocated for the Leimert



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Park Village Merchants Association and the balance will be proportionately distributed to the businesses based on their daily sales.

Burks said this is not the first time Africa Town and other disgruntled groups have disrupted commerce in Leimert Park Village. He recalled two years ago when a group of protesters interrupted a performance of Barbara Morrison's annual jazz festival.

"They were unhappy because White people were coming in," Burks said.

"I believe in individuals and organizations being able to freely participate in public protests as an American right. However, I cannot condone how Africa Town continues to extort and perpetuate urban terrorism and discord within the community and then distort the truth."

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Price and Africa Town members on television shouting, "I hope they (expletive) die!" outside the hospital where two Los Angeles County sheriff deputies were taken after being critically injured during an ambush in Compton while sitting in their patrol car on September 13, 2020.

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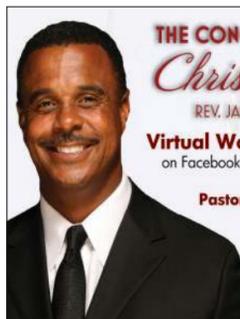
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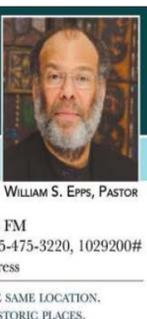


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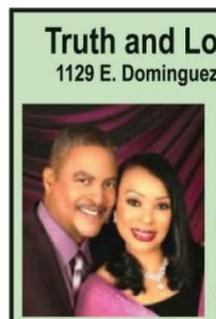
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Fannie Lou Hamer Walking Off the Plantation: Questioning and Transforming America

It is our foremother, Mrs. Fannie Lou Hamer, who taught us the morality of remembrance, saying: "There are two things we should all care about. Never to forget where we came from and always praise the bridges that carried us over." In this month of recognizing and raising up the sacred meaning and magnitude of Black women in the world, her life and teachings become a legacy worthy of the most careful consideration. And thus, I offer again these considered insights on the life she lived, the work she did, and the righteous struggle she waged for African and human good and the well-being of the world.

Fannie Lou Hamer was born 1917 October 6 in Mississippi in the midst of the racial madness and social mayhem called White supremacy in which walls of brutal separation were built in life and law to imprison and suppress a whole people, and in spite of this, she lifted herself up to look over and beyond those walls, imagining freedom and dared to begin the life-long and heavy task of tearing down those walls and working and struggling for freedom. And in this she has lifted up a light that lasts, left us timeless lessons and a name that endures as an eternal monument for the struggling and freedom-loving peoples of the world.

The lessons of her life are not exhausted in her audacious and uncompromising struggle and defiance at the Democratic National Convention in 1964, but rather expressed in the wholeness of her life, the ordinary and extraordinary, the simple and the complex. And so, although there are numerous lessons to learn from the sacred text of her

life, I choose three overarching and essential ones, given added significance in the context of a current election that cries out for remembrance and recognition of the path paved by Black people in this historic struggle.

Mrs. Hamer comes into self-conscious being and begins her journey on the road to world recognition when she decides to walk away from the plantation that imprisoned her. She says, "In 1962 nobody knew I existed. . . and I hadn't heard of them either. Then one day, the thirty-first of August, I walked off the plantation". This is her first lesson then—that the will to be free must come from within and that to be free we must walk off the plantation, that is to say, away from the physical and psychological sites that imprison and oppress us. SNCC, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, had come to launch a campaign for voter registration and Mrs. Hamer had gone to a meeting to hear them speak of freedom. But no matter what they said or did, she had to embrace the idea and possibilities of freedom herself and commit herself to the awesome work and struggle to achieve it. And she had to make up her mind to stay steadfast on the way to freedom in spite of a rough and rocky road, full of signs and sites of casualties and costs of every kind, including the possibility of losing one's life in the cause of freedom. Indeed, she said death is a daily threat and "I may be killed, but I'll be standing up for God and my race until my time comes". But she said, if she falls in battle, it will be "forward in the fight for freedom".

Secondly, Mrs. Hamer taught us to question America in order to relieve it of its cherished illusions and reconceive and reconstruct it in the interest of a more expansive freedom and human flourishing. For her, this meant questioning the whole country, not just Mississippi, but the North and South, East and West of it. She said, "I question America", in its claim to be "the land of the free and the home of the brave", when people are threatened with death daily because they "want to live as decent human beings", want to exercise the right to vote, dare to imagine themselves equal and believe freedom is the natural and undeniable right of everyone.

For her, ourselves, history and humanity, we also must constantly question America, question its involvement in wanton waste and war and the human wreckage left in their wake. We must question continuing inequities in wealth, power and status, the privatization of social wealth and the socialization of private debt and the violation of civil and human rights in the name of security defined in a context of manufactured fear. And we must question the peddling of a parasitic patriotism that sucks human sensitiv-



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ity from its hosts and feeds on the false and deforming fears it creates.

But to question America is also to question ourselves and what society has made of us, how we relate to each other and the world, how so many of us are caught in the madness of a consumerist society, finding freedom in our capacity to buy, and assembling countless reasons why we are comfortable in oppression, don't want to help the hungry and homeless, hate the Palestinians and the people whose countries we invade and whose oil, water and lives we claim as our own, and don't do more for Darfur or feel a grossly twisted need to humiliate, starve and dominate a small Black country called Haiti. And we must ask why we think Barack is a funny name and not Baruch, Obama and not

O'Reilly, Takisha and not Tabitha, Chang and Chun and not Chatterley and Cheney, Rain Cloud and not McCloud, Vilakazi and not Van Buren, and Srinivasa and not Schwarzenegger?

To walk away from the plantation, regardless of how comfortable and comforting and to constantly question ourselves and society, leads us to dare to transform ourselves, society and ultimately the world. And this means, Mrs. Hamer taught us, that "every step of the way you've got to fight" and that "people have got to get together and work together". It is, she stated, in our interests, for "nobody's free until everybody's free". And only by working and struggling together, can those who suffer—Africans, Native Americans, Latinos, Asians and Europeans—end their personal and collective suffering, "make this country what it has to be" and "live as decent human beings". This last lesson on transformative struggle teaches us that this current election and others must not be simply symbolic, but approached as vital areas of engagement and struggle for serious social change. Mrs. Hamer says about the significance of one election, "There was nothing symbolic about this election.

I'm sick of symbolic things; we're fighting for our lives". Thus, for Obama's election to be more than a useful symbol for a country unable to criticize and seriously change itself, it must be part and parcel of our struggle to save and expand lives. And if "we are fighting for our lives", we must do as Mrs. Hamer, lift ourselves above the walls and ways of self and social imprisonment, walk away from the various plantations of social pain and consumer pleasure, constantly question ourselves and society, imagine a new world and in the process of self and social transformation, open the way for a new history and humanity to emerge".

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In Support of Black Votes Matter

By now, all of America, and Blacks in particular, are aware of the "Voter Suppression" legislation introduced in more than 28 states with more than 108 and legislative proposals introduced to restrict voter participation aimed at African Americans in particular. These legislative proposals introduced and passed already in some states are the products of Republican controlled state legislative bodies. The New York Times has already said that these efforts represent the worst attack on voter participation since Reconstruction and Jim Crow. Those measures led to the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which was gutted in part by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2013.

It appears that the call



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for action against these efforts is coming out of the State of Georgia, just as it gave us the two U.S. Senators needed to give control of the U.S. Senate to President Biden and Vice

President Harris as the tie breaking vote in the senate. The answers appear, in part, to rest with the newly created "Black Voters Matter" campaign. This effort is placing pressure on some of the largest corporations in America to stop funding those members of the legislature backing these measures and to use their collective lobbying influence nationwide to withdraw support from those legislators who support voter suppression laws. The companies so far identified include: Coca Cola, UPS, Home Depot, just to name a few, with others being added to the list. Black Voters Matter organizers believe that these and other Fortune 500 companies can force change by withholding fi-

nancial support and lobbying against such laws.

Black Voters Matter should spread across this country just as Black Lives Matter did. The idea is not one of calling for "boycotts" but rather the support of those who support voter inclusion and the passage of the John Lewis Voting Rights Act. The Black Press can play a major role in this movement by helping our communities know who are the legislative members supporting the proposed voter suppression laws. Many of these laws, as proposed in Georgia, would: limit voting to the hours of 9am to 5pm daily

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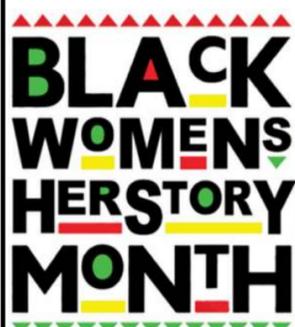
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Momentum builds in State Capitols and in DC to rein in predatory payday lending

As the nation and much of the world continue to suffer from the rippling effects of COVID-19, the ability of consumers to remain current on bills and expenses is steadily waning – if not already gone.

According to the Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey taken in early February, more than a third (34.9%) adults live in households where it has been somewhat or very difficult to pay usual household expenses during the coronavirus pandemic; and 30% expect eviction or foreclosure is likely in the next two months.

For low and moderate-income families, these are the kinds of financial pressures that can make them vulnerable to high-cost, predatory lending. The irony is that while consumers using these products usually need a small amount of money, the fees that accompany these loans are really a debt trap that worsens, not improves, family finances.

Access to this "quick cash" is tied to direct access to borrower bank accounts or the likelihood of car repossession from an auto-title loan. Besides owing more money for fees than for the loan itself, borrowers also experience other financial harms including delinquency on other bills, overdraft fees, involuntary loss of bank accounts, and bankruptcy.

To date, 17 states and the District of Columbia have enacted rate cap legislation, limiting interest charged to 36% or less. But there are hopeful signs that the num-

ber of consumers protected could soon increase.

For example, This January, Illinois' Predatory Loan Prevention Act, won bipartisan legislative passage in both chambers in January. Led by the state's Legislative Black Caucus and aided by support of a broad coalition including clergy, industry and governmental officials, the bill will cap consumer loan interest rates at 36 percent interest and affect payday, car title, and high-cost installment loans.

