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## Community Says Farewell to Beloved Hero



LAFD Firefighter **Jerome Boyd II** reflects on the life of his father, Battalion Chief, **Jerome Boyd Sr.**, remembered at the Novo Theater at LA Live, on Monday, May 8, 2017

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## Why We Must Vote a Resounding NO on Charter Amendment C



Vote No on Measure C, May 16 GRAPHIC BY ANGELA HOWARD

BY MELINA ABDULLAH  
Special to Sentinel

On May 16th a very low-profile election will take place in the City of Los Angeles. A little known, but hugely significant, Charter Amendment is the only item on the ballot in 11 of the 15 City Council districts, and all of those with a large Black population (8, 9, and 10). Low voter turnout is expected and hoped for by the powers that placed the item on the ballot (costing mil-

lions of taxpayer dollars).

Charter Amendment C is the work of the Los Angeles Police Protective League, which is said to have walked the item over to Mayor Eric Garcetti's office in a backroom deal where the police union agreed not to oppose his reelection bid (as they had in his first run) if he would ensure that the ballot measure was moved forward.

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## Inglewood Park Cemetery Caught in Middle of City Parking Dilemma

Tension rises as community learns Inglewood Park Cemetery is being used after hours for Forum overflow parking.



HALIMAH GINYARD/EYE ON INGLEWOOD

Concert-goers parking at Inglewood Cemetery

BY NIELE ANDERSON  
Contributing Writer

Inglewood residents in Carlton Square, Briarwood, and Renaissance had

been complaining about the heavy parking on Pickney Ave. and around their communities, according to Renaissance resident Kim Holifield-Harmon. But sud-

denly, the parking issue went away. She later found out why and her frustration went elsewhere, as she focused on Inglewood Park

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## Prominent Civil and Human Rights Activist Sues L.A. and LAPD for False Arrest



PHOTO BY CHARLENE MUHAMMAD

**Gregory Akili** (middle) and his attorney **Dermot Givens** (left) speak during a press conference announcing Akili's \$4 million federal lawsuit against the City of Los Angeles and the LAPD for false arrest

BY CHARLENE MUHAMMAD  
Contributing Writer

Gregory Akili, a prominent, long-time civil and human rights activist,

has filed a \$4 million dollar federal lawsuit against the City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Police Department, and Police Commission Executive Director

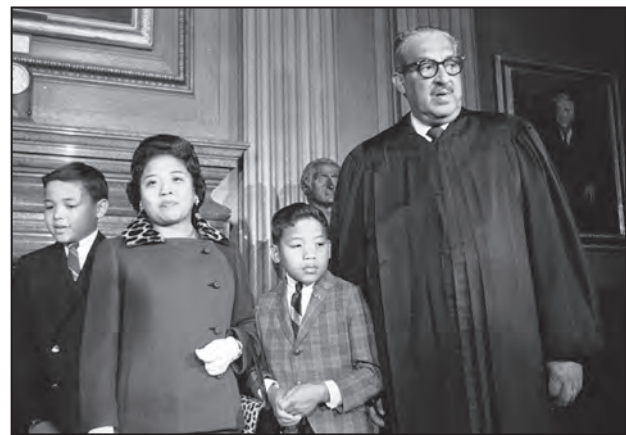
Richard Tefank for false arrest.

Akili, a member of Black Lives Matter Los Angeles' (BLM-LA) Ac-

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## Thurgood Marshall's Widow Keeps His Legacy Alive

On the Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education, "Cissy" Marshall Laments Lack of Progress



**Cecilia Marshall** (2nd from left) and Justice **Thurgood Marshall** (right) and their two sons. (Thurgood Marshall Center for Service and Heritage)

BY STACY M. BROWN  
NNPA Newswire  
Contributor

Cecilia Marshall never imagined that the battle for equal rights in schools and

elsewhere would still be as vital today as it was six decades ago when her husband, United States Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, fought to end legal segregation as a civil rights lawyer with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

"We haven't made too much progress," said Cecilia Marshall, 88. "Sixty-three years later, we're still fighting in the courts for equal treatment and that's not what my husband, nor I would have imagined would be going

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## Leon Garr honored with LEON GARR SQUARE



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Los Angeles Councilmembers **Marquee Harris-Dawson** (left) and **Curren D. Price** (right) led the community in recognizing **Leon "Ted" Garr** (center). During a ceremony on May 4, the intersection of Vermont and Gage Avenues was designated as **Leon Garr Square** in honor of the career achievements of the 103-years-old businessman and entrepreneur.