Currently, Illinois borrowers pay payday and title loan fees in excess of half a billion each year. Nearly half of payday loan borrowers on the state earn less than \$30,000 per year. In Chicago, the state's largest city and home to millions of consumers of color who comprise 47% of the city's population, zip codes in communities of color incur 72% of the Windy City's payday loans.

According to the Woodstock Institute, an Illinois nonprofit consumer advocacy organization and coalition member, a resident of Chicago's Austin neighborhood, where the median income of residents is \$35,855 and home to mostly consumers of color, is 13 times more likely to have a payday loan than that of a Lincoln Park resident, where median incomes surpass \$200,000, more than double that of the entire city's \$61,811, and real estate prices frequently reach seven figures.

If signed by the state's governor, the bill's enactment will end what Wood-



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stock calculates is a 297% state average annual percentage rate (APR) on payday loans as well as the 179% average APR on auto title loans.

Additional hopeful signs are found in several state capitols. A bill to cap loan rates at 36% APR has been advancing in New Mexico and bills have been introduced in both Minnesota and Rhode Island.

"The current economic crisis has added crushing debt onto the backs of Americans who can least afford it, which is disproportionately Black, Latino, and Native American communities," observed Lisa Stifler, the Center for Responsible Lending's Director of State Policy. "Payday and other high-cost, predatory loans make this situation even worse. Strong loan interest rate caps on the state and federal levels are essential to lifting the burden of debt that so many people have been forced to live with."

Driving home this point is a newly-updated map

from CRL that shows the interest rate on a typical \$300 payday loan. It sheds light on the financial misery of triple-digit interest rates where they are legal. Many states with large numbers of consumers of color have many of the highest rates: Texas at 664%, Missouri at 527%, and Mississippi with 521%.

At the federal level, lawmakers are expected to re-introduce a payday lending bill that would give both consumers and military veterans the same 36% rate protection as the Military Lending Act (MLA). Named the Veterans and Consumers Fair Credit Act, the measure is hoped to secure the same broad and bipartisan support that MLA received.

Readers may recall that years ago, following extensive research and hearings, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) under the Obama Administration released an administrative rule to stop payday loan debt traps.

However, under the Trump Administration, the rule was gutted by eliminating its ability-to-repay standard. This underwriting practiced by mortgage lenders, credit card companies, and other lenders, prevents lenders from extending more new debt than they can afford.

Last year, a consumer coalition wrote Congressional leaders about their opposition to removing this key underwriting, particularly when the pandemic imposed severe financial

stress on consumers with the fewest financial resources. In a March 2020 letter the advocates wrote in part:

"Predatory lenders are known to prey on the most vulnerable including seniors, veterans, low-income, African American, and Latinx communities. Many in these communities were already struggling before this crisis and will fall deeper into economic instability because of it. Efforts by Congress to help Americans should not be undermined by predatory lenders trapping consumers into loans of 100% or even 300% APR. We want to ensure that relief that Congress is providing to our families is going to cover food, shelter, and other necessities, not to pay back exorbitant interest rate loans."

With a new President and a new nominee to serve a five-year term as CFPB Director, federal action on payday reform could come quickly.

Rohit Chopra, President Biden's nominee, previously served at CFPB under Director Cordray and as the agency's student loan ombudsman. His March 2 nomination hearing by the Senate's Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, was the second time in three years that Chopra faced Senate confirmation. Three years ago, he was unanimously confirmed to serve on the Federal Trade Commission. That bipartisan endorsement should favor CFPB

confirmation.

In his remarks to Senate Banking, Chopra noted, "[D]ue to the economic devastation stemming from COVID-19, millions face the prospect of losing their home, with communities of color particularly at risk. Many have seen their jobs disappear and will not be able to easily resume their mortgage payments."

"While there are some hopeful signs that the tide is turning," continued Chopra, "we must not forget that the financial lives of millions of Americans are in ruin. Experts expect distress across a number of consumer credit markets, including an avalanche of loan defaults and auto repossessions."

"Congress has entrusted the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau," continued Chopra, "with carefully monitoring markets to spot risks, ensuring compliance with existing law, educating consumers, and promoting competition. This not only helps to protect Americans from fraud and other unlawful conduct, it also ensures that law-abiding businesses, regardless of size, can compete."

Here's hoping that CFPB will soon return to its mission.

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Why South LA's Mental Health Matters Now More Than Ever

South Central, also known as Black Los Angeles, is home to a kaleidoscope of tones, textures, features, dialects, beliefs, and stories - especially stories colored by the multitudes of resilience. It is when we peel back the layers of these parables illuminating the cyclical patterns of plight, triumph, trauma, and victory, we arrive at the core issue of systemic oppression. Historically, South Los Angeles has been a focal point in the fight against social injustice, racial discrimination, police brutality, socioeconomic inequalities, and health disparities. Resilience embedded in the DNA of the Black community seems to also have inadvertently perpetuated a stigma around mental health and its validity, though mental health is now marginally becoming a topic of discussion. With the pandemic acclivity in 2020 resulting in higher rates of underemployment,

displacement, and health inequities for African-Americans, it is now, more than ever, imperative that advocacy for mental health programs in South Los Angeles become a priority. Opening mental health facilities in South Central is a solution for closing the health gap and redefining the meaning of resilience outside the scope of trauma caused by systemic oppression.

In 2020, Coronavirus was not the only public health crisis. Racism was declared an official public health crisis as Blacks contracting the virus died at twice the rate of white counterparts without the distribution of resources at their aid. The overcrowded geography of South Los Angeles - with citizens still counting on public transportation to provide for their families, living in congested housing - accounted for the disproportionate number of COVID-19 cases compared to the richer, whiter neigh-

borhoods. Digital divides due to financial insecurities prohibited Black South Angelenos from accessing mental health resources such as telehealth or online information of available emergency funding. COVID-19's traumatic events that exposed the horrors of systemic racism will have a lasting effect on the psyche and souls of Black folk; it is only an honest and fair prediction to proclaim the need for mental health facilities and access to mental health care now more than ever.

Only one in three Black people who need mental health services receive treatment. According to the Health Equity Scorecard from 2008, South Los Angeles encapsulates the consequences of unfavorable health outcomes compared to other parts of Los Angeles County, such as West Los Angeles. Lack of equality in the distribution of income, access to healthy foods, and services

contributing to well-being is astronomically disturbing compared to geographical counterparts. For every seven mental health facilities in West Los Angeles, there is one for the vulnerable populations of South Los Angeles. The Black community is not a priority when it comes to access to mental health care.

Reports show that a \$3 billion budget for the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health in 2020 can elicit programmatic interventions alleviating mental health disparities for South Los Angeles as a means to recover from the impact of COVID-19. There are still billions of dollars left unspent from the inception of Proposition 63 - the Mental Health Services Act - nearly fifteen years ago. Funding from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health can grant social workers and mental health advocates the financial resources to build an environment that is dedicated to the healing,

development, and well-being of Black Angelenos. Deeply embedded stigmas of shame and embarrassment around mental health in the Black community provide an opportunity for community leaders to create relatable, palatable, and easily accessible safe spaces of resource. Programs dedicated to mental health, such as group therapy, wellness-centered curriculums, trauma-informed modalities, and mindfulness courses can all be used to destigmatize and destabilize the bias surrounding mental health resources.

South Los Angeles is an ecosystem of tones, textures, features, dialects, beliefs, and stories - especially stories colored by the multitudes of resilience. Catastrophic effects of COVID-19 prove that now is a critical time to close the health gap with mental health facilities to advocate for the well-being of Black

South Angelenos. By establishing an ecosystem of mental health resources in South Los Angeles, we cultivate the normalization of telling Black people that their mental health is a priority. Self-actualization and economic progress for Black communities is contingent upon the health of individual persons. By campaigning for the allocation of funds towards mental health facilities in South Los Angeles, it becomes a momentous step in creating an ethos that shifts the paradigm from subjugation by oppression to one of personal and collective empowerment. It says to Black South Angelenos: your mental health, your existence, and your well-being is a priority; your story can be celebrated and reiterated for future generations for reasons outside of how you existed in this world, instead of how much you had to fight to endure.

• BILL FLETCHER, JR. •

Trying to rewrite the January 6th coup attempt

There is something amazing going on in Republican Party circles. If I did not know better, I would assume that I was watching a television comedy. Segments of the Republican Party are attempting to tell us that the January 6th coup attempt did not actually happen. Instead, they argue, what we SAW on television was allegedly orchestrated by Antifa and the Black Lives Matter movement.

There are certain noteworthy things about this argument, the most important being that it is not based on any facts. None. The sec-

ond is that this line of argument started as soon as the coup attempt had ended. Right-wingers claimed that it was a so-called false flag operation that was conducted by the political Left in order to delegitimize the political Right. There are many problems with this line of thinking, not the least being that many of the alleged perpetrators of the 1/6 coup attempt were avowed right-wingers who conducted this operation in the full view of video.

So, what is going on? Simply put, the pro-fascist elements in the Republican Party are attempting to con-

vince a critical mass of the public that what they saw... they did not really see. This is not even equivalent to a magician's trick with the sleight of hand. They are going one step further and asserting that what all of us saw on television or on the web, for which many people have been arrested and charged, did not happen or, if it did, it was really conducted by the political Left.

It is important to note that both Antifa and the Black Lives Matter movement are networks, at best. There is no one organization called "Antifa," for instance, and there are many

organizations that operate under the banner of Black Lives Matter. Therefore, the right-wing assertions of an Antifa and BLM conspiracy would not make sense in the best of all possible worlds. But more importantly, there is no evidence to back up such assertions!

The pro-fascist element within the Republican Party is attempting several things at the same time. First, to lay the basis for further repression of anti-fascist and anti-racist forces. This is part of the motivation behind an increase in anti-terrorism legislation

in various states when the government already has the authority to prosecute terrorists.

Second, the pro-fascist element in the Republican Party is trying to obscure both the reality of January 6th but also the antics of Trump. They are simply trying to deny that there was a coup attempt where people were injured and/or lost their lives.

There is a famous term for what the pro-fascist element is doing. It comes from an iconic film. The term is "gas lighting," i.e., to lead people to believe that what they are actually

experiencing or seeing is not really happening.

We cannot afford to ignore this. Precisely for these reasons, the fascists and their collaborators need to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, thereby demonstrating the danger that they pose to any democratic political system. This is no comedy.

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Forgiving for Living

Skin Deep



Meghan Markle and Prince Harry, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, sat down with Oprah Winfrey to share personal reflections of their life and time in the British royal family. The interview attracted millions of viewers in the United States and sent a tidal wave of controversy across the pond. The candid questions asked by the

queen of television (Oprah) were direct and thought provoking. What caught my attention was the revelation that Meghan never truly felt comfortable in the royal family. Despite living a life of privilege and prestige, even she could not avoid the ugliness and unfairness of being judged because of the color of her skin. The most revealing

and frightening moment of the interview was the concern of a member of the royal family with the complexion of her unborn child.

A rarely mentioned historical fact is that England has had two queens that were considered "Black" or of Moorish ancestry. The first was Philippa of Hainault and the second was

Charlotte of Mecklenburg. The queen in the Netflix show Bridgerton, created by Shonda Rhimes, is based on Queen Charlotte. The unpleasant history of British colonialism, classism and structural racism may have had its roots with the colonization of countries of color like India, Africa, Asia, North America, Australia, and the British West Indies. Prince Harry noted that the press attacks on his wife had "colonial undertones." In 2018, Prince Charles denounced Britain's role in the slave trade as an "atrocious" and the calls for the Queen to apologize on behalf of the monarchy have been ignored.

It's unfortunate that young Prince Archie will grow up with the possibility of being racially mixed up because he is racially mixed. One day he will ask his mother and father

"what color am I?" Well young Prince take it from me, one who has a Black father and a white mother, who lived her young life being too dark for the whites and too light for the Blacks... you are Black. There is something called the "one-drop rule" which asserted that any person with even one ancestor of Black ancestry which is the equivalent of "one drop" of Black blood is considered Black. Science tells us that the vast majority of human DNA is 99% identical between individuals. If this scientific truth validates that we have more in common with one another than we have differences, why do we let skin color divide and separate us in such ungodly ways?

My husband often tells me I view the world with rose-colored glasses which at times prevents me from seeing how certain things

really are, in some cases he may be right. Although I see the variety of individual differences in sizes, shapes, and facial features of people, I still believe there is only one race....

the human race. God created us all in his image and he is not a respecter of persons. There is only two ways to eradicate racism: one way is to change the world; the other way is to change ourselves. Which one will you choose?

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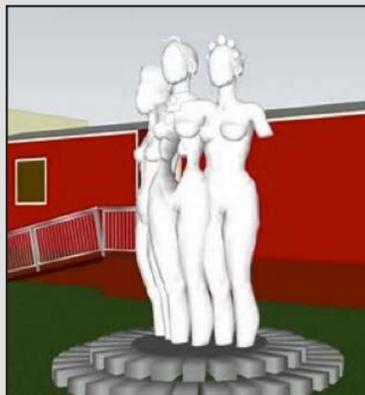
'The Mothers of Gynecology' part 1

Revival: A time of awakened interest; reviving what belonged to an earlier time, but now, coming into new importance and significance previously denied for such a time as this.

Michelle Browder passed through Los Angeles this past week-end. She was picking up the sculpture's steel armature from a fabricator in Las Vegas, then head-

ing to San Francisco, where she will build out the work. The free event was this past Saturday morning. It is free at North Venice Little League parking lot and invit-

ing all Angelenos to meet her and bring metal objects: brass candlesticks, copper



A rendering for "The Mothers of Gynecology" sculpture, which will honor enslaved women subjected to Dr. J. Marion Sims' gynecological experiments in the mid-1800s. Spencer Platt/Getty Images

pots and more: spare bicycle parts. They will be melted down as material for the 15-foot figurative sculpture commemorating the "Mothers of Gynecology." Michelle Browder is a Montgomery based artist and activist, building awareness for the forgotten "Mothers of gynecology

and has erected a large scale sculptural monument to the women to be installed in Montgomery. She needs our help! None of these enslaved women gave consent to be operated on. Their suffering has been largely forgotten...and overshadowed by Sims' (so-called) medical achievements. Discarded objects represent how Black women have been treated in the United States and represents beauty, talent, dignity and what all else...discarded. That is how I have come up with the name of this article. Their lives are being resurrected and revived through the imagination and artistry of Michelle Browder.

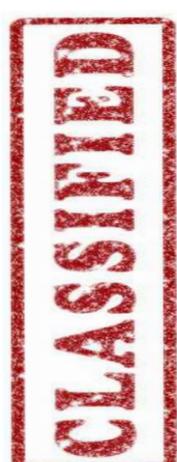
A statue of surgeon J. Marion Sims has been taken down from its pedestal in Central Park on Tuesday. A New York City panel decided to move the controversial statue after outcry, because many of Sims' medical breakthroughs came from experimenting on enslaved black women without anesthesia. New York City has removed a statue of J. Marion Sims from a pedestal in Central Park (a 19th-century gynecologist who experimented on enslaved black women). The statue will be moved to a cemetery in Brooklyn where Sims, sometimes called the "father of gy-

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Tiger Woods Released from Hospital, Recovering at Home from RPV Crash



Tiger Woods AP PHOTO/ANDY BROWN/ILL

Woods lives in Florida but was in the Southland at the time of the crash after hosting the Genesis Invitational golf tournament at The Riviera Country Club.

The crash occurred at 7:12 a.m. Feb. 23 on northbound Hawthorne Boulevard at Blackhorse Road. The Genesis GV80 SUV Woods was driving struck the center median on Hawthorne Boulevard, careened across the southbound lanes, sheered off a tree and flipped over before coming to rest on its side about 30 yards off the side of the road.

No other vehicles were involved in the crash and no other injuries were reported. The first person to arrive at the scene told sheriff's officials Woods was unconscious inside the vehicle. The first sheriff's deputy to respond found the 45-year-old golfing great awake and responsive, but suffering from severe leg injuries.

He was taken to Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, where he underwent surgery for multiple fractures to his right leg and ankle. He was later transferred to

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center for follow-up work.

No further information about his medical recovery has been released, and it was unclear if or when

Woods might be able to return to the golf course.

An investigation into the cause of the crash is continuing, but Sheriff Alex Villanueva has said Woods

is not expected to face any criminal charges, insisting the crash was nothing more than an accident.

CITY NEWS SERVICE

Golfer Tiger Woods said today he has been released from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center is recuperating at home from severe leg injuries suffered in a roll-over crash in Rancho Palos Verdes.

"Happy to report that I am back home and continuing my recovery," Woods wrote in a message on his Twitter page. "I am so

grateful for the outpouring of support and encouragement that I have received over the past few weeks.

"Thank you to the incredible surgeons, doctors, nurses and staff at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center and Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. You have all taken such great care of me and I cannot thank you enough. I will be recovering at home and working on getting stronger every day."

'Women Take The Lead' 'Resurrecting Revival' 'The Mothers of Gynecology' part 1

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necology," is buried. A new informational plaque will be added both to the empty pedestal and the relocated statue, and the city is commissioning new artwork to reflect the issues raised by Sims' legacy. (I wonder what words will be on this "informational plaque? He deserves no credit. He committed atrocious surgeries on Black women slaves without anesthesia!) Sims 1890s statue was installed across the street from the New York Academy of Medicine in 1934, with a plaque praising Sims' "brilliant achievement." Sims perfected a technique to repair fistulas, which are holes between the vagina and the bladder or rectum and can lead to incontinence, by repeatedly conducting painful experimental surgeries on enslaved black women without using anesthesia. This is awful!(jp) And so painful and difficult to even write about this!) In January, a mayoral commission examining controversial

monuments in New York City overwhelmingly recommended that the Sims statue be relocated. (It should be destroyed!(jp) Mayor Bill de Blasio agreed. The Public Design Commission approved the decision unanimously on Monday. [HIDDEN BRAIN Remembering Anarcha, Lucy, and Betsey: [The Mothers of Modern Gynecology]The bible does not condone slavery or abortions. I can discuss this in the next article part 2. Remembering Anarcha, Lucy, and Betsey: The Mothers of Modern Gynecology. 2017 from Hidden Brain... to be continued. Thanks for reading! Jeanette Grattan Parker, Founder-Superintendent Today's Fresh Start Charter School 323-293-9826 www.todaysfreshstart.org; Askdrjeanette@gmail.com tmAskdrjeanette.successontheway@gmail.com tm "Inquiring minds want to know."© All rights reserved©Askdrjeanetteparker.com tm {ref: American Heritage College dictionary LA Times}