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# Tyson Foods Names Justin Whitmore as First Chief Sustainability Officer

*New Position Created to Deliver on Tyson's Holistic Sustainability Strategy*

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Tyson Foods, Inc. (NYSE:TSN) announced the appointment of Justin Whitmore to the newly-created role of Chief Sustainability Officer. This follows Tyson's recent introduction of a new purpose and strategy that place sustainability at the center of the company's future plans.

The appointment is effective May 1. Whitmore, who was most recently a consultant at McKinsey & Company, will be part of the company's enterprise leadership team, reporting directly to President and CEO Tom Hayes.

As Chief Sustainability Officer, Whitmore will provide leadership and direction that helps the company achieve its strategic intent of sustainably feeding the world with the fastest growing port-

folio of protein packed brands. He will work to implement solutions that drive industry-leading impact on all dimensions of sustainability. Under Whitmore's leadership the company will strive to innovate and simultaneously deliver healthier food, healthier animals, a healthier environment and a healthier workplace.

Instituting a disciplined approach to productivity and financial fitness will also be a key element of Whitmore's sustainability agenda. He will collaborate across the organization in an effort to create efficiency and savings that can be reinvested in the business to fuel growth. Whitmore's experience consulting on strategy, operations and sustainability for food processing, consumer packaged goods and food-service companies is ex-



Justin Whitmore

pected to serve him well in his new role. At McKinsey, he developed innovative solutions to address sustainability issues while considering operational complexity, consumer demand, market share growth and

financial discipline.

"I am pleased to welcome Justin to the Tyson Foods family," said Hayes. "We created this new role as part of our commitment to invest in our future through sustainability initiatives

while funding them in the present through a best-in-class approach to continuous improvement.

"Justin brings considerable operations experience to Tyson as well as an approach that breaks down barriers and unlocks the potential of teams," he said. "We believe he will not only drive change at Tyson, but across our industry as he partners with the many important stakeholders in our supply chain and food system."

"I'm honored by Tyson Foods' confidence in me to serve as its first Chief Sustainability Officer," said Whitmore. "This is a company I know and respect. I'm excited to contribute to its strong legacy of leadership as we take on the challenge of global food sustainability. I look forward to working closely with Tom and the entire Tyson team to continue to

innovate and live out our purpose."

Prior to joining Tyson, Whitmore was a consultant at McKinsey & Company, where he launched the firm's complexity management service line, led the McKinsey Black Network efforts in the Midwest region, and advised leading companies on strategy, operations, and sustainability.

Whitmore has held several consulting and executive positions at Strategy& (formerly Booz & Co.) and Johnson Controls. He earned his bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Alabama Birmingham and his Master of Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame. He serves on the Corporate Advisory Board at Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business and is a Six Sigma Black Belt.

## Life Insurance Is One of the Keys to Black Wealth



**Eugene Mitchell, the corporate vice president and market manager in the African-American Market Unit for the New York Life Insurance Company, said that investing in life insurance policies can increase wealth in the Black community.**

By Stacy M. Brown  
NNPA Newswire  
Contributor

If Black lives matter, then Black wealth should certainly matter, too.

That's the motto that Eugene Mitchell, a corporate vice president and market manager in the African-American Market Unit for the New York Life Insurance Company, often shares.

Since 2011, Mitchell has been on a mission to create wealth—\$50 billion to be exact—in the Black community through an innovative and well-thought out insurance program backed by his employers and the 1,200 African-American insurance agents the company employs.

"We are on mission to create \$50 billion of tax-free future income in the Black community," Mitchell said. "I believe the issues in the Black community are not crime [or] drugs; those are symptoms of a greater and deeper rooted issue, which is about economics.

Mitchell continued: "Without economics, without college saving plans in place, without down payments for new homes, folks struggle to move to the next level. What we've put together is a community empowerment plan that's about financial literacy."

Mitchell said that leveraging financial tools to really make a difference is what's important.

The equation is quite simple: multiply 200,000 families by \$250,000 in life insurance and that creates \$50 billion of tax-free income.

Instead of thinking of life insurance as just a means to cover funeral expenses, Mitchell urges Black families to consider life insurance as protection

and an investment for future generations.

Mitchell based his plan on four principles: Protect what you own and those you love; prioritize financial goals; plan for major life events; and pass on assets to individuals and institutions you care about.

"We're not only trying to create wealth, but to spend it in the right place; to build upon it and protect it and leverage it for the future and pass it on, so that money is never an issue," said Mitchell. "Knowing collectively that we've created \$50 billion and changed the financial future of our community shows that Black wealth matters."

Each generation of African-Americans stands proudly on the legacy of everyday heroes and civil rights leaders, just as Mitchell said he happily stands on the legacy of Cirilo A. McSween, an African-American trailblazer in the insurance business who dedicated his life to strengthening the Black community.

McSween, who served as the treasurer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and was a close confidant of Martin Luther King, Jr., was adamant about helping his clients create estates and leave legacies to financially empower the next generation, using life insurance as the foundation, Mitchell said.

"I tell my agents that we have the responsibility to live up to the legacy of those who came before us by doing all that we can to help those who will come after us," said Mitchell, who holds a degree in finance from Florida International University and an MBA in finance from New York University.

Helping to create economic opportunity and building multi-generational wealth can ensure the stability and the future of the Black community, he said.

A revelation struck Mitchell when his employers explained that his value to the company was \$2.5 million. Mitchell said that was the current value of his future earnings at the company, just his salary alone, without bonuses.

"So, it made me think about valuing my life. If someone got on the bus and was acting up, it taught me to move to the other side, for example," he said. "You tend to take better care of yourself, your children and your family and make better decisions, when you know you're worth a million dollars or more."

Other races, particularly Whites, inherit their wealth, most through life insurance payouts, he said.

"You really can't work your way to wealth, you have to invest your earnings somewhere," said Mitchell. "It's time to consider tools like life insurance, as well as, looking at places where we can find money to invest."

Mitchell continued: "We could empower ourselves, and send more kids to school, create endowments, lessen crime and create more home ownership, collectively."

Buying life insurance isn't a government hand-out, or someone else doing for the community, Mitchell said.

"It's us, getting ourselves together with what we have," explained Mitchell. "To teach our children better, to act better ourselves, and to use these tools that are readily available that have been under-leveraged in our commu-

nity, so that we can raise expectations and create a new legacy for generations to come."

Quite simply, life insurance isn't a lottery ticket, Mitchell stressed.

"We can insure our parents, ourselves and our children to build this within our own families. By getting our mindset and spending habits right, we can start setting up college savings plans and down payments for homes like others," he said.

Mitchell explained: "If you had inherited \$250,000 from big momma, would it have helped you put aside

your nest egg, put a down payment on a home or have startup capital for a business?"

Already, after just six years, the plan is nearing its goal.

In 2016 alone, New York Life paid out \$5 billion in death claims, Mitchell said.

African-American agents at the company handled more than \$100 million in claims from Black Americans.

"The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) forthrightly salutes New York Life and Eugene Mitchell for this

transformative initiative to undergird the building of wealth for Black families and communities," said Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., the president and CEO of the NNPA.

Mitchell and others, including New York Life agents, plan to celebrate reaching the \$50 billion milestone by taking a portrait on the steps of the U.S. Capitol in August.

"The \$50 billion is just a starting point," said Mitchell. "It could be used on top of the trillion dollars of earned income that Black people already have."



### We're on our way.

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Please join Metro's Project Team at a Construction Update Community Meeting on Wednesday, May 24 in Westchester. At this meeting we will provide construction updates for the entire corridor, including major milestones, next steps, as well as schedule and mitigation measures. We will also provide information about Metro's business support programs including the Eat, Shop, Play program, the Business Interruption Fund, and the Business Solution Center.

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# Loving Her Man Through Alzheimer's

Publisher Willa Robinson talks about her new book, taking care of her husband and adjusting to new challenges

By BRIAN W. CARTER  
Staff Writer

"For the last year, I've been driving him because he can't drive anymore," said Willa Robinson about her husband, Vernon. "That is the only thing he looks forward to every Thursday—rain or shine."

Robinson has been driving her husband on his distribution route ever since he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Robinson was the L.A. Watts Times advertising director for nine-and-a-half years and Vernon has distributed the paper throughout the San Fernando Valley and Pasadena for the past 16 years. Now she makes sure he keeps his distribution duties, a job he is still devoted to.

"Maybe nine months before the diagnosis... I started seeing little signs," said Robinson.