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REED 4729 TACANA STREET, APT 23 LOS ANGELES CA 90008 3/18, 3/25, 4/1/21 CNS-3452191# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL</p> <p>NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: WILLIS LEE SAMS CASE NO. 21STPB01509</p> <p>To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of WILLIS LEE SAMS. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by BETTY RAY in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that DAMON RAY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. 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A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. In Pro Per Petitioner FRANCIS IBIYINKA OWOLABI 4847 TIMBER PATH DRIVE HUMBLE TX 77346 3/4, 3/11, 3/18/21 CNS-3445615# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL</p>	<p>NOTICE OF COMPETING PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: ERICA FRANCINE OWOLABI CASE NO. 20STPB09567</p> <p>To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of ERICA FRANCINE OWOLABI. A COMPETING PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by FRANCIS IBIYINKA OWOLABI in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE COMPETING PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that FRANCIS OWOLABI be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE COMPETING PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. 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<p>FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2021030485 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: UNLIMITED VENDING, 12718 KORNBUM AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250 County of LOS ANGELES Mailing Address: 12718 KORNBUM AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250 Registered owner(s): EVELYNE KELLER, 12718 KORNBUM AVE, HAWTHORNE, CA 90250 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). This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 02/04/2021. 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Visit http://planning.lacounty.gov/rpc and select hearing date for more information. Project & Permit(s): Project No. 93095-(2), Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 201100013 Project Location: 1154 - 1164 East Slauson Avenue within the Compton-Florence Zoned District CEQA Categorical Exemption: Class 1, Existing Facilities Project Description: The applicant, Tzeng Long USA Inc., is requesting a CUP to authorize the continued operation and maintenance of an existing recycling facility located at 1154 - 1164 East Slauson Avenue in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) Zone within the Florence-Firestone Community Standards District. For more information regarding this application, contact Erica Gutierrez, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (DRP), 320 W. Temple St. Los Angeles, CA 90012. Telephone: (213) 974-6462, Fax: (213) 626-0434, E-mail: egutierrez@planning.lacounty.gov. Case materials are available online at http://planning.lacounty.gov/case. All correspondence received by DRP shall be considered a public record. If you need reasonable accommodations or auxiliary aids, contact the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator at (213) 974-6488 (Voice) or (213) 617-2292 (TDD) with at least 3 business days' notice. Si necesita más información por favor llame al (213) 974-6411. 3/18/21 CNS-3450817# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL</p>	<p>PROBATE</p> <p>NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: MICHELE ANTHONY HADNOT CASE NO. 20STPB06981</p> <p>To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of MICHELE ANTHONY HADNOT. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by LATUNZA B. REED in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that LATUNZA B. REED be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 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Visit http://planning.lacounty.gov/rpc and select hearing date for more information. Project & Permit(s): Project No. 93095-(2), Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 201100013 Project Location: 1154 - 1164 East Slauson Avenue within the Compton-Florence Zoned District CEQA Categorical Exemption: Class 1, Existing Facilities Project Description: The applicant, Tzeng Long USA Inc., is requesting a CUP to authorize the continued operation and maintenance of an existing recycling facility located at 1154 - 1164 East Slauson Avenue in the M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing) Zone within the Florence-Firestone Community Standards District. For more information regarding this application, contact Erica Gutierrez, Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (DRP), 320 W. Temple St. Los Angeles, CA 90012. Telephone: (213) 974-6462, Fax: (213) 626-0434, E-mail: egutierrez@planning.lacounty.gov. Case materials are available online at http://planning.lacounty.gov/case. 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IN MEMORIAM: Boxing Great 'Marvelous' Marvin Hagler Dies at 66

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Marvelous Marvin Hagler, who ruled the middleweight boxing division in the 1980s, yet never received the recognition he deserved as an all-time great, has died.

Hagler was 66. Before Hagler's death, former boxer Thomas "Hit Man" Hearns posted on Instagram that the legend had "taken ill."

"A real true warrior," Hearns wrote.

Later, Hagler's wife appeared to confirm his death in a post to the boxer's Facebook fan club page.

"I am sorry to make a very sad announcement," Kay Hagler wrote.

"Today, unfortunately, my beloved husband Marvelous Marvin passed away unexpectedly at his home here in New Hampshire. Our family requests that you respect our privacy during this difficult time."

A member of the boxing hall of fame, Hagler had a career record of 63-2 with 52 knockouts — many of them of the devastating variety.

He turned pro in 1973 and was arguably the most

feared fighter in the 160-pound middleweight division. Although the media and fans showered much love on fighters like Hearns, Sugar Ray Leonard, Roberto Duran, and others, Hagler was largely ignored.

Even inside the ring, judges appeared to view Hagler with a skewed eye.

That was no more apparent than his bouts with Vito Antuofermo.

Despite Hagler brutalizing the then-champion in their first bout at the old Boston Garden in 1979, judges declared the lopsided contest a draw.

The decision allowed Antuofermo to retain his WBC and WBA Middleweight titles.

Antuofermo subsequently lost the titles to Alan Minter, whom Hagler destroyed in a September 1980s bout.

In the 1981 rematch with Antuofermo, Hagler punished his foe, scoring a fifth-round TKO.

Still, Hearns, Leonard and Duran — each a welterweight that would ultimately move up in weight class to challenge Hagler — were the media darlings and the sport's favorites.

Hagler agreed to a 1983 bout with Duran, who was coming off his infamous

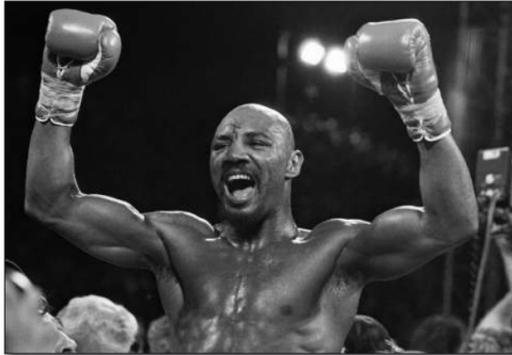


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"No Mas" loss to Leonard. Duran went the distance with Hagler, who won the decision, but the media still scolded him.

"Hey, how about giving me some credit?" Hagler pleaded after beating Duran. "I beat a legend. I thought I did a good job. I have to give myself a pat on the back."

The 1983 Ring Fighter of the Year, Hagler had little competition in his division and contenders too afraid to offer up a challenge.

Then came the fight that finally earned Hagler the recognition he rightly deserved.

Hearns, the tall and powerful puncher from the Motor City, challenged Hagler for the Mid-

dleweight Championship on April 5, 1987.

It was billed as "The Fight," but in boxing lore, it remains known as "The War."

Although the match lasted only three rounds, it was arguably one of the most violent fights in boxing history.

Hearns and Hagler traded vicious blows, never taking a break.

Both fighters were bloodied and, after an accidental head-butt that caused the ring referee Richard Steele to consider stopping the fight in Hearns' favor, Hagler unleashed a nonstop flurry to finish his foe.

After several more title defenses, Hagler sought the biggest of paydays, and

there was just one name that could fulfill that desire for the Broxton, Mass.-based warrior, and to quench his thirst for acceptance as the sport's premiere superstar.

That person was 'Sugar' Ray Leonard, who had retired in 1982 after suffering a detached retina.

Always calculating, Leonard had intently watched and even served as a commentator for HBO during several of Hagler's bouts.

Last year, Leonard told NNPA Newswire that he spotted Hagler's weakness and wanted to fight him.

"I called my business partner, Mike Trainer, and told him I wanted to fight Marvin Hagler, and he asked me had I been drinking," Leonard reminisced about the time leading up to his April 6, 1987 bout with Hagler.

"When I told my brothers that I wanted to fight Hagler, they couldn't believe I would even think of it," Leonard recalled.

"They asked, 'Who would be my tune-up (for Hagler)?' and I told them, 'Hagler.' I fought Kevin Howard before fighting Hagler, and he knocked me down, and people thought Hagler would kill me. Back then, I was on the wrong

side of the street, doing cocaine and drinking heavily," Leonard revealed.

Hagler was regarded as a brawler with incredible power and the sport's most dominant slugger. Leonard needed Hagler to believe that he had to prove to the world that he could also box.

However, Leonard went on to win a 12-round decision over Hagler and claim the world middleweight championship.

Hagler, who never fought again after the Leonard loss, was still named the Boxer of the Decade.

In retirement, he finally received a measure of acclaim that escaped him during his memorable career.

Hagler is survived by his five children, Charelle, Celeste, James, Marvin Jr., and Gentry. He and his widow, Kay, met in Hagler's adopted hometown of Milan, Italy.

"Marvelous Marvin Hagler has gone, a true great, a chin made from granite, the winner of the greatest fight of all time. RIP Champ," Hagler fan Robert Kelly posted in a Twitter tribute that featured a video of Hagler's demolition of Thomas Hearns.



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Cynthia Cooper-Dyke is the first WNBA player to be inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK
Sports Writer

Cynthia Cooper-Dyke is a WNBA legend who has left her mark on Los Angeles Basketball history as a player and as a coach. Although she was born in Chicago, Cooper-Dyke was raised in Watts and attended Locke High School.

SoCal Legends: Cynthia Cooper-Dyke

At Locke, she competed in basketball and track and field. She averaged 31 points per game, which helped the Locke Saints reach the Division 4A state championship. Cooper-Dyke became Los Angeles Player of the Year and took her talents to the University of Southern California.

"[USC] opened up a whole new world for me," Cooper-Dyke said in the documentary "Women of Troy." "It was a constant tug-of-war for me, like I was a fish out of water."

With Cheryl Miller, Paula McGee, and Pamela McGee as teammates, Cooper-Dyke helped the Women of Troy be one of the highest-ranking programs in the United States. They went to the NCAA tournament all four years Cooper-Dyke

competed there and went to the Final Four three times.

In 1983 and 1984, Cooper-Dyke helped the Women of Troy win two National Championship titles. She ultimately became a four-year letter winner. Cooper-Dyke's final USC game as a player was the 1986 NCAA Championship game.

Her 265 steals are ranked third all-time in program history, Cooper-Dyke is also ranked fifth in all-time assists with 381. She is also the eighth all-time leading scorer with 1,559 career points.

There was no professional basketball league for women in the United States at the time, forcing Cooper-Dyke to take her talents overseas. She signed a one-year, \$20,000 contract to the team Samoa Bétéra in Valen-

cia, Spain. Cooper-Dyke averaged 37 points per game with the team, helping her get a contract with Parma in the Italian league the following year.

Cooper-Dyke competed in Italy and Spain for 10 seasons, winning eight scoring titles. She learned to speak fluent Italian and would converse with Laker's legend Kobe Bryant in the language.

In 1988, Cooper-Dyke helped the U.S. national team win a gold medal for the Seoul Olympics and returned to help the national team win a bronze in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

In 1997, the WNBA had their inaugural season and Cooper-Dyke built a dynasty with the Houston Comets. With hall of famers Tina Thompson and Sheryl Swoopes as teammates,

Cooper-Dyke led the Comets to the first four WNBA championship titles.

For three consecutive seasons, Cooper-Dyke led the WNBA in scoring. Because of her efforts, she became the first league MVP and won WNBA Finals MVP honors three times. In 1998, Cooper-Dyke won her second WNBA MVP award. She retired from the WNBA but returned in 2003 and retired again in 2004.

During her WNBA career, Cooper-Dyke averaged 21 points, 3.3 rebounds and 4.9 assists per game. The Comets retired her no. 14 jersey. In 2009, Cooper-Dyke was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame. The next year, she became the first WNBA player to be inducted in the Naismith Memorial Basket-

ball Hall of Fame.

Cooper-Dyke started her coaching career in 2000 when she became head coach of the Phoenix Mercury. In May 2005, she took the helm of the Prairie View A&M women's basketball team and led them to a SWAC tournament title in her second season.

After having stints of head coaching at UNC Wilmington and Texas Southern University, Cooper-Dyke returned to USC to become head coach of the women's basketball team in April 2013. She guided the Women of Troy to the Pac-12 championship game in the 2013-14 season.

In April 2019, Cooper-Dyke returned to Texas Southern and is currently the head coach of the Tigers women's basketball team.

Free Agency Creates A New Era for the L.A. Sparks

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK
Sports Writer

The free agency this offseason brought on a new core of players for the Los Angeles Sparks. Forward Nneka Ogumike as well as Head Coach and General Manager Derek Fisher are embracing certain changes as well.

For the first time in her career, Ogumike did not compete overseas during the offseason. She also is a member of the USA National women's basketball team for the Tokyo Olympics. She has been working out "intensely" during the offseason.

"I've been working with a strength coach that I

had since college and she keeps me on my toes and a team of people that really cater to my physical needs and also enhance my performance," Ogumike said.

Although the Sparks gave Ogumike the core designation, which gives the franchise exclusive negotiating rights over her, the six-time WNBA All-Star met with other teams. Ogumike wanted to "honor the process" of free agency in the wake of the league's new collective bargaining agreement.

"It wasn't as though the Sparks were feeling this core necessarily in conversation to me and it wasn't that I was strategizing and

talking to other teams," she said. "We have a coach who gets it, he gets what free agency is about."

Fisher is adjusting to his dual role, learning how to be more available to his players. He took on the role as general manager because he wanted to invest in the players and the success of the 25-year-old franchise.

"It really is a 24/7 commitment, 365 days of the year," Fisher said. "I anticipated that, I just didn't know what the experience would be like in terms of the amount of discussions and conversations and sharing ideas and pushing each other forward."

The style of basketball that Fisher wants is that of

physical and mental toughness, passion, athleticism, and humility.

"The amount of opportunities and situations that you have to be able to switch the intensity that you have to get into rotation, that you got to be able to trap the pick and roll," he said. "We feel like we added players and continue to invest in players that check these boxes."

The Sparks have been one of the top defensive teams in the WNBA, Fisher hopes their strong defense will help improve their offense. He wants players to be more aggressive in the paint and attack the basket through contact.

"We tried to build a

team that we feel like will physically be able to sustain the pace we want to play at, the things we want to do offensively and attacking teams," Fisher said.

Among familiar faces on the 2021 Sparks roster is guard Seimone Augustus, who averages 15.4 points per game and shot at 48 percent during her career.

"I look forward to not just her bringing exactly what she brought last year in leadership but also productivity," Ogumike said. "She played out of position as her career has shown and she stepped up to it."

To get acquainted with each other, Sparks players rely on Zoom and text mes-



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Derek Fisher is adjusting to being both general manager and head coach of the L.A. Sparks.

sages. However, some bonds can only be made in-person, according to Fisher.

"It's not easy to develop the type of chemistry in particular that can carry over onto the court," he said. "The only thing that really helps that to develop is time on the court together."



ENTERTAINMENT

Anyone Who Isn't Against You is For You

BY RODERICK ROD WRIGHT

I recently saw a movie that depicted Black Heroes, "One Night in Miami." As is often the case some folks liked the movie and others didn't. To be clear I thoroughly enjoyed "One Night in Miami" and was proud of Sister Regina King on her directorial debut.

Some of the criticism centered on the vulgar language, and sexist references to women, and frankly that's fair, but is it accurate? Other criticism was in reference to its portrayals of Black men, particularly, the legendary Minister Malcolm X. However, condemnation was also leveled at the depictions of the other characters in the movie as being weak.

At the outset let's be clear, this movie was a fictitious account of a meeting that never took place. It is



Aldis Hodge, Leslie Odom Jr., Eli Goree, and Kingsley Ben-Adir in "One Night in Miami."

be a fan of jazz music, Coltrane, Sarah, Dizzy and Miles to name a few. I also love the works of Motown and Stax. So rap is mostly noise to me, although my daughters love it. My view changed somewhat when the great Quincy Jones released "Back on the Block." Who but Q could incorporate Big Daddy Kane and

Christ, that's all that matters. If this movie causes people to learn more about Malcolm X or the other brothers portrayed, that's a good thing.

Again, the movie was fiction, this meeting never happened. However, I can tell you for sure from my time with Muhammad Ali, he didn't spend the night of his championship with 3 guys. The movie was an attempt to show these men in another light, not their public persona. I have so much respect for the work of director, Regina King in telling the story.

Over the years, I've had unique opportunities to have met and worked with many of my heroes. I met Muhammad Ali and have been to his home when he lived in Los Angeles. I have met Jim Brown and been to his home. Both of them were featured in the movie and I had the opportunity to judge their por-

trays in the movie against my own experiences with them. Frankly, I found the movie quite realistic.

I appreciated seeing another side of Malcolm X, he loved his family. His daughter called him daddy and they had a loving relationship. He clearly loved his wife and they had some of the same challenges all Black families endure, compounded by all the other things going on in their lives.

I'm sure Malcolm had to feel pressure when he

his disciples on recognizing there are different ways to educate people. (Mark 9:38) One of his disciples, John told him one day, "Teacher, we saw a man using your name to cast out demons; but we told him not to, for he isn't one of our group." (9:39) "Don't forbid him!" Jesus said. "For no one doing miracles in my name will quickly turn against me." (9:40) "Anyone who isn't against us is for us."

In this passage Jesus recognizes that people come from different walks of life. They may use different languages, or have different ways of expression, but if they support

wouldn't want to hear that conversation in church.

I appreciated seeing a Malcolm X who loved his family. While away from home he took time to talk to his daughter and she was excited to talk to her "daddy." This man had six daughters, two of whom were born after his assassination. We have to be careful that we don't castigate men for being fathers and sharing their emotions. In the company of people he respected and who clearly loved him, he might cry given all that we now know was going on in his life. Real men can cry! I loved

geous George with his antics before a fight. Ali did note the similarities between himself and the first Black Heavyweight Champ, Jack Johnson. Johnson was reviled for his dating White women, and knocking out White men. A law was passed, the "Mann Act" which made it illegal to travel across a state line for "immoral purposes" with a White woman, was specifically aimed at Johnson. He would be convicted and sentenced to federal prison for violating the law, causing him to forfeit his title.

Muhammad Ali on the other hand was convicted of draft evasion and stripped of his title. We know his crime was being a Black Muslim, and opposing the Vietnam War. At a low point for Ali, Jim Brown organized a high-level group of professional athletes to support him. Ali appealed and never went to prison, the conviction was later overturned. They both regained their titles!

Another issue raised was whether Malcolm X asked Sam Cooke to sing "Blowin in the Wind" by Bob Dylan or songs like it. We will never know the answer to that because the meeting never took place.

decided to break away from the Nation of Islam? But as his conversation



"One Night in Miami"

with his wife pointed out, their house was owned by the Nation of Islam, they were paying his salary. How would they survive? Moreover, she was pregnant with twins, and they had four young daughters. He was also creating a new organization, battling Cointelpro and the FBI, all this from a brother who was 39-years-old!

Just this year we have learned that NYPD Officer Raymond Wood was part of a government conspiracy to assassinate Malcolm. We now have concerns that the guys convicted of the assassination may not have actually done it, and in any event they clearly acted with government complicity.

There was concern over the use of language by the cast. After being in the presence of so many famous folks, I can tell you that in private people use language they wouldn't use in public. I remember when Rev. Jesse Jackson was caught off mike talking about then candidate Bill Clinton regarding his Sista Soldier comments.

Many famous folks have a "fiery Persona" in public and may in private be the exact opposite. This movie was supposed to depict the four characters in a private setting. Malcolm was 39, Sam Cooke was 33, Jim Brown was 28 and Muhammad Ali was 22. If four brothers in that age bracket got together in private, you probably

that when Percy Sutton and Ossie Davis talked about Malcolm X they also talked about his spirituality and his love of family, at the January 29, 1999, First Day of Issue Ceremony for his postage stamp at the Apollo



"One Night in Miami"

Theater. There was another bit of confusion in some of the criticism of "One Night in Miami." The inspiration for

The melody for the song was as stated taken from the Canadian Black Spiritual, "No Mo' Auction Block For Me," which Dylan readily



Kingsley Ben-Adir stars as National of Islam activist Malcolm X in Regina King's period drama "One Night in Miami."

Ali's taunting opponents before a fight? According to a 1961 interview with the Associated Press, Ali credited White wrestler Gor-

acknowledges. However, we do know that Sam Cooke praised the song and recorded an up tempo version on his album, "Sam Cooke at the Copa." Upon hearing the song Cooke said, "I wish it had been written by a colored man." Incidentally, Cooke only performed "A Change is Gonna Come" one time live on the Johnny Carson show, as shown in the movie.

Please see "One Night in Miami" and judge it for yourself. There is a lot of history in the dialogue. There is a new book about Malcolm X. "The Dead are Arising the Life of Malcolm X." Jim Brown also has a book "Out of Bounds." Take the time to educate yourself about our history.



Eli Goree stars as Muhammad Ali in "One Night in Miami"

based on actual events of the time. The four main characters, Malcolm X, Muhammad Ali, Jim Brown and Sam Cooke are real people, of them only Jim Brown is still alive. The night is February 25, 1964 the night Ali defeated Sonny Liston in Miami for the title, thus the name. Each of these men at the time were famous in their own right. However, then Cassius Clay did in fact send for Malcolm X to join him during his training in Miami.

Malcolm X was the famous minister, freedom fighter and voice of the Nation of Islam. At this time, Malcolm X was about to break away from the Nation due in part to



Leslie Odom Jr. stars as Sam Cooke in "One Night in Miami."

revelations about the leader of the Nation, The Honorable Elijah Muhammad. In addition, he was experiencing a spiritual growth in the religion of Islam. Muhammad Ali had just become the youngest person to win the heavy-weight crown in the ring. Jim Brown was and is regarded as the greatest football running back of all time. Sam Cooke was a famous R&B, and gospel singer. Cooke would be mysteriously killed on December 11 of the same year.