These signs were familiar to Robinson, who had experienced them with her mother who also had Alzheimer's. The disease also runs in Vernon's family, as his father also had Alzheimer's disease. She told their family doctor that her husband needed to be tested for the disease, as all the warning signs were present.

"Usually what goes first is the short-term memory and repeating the same questions," said Robinson. "It's just repeating the same thing over and over again because he's forgotten that he asked that same question a few minutes

ago." Robinson also said that a deterioration of understanding comes later along with the misplacement of things. Even though his memory may be fading, Robinson says some things remain.

"My husband is still, at this point, he is very knowledgeable of what's going on but



Willa Robinson  
COURTESY PHOTO

he just may not remember, or quite understand but the personality is still there," said Robinson. "My husband is a very witty person—so the wit is still there too and it's comical, so some things we can laugh about."

Robinson, founder and publisher of Knowledge Power Books, an independent publishing company located in Valencia, turned

her passion into a positive outlet. She decided to write a book dedicated to Vernon

entitled, "52 Ways to Love My Man". The book was an idea Robinson had in the early 90s when she was sick with an illness. She wasn't sure if

she was going to survive but she fully recovered after undergoing two medical procedures. "[Vernon] took such good care of me, so I wanted to show him how much I really appreciated it," said Robinson.

A book inspired her to write down all the good things about her husband. In 1993, for Christmas, she wrote "10 Good Things

About Vernon Robinson," which she had framed for him. On the eve of their 51st wedding anniversary, Robinson wanted to do a similar tribute to her husband, this time asking family and friends to contribute. Vernon would be diagnosed with Alzheimer's soon after.

"It took me a while to get back to writing, so I had it completed for the 52 anniversary," said Robinson. "52 Ways to Love My Man" is a romantic love story consisting of 26 good things Robinson adores about Vernon and 26 good things his family and close friends love about him.

Having been married for 52 years, Robinson is frequently asked to share their secret to longevity with their marriage. She included within the book successful marriage tips from couples married twenty-five years or longer. Also, included is a section about Alzheimer's disease, with a percentage of the proceeds from the book being donated to the Alzheimer's Association to help find a cure for this malicious disease.

Robinson shared that one of the important things to remember about taking care of someone with Alzheimer's is to not take things personal, because in many ways, you're dealing with a stranger. She also stressed taking personal time for yourself and getting away from the situation once and while. Finally, Robinson stated the importance of getting as much information as possible.

"First-of-all, learn as much about the disease as you possibly can because it's so different from anything else," said Robinson. "You're losing that person right there in front of you daily." She continued, "Getting into a support group and I'm helping to raise funds for Alzheimer's disease, for the studies... [and] the medications. Robinson added, "That's another thing, be-

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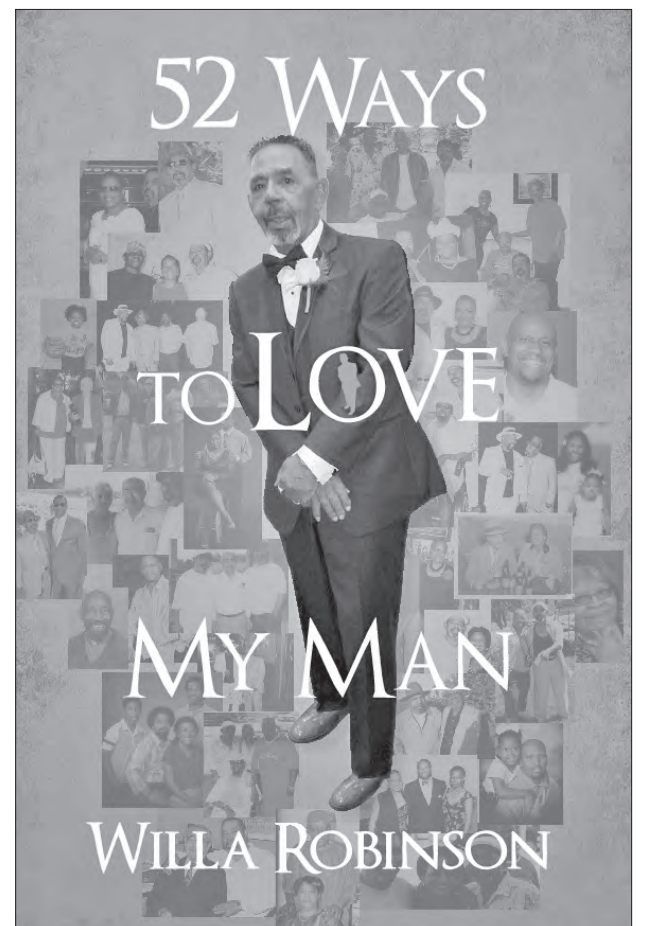
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Robinson added, "That's another thing, be-

ing knowledgeable about the different medications and like with anything else, the side effects as well and supporting others that are suffering with it too."