Part of the problem I see are the age differences between the story tellers and the critics. I happen to



One Night in Miami is a fictional account of a meeting in 1964 between Muhammad Ali, Malcolm X, Jim Brown and Sam Cooke.

Chadwick Boseman, Viola Davis and Andra Day pick up Oscar nominations, Regina King —snubbed!

BY LAPACAZO SANDOVAL
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I don't think it surprised anyone that late actor Chadwick Boseman would be nominated for an Academy Award for his performance as an ambitious jazz trumpeter in "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom" (<https://www.netflix.com/title/81100780>) despite never being nominated before, for his astonishing performances as James Brown in 2014's "Get on Up", Jackie Robinson in 2013's "42" and his most iconic role as the African superhero T'Challa in 2018's "Black Panther."

Mr. Boseman, crossed-over in August, at the age of 43 from a long battle with colon cancer.

Although the nomination was expected one must admit that it's a touching category: the posthumous acting nominee. It's not uncommon. To date, there has been 79 in total before.

Mr. Boseman's nomination and only seven actors had ever earned Academy Award nominations after their death. Win or lose, he's already earned his place in Academy Awards history.

Now to the crazy year, thank you—not COVID-19—which forced most movie theaters to shut down and extended the Oscars voting window by two months.

The 93rd annual Academy Awards nominations held very few surprises with "Mank," (Netflix) leading with 10 nominations. The Oscar votes spread their vote, as six films received six nominations: "The Father," "Judas and the Black Messiah," "Minari," "Nomadland," "Sound of Metal" and "The Trial of the Chicago 7."

Nine actors of color earned Academy Award nominations setting an Oscar record for diversity in key categories. This is important to note since there's been a very directed effort by the Academy to diversify its membership after the wake-up call of all-White acting nominees for the 2015 and 2016 ceremonies.

"Minari" star Steven Yeun became the first Asian American ever nominated for best actor, in the same category, "Sound of Metal" star

Riz Ahmed became the first person of Pakistani descent ever nominated for any acting Oscar.

Oscar history was made with two women directors — Emerald Fennell ("Promising Young Woman") and Chloe Zhao ("Nomadland") — who were nominated together in the same category. Both films received best picture nods, the second time two female-headed titles have been recognized in the top category.

Oscar-winning actress Viola Davis is nominated for her astounding performance in

"Ma Rainey's Black Bottom." A history maker already Davis is the African-American woman with the most acting nominations (with four) and the first to be nominated in best actress twice.

Sadly, this year also marks only the second time two African American women were nominated for best actress, with a nomination for Andra Day's brilliant work in "The United States Vs. Billie Holiday."

Overlooked is director Regina King ("One Night in Miami") she would have been if nominated, the first African-American woman to be nominated for best director but that didn't happen. There was early buzz that actor Delroy Lindo ("Da 5 Bloods") would earn a nomination but the category was just too competitive.

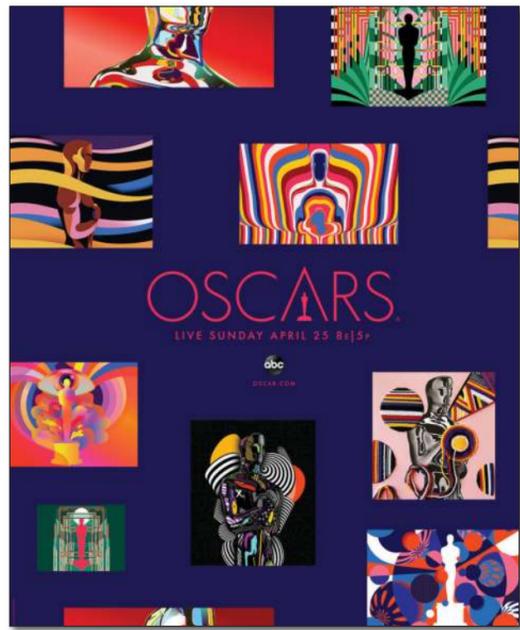
Now to Shaka King's powerful film which landed in big categories like the best picture and original screenplay and a true surprise nomination for LaKeith Stanfield in supporting (alongside his co-star, Daniel Kaluuya). There is a powerful producing team behind King's film, of which he is one, — which also includes director/producer Ryan Coogler ("Black Panther") and Macro's Charles King.

Now to the scorecard. Netflix the streaming giant dominated the nominations for the 93rd Academy Awards leading with 35 nominations.

Hulu scored a nomination for actress Andra Day ("The United States Vs. Billie Holiday") and Disney Plus received its first Oscar nomi-

nations since they picked up best-animated feature nods for "Onward" and "Soul," the latter of which also received

Anthony Hopkins, "The Father" Gary Oldman, "Mank" Steven Yeun, "Minari"



nominations for best score and sound. "Mulan," another Disney Plus release, received nominations for costumes and visual effects, as did the company's "The One and Only Ivan." "Nomadland," which was produced by the Disney-owned Searchlight, is currently streaming on Hulu.

Apple earned its first nominations, picking up a best-animated feature nod for "Wolfwalkers" and best sound nod for "Greyhound."

Here are the nominees:

- Best picture**
 "The Father"
 "Judas and the Black Messiah"
 "Mank"
 "Minari"
 "Nomadland"
 "Promising Young Woman"
 "Sound of Metal"
 "The Trial of the Chicago 7"

- Director**
 Thomas Vinterberg, "Another Round"
 Lee Isaac Chung, "Minari"
 David Fincher, "Mank"
 Chloé Zhao, "Nomadland"

- Actor in a leading role**
 Riz Ahmed, "Sound of Metal"
 Chadwick Boseman, "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom"

- Actress in a leading role**
 Viola Davis, "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom"
 Andra Day, "The United States vs. Billie Holiday"
 Vanessa Kirby, "Pieces of a Woman"
 Frances McDormand, "Nomadland"
 Carey Mulligan, "Promising Young Woman"

- Actress in a supporting role**
 Maria Bakalova, "Borat Subsequent Moviefilm: Delivery of Prodigious Bribe to American Regime for Make Benefit Once Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan"
 Glenn Close, "Hillbilly Elegy"
 Olivia Colman, "The Father"
 Amanda Seyfried, "Mank"
 Yuh-Jung Youn, "Minari"

- Music (original score)**
 "Da 5 Bloods"
 "Mank"
 "Minari"
 "News of the World"
 "Soul"

- Costume design**
 "Emma"
 "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom"
 "Mank"
 "Mulan"
 "Pinocchio"

- Writing (Adapted screenplay)**
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- "The Father"
 "Nomadland"
 "One Night in Miami"
 "The White Tiger"

- Writing (Original screenplay)**
 "Judas and the Black Messiah"
 "Minari"
 "Promising Young Woman"
 "Sound of Metal"
 "The Trial of the Chicago 7"

- Animated short film**
 "Burrow"
 "Genius Loci"
 "If Anything Happens I Love You"
 "Opera"
 "Yes-People"
 Live action short film
 "Feeling Through"
 "The Letter Room"
 "The Present"
 "Two Distant Strangers"
 "White Eye"

- Actor in a supporting role**
 Sacha Baron Cohen, "The Trial of the Chicago 7"
 Daniel Kaluuya, "Judas and the Black Messiah"
 Leslie Odom Jr., "One Night in Miami"
 Paul Raci, "Sound of Metal"
 LaKeith Stanfield, "Judas and the Black Messiah"

- Documentary feature**
 "Collective"
 "Crip Camp"
 "The Mole Agent"
 "My Octopus Teacher"
 "Time"

- Documentary short subject**
 "Colette"
 "A Concerto Is a Conversation"
 "Do Not Split"
 "Hunger Ward"
 "A Love Song for Latasha"

- International feature**
 "Another Round" (Denmark)
 "Better Days" (Hong Kong)
 "Collective" (Romania)
 "The Man Who Sold His Skin" (Tunisia)
 "Quo Vadis, Aida?" (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

- Production design**
 "The Father"
 "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom"
 "Mank"

"News of the World"
 "Tenet"

- Film editing**
 "The Father"
 "Nomadland"
 "Promising Young Woman"
 "Sound of Metal"
 "The Trial of the Chicago 7"

- Cinematography**
 "Judas and the Black Messiah"
 "Mank"
 "News of the World"
 "Nomadland"
 "The Trial of the Chicago 7"

- Sound**
 "Greyhound"
 "Mank"
 "News of the World"
 "Soul"
 "Sound of Metal"

- Visual effects**
 "Love and Monsters"
 "The Midnight Sky"
 "Mulan"
 "The One and Only Ivan"
 "Tenet"

- Makeup and hairstyling**
 "Emma"
 "Hillbilly Elegy"
 "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom"
 "Mank"
 "Pinocchio"

- Animated feature**
 "Farmageddon: A Shaun the Sheep Movie"
 "Onward"
 "Over the Moon"
 "Soul"
 "Wolfwalkers"

- Music (original song)**
 "Fight For You" from "Judas and the Black Messiah"
 "Hear My Voice" from "The Trial of the Chicago 7"
 "Husavik" from "Eurovision Song Contest: The Story of Fire Saga"
 "Io Si (Seen)" from "The Life Ahead (La Vita Davanti a Se)"
 "Speak Now" from "One Night in Miami..."

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'Killing of Emmett Till' — why his murder still rings in our ears!

BY LAPACAZO SANDOVAL
Contributing Writer

The new short film "Killing of Emmett Till" <https://youtu.be/YfIyB1uDeF8> is causing the right conversations in communities across the world. For some, it's a reminder and for others, it's an education on what happened to Emmett Till.

Emmett Till was a 14-year-old child. A 14-year-old African American, child who was lynched — brutally murdered in Mississippi, in 1955, after being accused of offending a white woman in her family's grocery store. Emmett. Till — say his



Emmett Till

name over and over again because this 14-year-old child's murderers were acquitted. This is just one example of thousands of how "justice" works for our people drawing attention to the long history of violent

persecution of African Americans in the United States.

Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, Emmett was visiting his relatives near Money, in the Mississippi Delta region. Just a regular, summer vacation. That's how it started. The 14-year-old child dared to have a conversation with the 21-year-old wife of the owner (Carolyn Bryant). What happened inside is a work of fiction in my humble opinion. This child was accused of flirting with or whistling at Bryant.

Several nights after the "incident" in the store, Bryant's husband Roy and his half-brother J.W. Milam were armed when they went to Till's great-uncle's house and abducted the boy. These murderous monsters took this 14-year-old, innocent child away and beat him. Then these heinous poor excuses for a human being mutilated Emmett before shooting him in the head and sinking his body in the Tallahatchie River. Three days later, Till's body was discovered and retrieved from the river.

Till's broken body was returned to Chicago where his mother insisted on a pub-



Scene where Emmett Till's mother opens the box to see what was done to her boy. L-to-R: A.A. Raynor as Anthony E. McNeil, Mammie Till as Chevonne Wilson, Gene Mobley as Shawn L. Neal

lic funeral service with an open casket for all the world to see. It's 2021 and the short film "Killing of Emmett Till" brings the story back to light for an examination of how something this terrible happened to an unarmed, innocent African American child and why the murders of our people continue.

Here is what "Killing of Emmett Till" director-screenwriter Denn Pietro had to share about why he made this short film.

LOS ANGELES SENTINEL: Why did the storytellers want to tell this story?

DENN PIETRO: While putting together a video for the national NAACP dinner some years back, people unanimously asked about one particular photo that I used. A photo of

Emmett Till. Some people didn't know who he was or the story behind the photo taken from his funeral. In preparing to send some links about Emmett to those interested, I found myself shocked to learn what I thought I knew about Emmett Till was not the whole truth and sometimes often wasn't correct at all.

I read everything I could and watched every documentary, but I was bothered by the fact that there was no film about Emmett Till to bring the story to life. After numerous trips to Mississippi, I thought, 'Hey, why not me! to tell that story?' and finally bring Emmett's story to life in a way that is accessible to everybody.

LAS: What do you want the viewer/audience to take away from this film?

DP: I hope the audience

learns something that they didn't know about the Emmett Till story and clears up some of the many misconceptions many of us thought were true for so long. I love that the film has ignited a curiosity to research more about Emmett Till and have discussions with others about him and the film.

I hope the viewer is moved by emotions, feels the story, and has a reaction to what they see. If that reaction is a fraction of the same reaction people had in 1955 that sparked the Civil Rights Movement, maybe those same feelings can propel the movement further today. The fact that the world has to continually repeat the fight against injustice is disheartening as things haven't

moved forward enough.

I hope the audience watches 'Killing of Emmett Till' and can't tell the difference between our film with an all-volunteer cast and crew filmed with no budget in the Detroit area versus a Hollywood film with a large budget shot on location in Mississippi.

In addition to the FBI report itself, below are some links we provide in our film description on YouTube which helps answer many of the misconceptions about the film facts such as Emmett whistling; the picture of a White girl in Emmett's wallet; Emmett's stutter; the number of people involved in the kidnapping, torture, and murder; what Carolyn Bryant lied about; the changing stories of witnesses at the store; etc.



Filming inside Bryant Grocery — L-to-R: Jessica Danley as Juanita Milam, Leah Smith as Carolyn Bryant, Ben Will as Emmett Till



Former Watts Business Owner Turns 105, Defeats Two Pandemics

By CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT
Staff Writer

Two pandemics have hit the United States and Lucia DeClerck survived them both. In 1918, at the age of two, DeClerck caught the Spanish Flu, yet she overcame and lived. More than 100 years later, at age 105, she tested positive for COVID-19, and she's defeated that virus, too.

A brilliant and beautiful centenarian, DeClerck currently resides in New Jersey, but for years, she and her first husband, Henry "Nat" Laws, Jr., owned the Highway Market, a corner store located at Imperial Highway and Slater Avenue in Watts. According to her grand-

daughter, Shawn Laws O'Neil, the market was a community fixture before being sold to the California Department of Transportation to allow construction of the 105 Freeway.



DeClerck holds the blessing commendation from Pope Francis for her 105th birthday.

As for her longevity, DeClerck credits her good eating habits and avoidance of junk food. "One of her favorite food items to eat is Asian sea weed salad," said O'Neil. "She prevents some



Lucia DeClerck

illness, such as arthritis, by eating gin-soaked raisins, drinking an aloe-based home brew and she walked

to settle in America. The marriage of her mother, Flora Vargas Pereira, and dad, Antonio Vidol Lopez, and Phillip. Also, the family operated Highway Market and faithfully attended St. Leo Roman Catholic Church. Later, DeClerck moved to Hawaii – the state where she spent part of her childhood – and worked as a home care aide before relocating to New Jersey in 1994 to live closer to her eldest son and his family.

Reviewing her many years of living, DeClerck expressed appreciation for witnessing many historical events, however, there are two memorable moments that she will always cherish. The first, she said, was, "Barack Obama's election as president of the United States. I was also thrilled to receive a note from President and First Lady Obama for my 100th birthday." DeClerck was equally excited to receive a commendation from Pope Francis for her 100th and 105th birthdays.

Apparently excitement daily until she was 101." Another recommendation for long life that DeClerck advised is to "pray, pray, pray. Prayer time is a priority," she insisted, and her faith is extremely important to her. Throughout her life, she volunteered with the Catholic Church and she coordinated Mass at her independent living facility in New Jersey before moving to an assisted living home five years ago.

Clearly, DeClerck has lived an incredible life for more than 10 decades. In addition to beating two pandemics, she persisted in the midst of two World Wars, the Civil Rights Movement, three husbands, heart failure and a lung infection.

She likely inherited such endurance from her family lineage, which includes her mother's family, who emigrated from Belize to Hawaii in 1911, and her father, who left Vigo, Spain

resulted in DeClerck's birth in 1916. She was the family's first grandchild and the first member to be born a U.S. citizen.



DeClerck at 50-years-old

DeClerck wed "Nat" Laws in 1943 and from that union, they had three boys – Henry III, Joseph (deceased)

is a family trait because many members reflected that quality when explaining what they appreciate the

most about DeClerck. "Her attention to family," declared Henry and Jean Laws, her oldest son and daughter-in-law. "Even at the ripe age of 105 years, she knows the names and location of each family member. She can also recall those that have passed and their relation."

mother Lucia has always been amazing, vibrant and full of energy. She was always teaching us something. She seems to have a bit of knowledge about everything and anything.

"She made our time with her during the summers as children adventurous and homey. She made every minute of our time in the summer about being together, seeing beautiful things, and knowing that life is a blessing," said Laws-Jackson. "What is amazing and a blessing to us even today is that our grandmother remembers each event, trip, detail of our lives then and now better than any of us. She is our teacher, our history, our heart!"

Commenting on DeClerck's persistence, her youngest son, Phillip Laws, said, "My mother has incredible tenacity that is unbelievable, and faithful devotion to her prayer." Sharing similar remarks, her granddaughter, Linda Henderson-Smith noted, "I appreciate my grandmother's faith, her wisdom, her love for family, and her resilient rebelliousness."

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Red Tier Designation Allows Angelenos More Freedom, Public Health Officials Urge to Proceed with Caution

Los Angeles County residents are allowed to leave the house for amusement again, but asked to keep health guidelines firmly in place.

By BRIAN W. CARTER
Contributing Writer

Angelenos are seeing red—red tier that is, with Los Angeles County in the less restrictive zone, residents once again have a choice of where they spend their time. As restaurants, movie theaters and other businesses open to the public with some protocols in place, this Spring is looking different from last year. Public health officials are adamant that safety guidelines remain a top priority for everyone.

"Tomorrow, March 16, will mark the one-year anniversary of the first COVID-19-related Health Officer Order here in L.A. County and for the first time since the state created the Blueprint for a Safer Economy last summer, L.A. County has moved from the most restrictive purple tier to the red tier," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "That we are here today is not a miracle; our recovery represents the deep commitment by hundreds of thousands of individuals and many thousands of businesses to adhering to safety measures and making sacrifices to keep each other safe. I thank you L.A. County."

As of Monday, March 15, the following are now permitted to open with required safety protocols for masking, distancing and infection control:

- *Museums, Zoos and Aquariums can open indoors at 25% capacity
- *Gyms, Fitness Centers,



Now in the red tier, Los Angeles County opens up a little closer to normal.

Yoga and Dance Studios can open indoors at 10% capacity with masking requirement for all indoor activities

- *Movie Theatres can open indoors at 25% capacity with reserved seating only where each group is seated with at least 6 feet of distance in all directions between any other groups
- *Retail and Personal Care Services can increase capacity to 50% with masking required at all times and for all services
- *Restaurants can open

indoors at 25% max capacity under the following conditions: can open indoors at 25% max capacity under the following conditions: eight feet distancing between tables; one household per indoor table with a limit of six people; the HVAC system is in good working

all employees working indoors are informed about and offered opportunities to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Outdoor dining can accommodate up to six people per table from three different households

order and has been evaluated, and to the maximum extent possible ventilation has been increased; public health strongly recommends that all restaurant employees interacting with customers indoors are provided with additional masking protection (above the currently required face shield or face masks); this can be fit tested N95 masks, KN95 masks, or double masks, in addition to the required face shield; public health also strongly recommends that

all employees working indoors are informed about and offered opportunities to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Outdoor dining can accommodate up to six people per table from three different households

*Indoor Shopping Malls can increase capacity to 50% with common areas remaining closed; food courts can open at 25% capacity adhering to the restaurant guidance for indoor dining

*Institutes of Higher Education can re-open all permitted activities with required safety modifications except for residential housing which remains under current restrictions for the Spring semester

*Schools are permitted to re-open for in-person instruction for students in grades 7-12 adhering to all state and county directives

*Private gatherings can occur indoors with up to three separate households, with masking and distancing required at all times. People who are fully vaccinated can gather in small numbers indoors with other people who are fully vaccinated without required masking and distancing.