Robinson also suggested to those dealing with a loved one with Alzheimer's to learn how to become a caretaker. She said the key is to be supportive and to learn how to handle the situation while adjusting to a new normal.

"52 Ways to Love My Man" is available at [www.knowledgepowerinc.com](http://www.knowledgepowerinc.com), [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com)



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• A BLACK PERSPECTIVE • LARRY AUBRY

# Slavery's History and Legacy Must Be Unchained

First of two parts

Quentin Tarantino's *DJANGO-UNCHAINED* (2012) and subsequently a series of Hollywood films on slavery, have stirred up strong emotions among Blacks, both pro and con. However, there's been little follow up, one way or the other. Most Blacks have internalized the white majority's values and tend to view these movies through substantially the same lens as whites, even though their experience differs light years from their oppressors.'

Given that films about slavery trigger a strong response, today's column provides the perspective of John Henrick Carke, one of the 20th century's pre-eminent Black scholars. His book, *Slavery and the Slave Trade*, is a seminal work that offers a much needed non-European historical backdrop to slavery in America. It gives a much broader context for assessing "slavery films" and slavery itself's devastating effect on Black life. Dr. Clarke's afro-centric assessment of the full impact

of slavery is beyond Tarantino's, and Hollywood's, experiential and emotional sensibilities.

"The discovery of Africa by the Europeans was a fortunate incident in the history of the European and a most tragic occurrence in the history of the African. These two peoples were at the crossroads of history at a time when they could have complimented each other; they could have changed the world by forming a partnership. Instead, one chose to subdue the other and traffic them as slaves. The results of this decision reverberate throughout the world until today.

Between 1400 and 1600, Europeans made the decision that the world would be European-dominated, politically, economically and culturally. This decision was made despite the fact that Europe and the Europeans were just emerging from what they called their Middle Ages, from the aftermath of the Crusades, which was a drain on their economy and from the famine and plagues, a drain on their population. The main



unifying factor in Europe at that time was a uniquely organized political organization, better known as the Catholic Church. Without its sanction, arguably, the Europeans would not have gone into African slave trade.

Arab slave trade in North and East Africa had been a well-established institution long before the Arabs accepted Islam. With the rise of Islam in the seventh century, they used this new religion as further justification for their involvement in the slave trade. Islam, like Christianity, declared war on all forms of African religion and culture and later denied that Africans had anything worthy of being called a religion or a culture. The Africans

were totally unprepared to deal with this kind of mentality at the time of its initial emergence and they are totally unprepared to deal with it now.

Eric Williams' book, *Capitalism and Slavery*, starts with information that reflects the temper and temperature of this period in history. "When in 1492, Columbus discovered the New World he set in motion the long and bitter international rivalry over colonial possessions for which no solution has yet been found. Portugal, which had initiated the movement of international expansion, claimed the new territories on the ground they fell within the scope of a papal bull of 1455 authorizing her (sic) to reduce to servitude all infidel peoples. The two powers, to avoid controversy, sought arbitration and Catholics turned to the Pope when the universal claims of the Papacy were still unchallenged by individuals or governments. In 1493, a series of papal bulls established a line of demarcation between the colonial possessions of the two states; the East went

to Portugal and the West to Spain."

The above accounting reflects the extreme arrogance of the Europeans of that day in assuming that they could arbitrarily take what did not belong to them and make decisions about the lives of millions of people without consulting a single one of them. This arrogance has not changed to this day, regardless of European religion and politics or lack of same. This is the essence of worldwide racism.

Dr. A. Adu Boahen's book, *The Horizon History of Africa*, summarizes the impact of the European coming to the West Coast of Africa and the establishment of the West African slave trade. Prior to this time, Europeans had been mainly at war with each other over territory, sometimes for religious reasons and other times for reasons that made no sense to anyone except themselves.