Public health officials are urging the public to continue following these core

practices:

- *Go outdoors. Outdoor activities are far safer than indoor ones
- *Stay masked. Consistent and correct use of masks, especially double-masking, both indoors and outdoors, is very effective at preventing the spread of COVID-19
- *Maintain at least a 6-foot distance from others. Physical distancing from those who do not live with you also helps to keep the virus away
- *Avoid crowds. The fewer people you encounter and the fewer interactions you have, the smaller the chance the virus will spread
- *Get vaccinated when it's your turn. All federally authorized vaccines work well and will help protect you, your family, and your friends against COVID-19

As of Monday, March 15, the L.A. County Dept. of Public Health confirmed 6 new deaths and 422 new cases of COVID-19. There were 893 people with COVID-19 hospitalized with of 28% these people in the ICU.

Public Health identified 1,210,663 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 22,475 deaths. Cases across the Southland: Los Angeles

County shows 1,148,011 cases, Long Beach with 51,621 cases and Pasadena with 11,031. According to race and ethnicity, COVID-19 statistics show: American Indian/Alaska Native with 1,927; Asian with 52,451; Black with 41,886; Hispanic/Latino with 570,327; Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander with 4,148; White with 118,694; those of other race and ethnicity with 105,847 and 252,731 under investigation.

"As we move forward, let's remember that our reopenings are happening alongside holidays and spring break," said Ferrer. "Holiday traveling, gatherings indoors and large parties have in the past wrecked our recovery journey."

"Let's not repeat past mistakes and let's pledge to keep everyone alive until it is their turn to get vaccinated."

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

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



BLACK RELEASES 'A.S.K.' FOR THOSE SEEKING GOD'S HELP

BY CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT
Religion Editor

Many people may have heard the popular lament, "God is not answering my prayers." If you or someone you know are in that category, consider reading "A.S.K. - Ask, Seek, Knock" by Pastor Audrey Black.

The book, which Black released earlier this year, aims to help those who think that God is refusing to answer their petition. In Black's opinion, many people are under that impression, but she says it is simply not true.

"God wants us to have the things we desire as much as we do, but there is a pattern and there are principles that we may not be aware of," insists Black, who co-pastors Canaan Inheritance Worship Center with her husband, the Rev. Owen Black.

"Becoming aware of these principles will provide strategies of success and assist us in identifying the ways of God so there is no misunderstanding on whether He hears us. I believe this book will bring encouragement and inspiration, to the point, where we can continue to believe God," says Black with ear-

nest conviction.

"A.S.K." is an easy read of 101 pages and it's full of practical guidance to teach believers how to communicate with God through prayer. The chapters include "Ask-

to emphasize that God "provides for your wants" and Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" to remind readers that the Lord will "assist you in accomplishing those im-

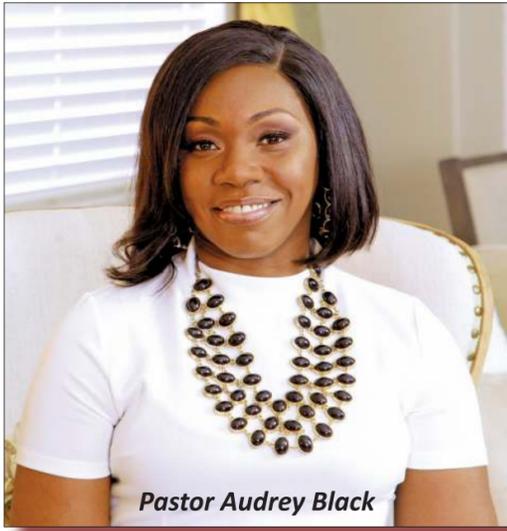
incorrectly in prayer and how to avoid missteps.

"The book also covers how we must change the way we think in order to understand the ways of God so we may be able to come into agreement with Him when obtaining our desires," she adds as she encourages believers and skeptics to read "A.S.K." because "it answers many questions we as believers and non-believers have regarding prayer."

Even before she wrote the book, Black was practicing the doctrines she espoused in "A.S.K." by teaching the principles during her church's Bible Study. As a result, she said the students responded with enthusiasm and began to increase their faith as well as invited others to attend the classes.

"I believe 'A.S.K.' has information that will give us a head start to seeing all the possibilities God has planned for us," says Black. "And when followed, it will cause us to experience the word of God, not only to have life as He promises, but to have it in abundance."

"A.S.K." is available at AudreyBlack.org or on Amazon.com.



Pastor Audrey Black

ing Amis, "Mix It With Faith," "Change the Way You Think," and "Understand His Ways." Black also uses everyday examples that readers can relate to along with scriptures that reveal God's love for His children.

In addition, she cites Bible verses such as Psalm 23:1 - "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want

possible things while you give Him glory."

Explaining that there is a three-step process to obtaining God's promises, Black says, "There is a process to everything in life and that includes prayer. 'A.S.K.' shows us what the process looks like and guides us on how to mix it with faith. It points out ways we could be asking

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH A SALUTE TO 'CHAMPIONS OF FAITH'



In 1950, Ebony magazine featured the photo above of Mrs. Marietta Webb at age 86 reading the Bible.

Mrs. Marietta Webb - Christian Science Healer

BY KATHERINE LEECH
Contributing Writer

In 1950, Ebony profiled Mrs. Marietta Webb, a long-time Los Angeles resident. Mrs. Webb was featured because for decades, she had been a Christian Science prayer-based healer and member of the Christian Science church.

Christian Science was discovered by another remarkable woman, Mary Baker Eddy, who wrote "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures."

The last chapter of "Science and Health," entitled "Fruitage," contains 100 pages of testimonies of healing, which resulted from the study of and inspiration gained from Eddy's book.

This chapter also contains a testimony by Marietta Thomas Webb (1864-1951) of Los Angeles, one of the first African Americans listed in The Christian Science Journal as a practitioner of healing.

In it, she states in part, "Nine years ago my only child was...pronounced... incurable, saying that if he lived, he would always be an invalid and a cripple.... It was while...I was in the darkest despair that I first heard of Christian Science. The bearer of the joyful tidings could only tell me to come and hear of the won-

derful things that Christian Science was doing.

"I accepted the invitation...and that night I realized from the testimonies given that Christian Science was the religion for which I had been searching for years.... On my way home I thought of some of the testimonies - of people being healed by simply reading 'Science and Health.'

"I resolved at once to borrow a copy, and...I read it silently and audibly, and although I could not seem to understand it, yet the healing commenced to take place at once.

"The little mouth which had been twisted by spasms grew natural and the child was soon able to be up, playing and romping about the house as any child should... I was healed of all my complaints whilst seeking the truth for my child, and many of them have never returned. ... All of this is, however, nothing to compare with the spiritual uplifting which I have received, and I have everything to be thankful for."

In celebration of Women's History Month, Ninth Church of Christ, Scientist L.A. will present "Mary Baker Eddy, 19th Century Discoverer," by Michelle Nanouche. The talk is available online at christiansciencelosangeles.com

Haynes Headlines Delta Sigma Theta CCAC's 40th Anniversary

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

The Century City Alumnae Chapter (CCAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a virtual program on Sunday, March 21, at 3 p.m.

The theme is "40 Years of Servant Leaders Transforming and Impacting Communities." The program is free, however, guests are asked to RSVP at centurycitydst.org/event/ccac40.

The Rev. Dr. Frederick Haynes III, pastor of Friendship-West Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, will be the guest preacher. A nationally known theologian, Haynes has led the mega-church since 1983.

CCAC was chartered on March 22, 1981, by 18 women. Today, under the leadership of President Sybil Hale, more than 100 members work to provide youth mentorship, leader-

ship and development programs that benefit underserved communities.

Century City adopted the McAlister Southwest School for Pregnant Teens in 1981. Hundreds of teen mothers have participated in this program, which continues today.

During the last 40 years the chapter has awarded thousands in scholarships, organized voter registration drives and town hall meetings, and raised money for



Pastor Frederick Haynes

AIDs research, juvenile diabetes, and breast cancer.

For information, visit centurycitydst.org.

FAITH ICON FREDERICK K.C. PRICE REMEMBERED

BY YUMIKO WHITAKER
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Hundreds emerged to pay homage to the memory of Apostle Frederick K.C. Price, founder of South Los Angeles' Crenshaw Christian Center.

The public viewing, held on March 4 and 5, was both somber and celebratory as mourners from across the nation participated.

A 29-minute video montage of Price's decades-long teachings played on a loop, while a commemorative keepsake book of ministry moments and photos were handed out.

On March 6, an intimate memorial service was held with family and close family friends. Over 64,000 tuned in via live stream as several elected officials, faith leaders, and sons in the faith remembered Price as a highly disciplined, teacher and scholar whose practical unpacking and application of the Bible resonated with in-person congregants and viewers of his television

program, "Ever Increasing Faith Ministries." To date, the service has been viewed over 309,000 times.

As a Black pastor whose ministry was coming of age in the 1970s, the TV broadcast enabled him to reach viewers across the globe. Price's demeanor was controlled, resolute and authoritative, devoid of high emotion. This decided approach was clear, precise and swiftly embraced.

The 89-year-old innovator was the author of over 50 books on Christian living and served as the original example of Black Excellence with his signature put together look, including an Afro with every hair in place and Bible in hand.

As part of the remembrance, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti sent a touching video tribute. Also, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, L.A. County Supervisor Janice Hahn and L.A. Council President Emeritus Herb Wesson attended to address the in-person and virtual audience. In addition, remarks were given by Angela M. Evans,

Price's eldest daughter and president/CEO of Crenshaw Christian Center; Dr. William M. Wilson, president of Oral Roberts University where Mrs. Evans serves as a board member; martial artist Billy Blanks, Dr. Kenneth W. Hagin, Jr., Dr. Jerry Savelle, Dr. Creflo A. Dollar and Apostle Michael A. Freeman, who gave the eulogy.

Beyond the public way Price was known, central to his life was his unique devotion to his family. He was an unapologetic doting husband and father, who served as a positive role model for countless others.

Price's widow, Dr. Betty R. Price, and the entire Price Family expressed gratefulness for the outpouring of expressions of love, prayers and support. "While our hearts are heavy, we are comforted by these kind gestures," said Evans. Additional activities to commemorate Price's legacy for the community's benefit will be announced in the future.

To learn more, visit faithdome.org.



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