When Europeans started looking outside of Europe for ways to satisfy their needs, they were not looking for Africa. They were searching for trade routes

to the sweets and spices of Asia. They stopped in Africa in hopes of soliciting the help of the Christian African King, Prestor Juan, hoping he would help in their fight against what they called the infidel Arabs. While they called Arabs infidels, Arabs, likewise, called them infidels.

Much of the maritime information coming out of China, then the leading maritime nation in the world, had been preserved by the Africans and the Arabs, who had been militarily and intellectually in control of Spain and parts of the Iberian peninsula since 711 A.D. What the Europeans learned from this information renewed their interest in shipbuilding and the skills of the sea. Whether the earth was round or flat was not settled during this period, what was settled was that whatever the shape, Europeans wanted to control it. The years between 1400 and 1600 were a major turning point in human history."

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• DR. MAULANA KARENGA •

## Trump's and America's Pre-Existing Conditions: Ensured Resistance in the Coming Ice Age

There is a rising arctic winter wind blowing our way, ravishing the rights, lands and lives of the people. And it is an irony of history that the people who are denying climate change in nature are causing a climate change in society with

similar devastating and disastrous effects and parallel denials of their destructiveness. And if we rightly read the signs and lessons of history, which Malcolm assures us "is best qualified to reward our research," we cannot help seeing signs

already of a coming Ice Age, a prevailing condition of deadly cold and bone-breaking callousness that is normalized and called "necessary" for the "common good" or to "make America great again" with no moral meaning attached to it.

Certainly, Trump's the celebration at the White House of the passage of a bill that among other things would deny or make prohibitive health coverage and treatment for those with pre-existing conditions reflects the coldness and callousness of the changing climate. After all, how can lessening the possibility of preventable death and suffering merit celebration in a normal human mind and moral system? Billed as a victory celebration, the White House huddling and hurrahing resembled a death dance for many who see their lives and futures now hanging in the balance. What other than an ice age "morality" could justify or even explain a celebration of the denial of health care and health coverage for the poor and vulnerable while the rich rejoice in the Rose Garden?

Surely, we can only make sense of this senseless and immoral conception of victory and celebration, if we realize Trump and his cohorts and the society in which they do their dances and deeds of death are carriers and perpetrators of pre-existing conditions themselves, diseases of heart and mind that diminish and distort their sense of humanity, morality and fellow-feeling. It is pre-existing conditions of racism, classism, sexism and other forms of oppression and an accompanying moral numbness of others' death, disease and suffering established at the very founding of the country. It is in this context of pre-existing social savagery and sickness that the issue of adequate health care for all becomes a problem rather than being accepted and embraced as a human right and moral obligation.

It is too easy and grossly inadequate to focus on

planned and reverse all those evil and ugly things already put in place.

The media never tires of vainly trying to give importance to Trump and those who follow him. Often they try to explain him away and his coarseness, callousness and abysmal lack of knowledge about almost anything relevant to the office he occupies or to the problems he proposes and pretends he's going to solve. Tied to the philosophy of the media owners, these journalists justify Trump and his practices, refusing to seriously criticize and condemn the sick, insane, inane and other disordered words and actions emanating from his mouth and mind. And likewise, they don't report or discuss the massive resistance to Trump in any meaningful and extended way. Nor do they speak assertively and critically of issues of poverty, suffering and social pain caused by structured social and racial injustice he proposes and practices or the real and destructive impact it will have on the lives and future of the people, the country or the world.

And so, it is up to us to refuse to be cowered or concede to the normalization of human coldness, callousness, evil and injustice that now so pervades the climate of this country. It is up to us to take responsibility for ensuring a righteous and relentless resistance in the coming Ice Age. This means we must remember Malcolm's teachings that we must be responsible in our people's eyes and assessment, not in our oppressors'. And it means that we must act responsibly for our people and outrageously toward the oppressor, interrupting and disrupting his planned business-as-usual, and putting another agenda on the table—an agenda more humane, dignity-affirming, just and contributive to the health, well-being and rightful flourishing of all.

We must stand up in the midst of the social madness and moral numbness around us and embrace our mission of serving as a moral and social vanguard which our ancestors, heaven and history have assigned us. We must fulfill the sacred mission of working and struggling to bring an inclusive and shared good in the

world, creating places and spaces where freedom for all is a lived reality rather than an empty and hypocritical claim of a dominant race or class, and where justice is a normal process and product of our daily practice and exchange. And moral sensitivity, empathy and caring are understood and embraced as both normal and necessary to any real claim to being human.

To live is to choose and to act in ways that will day by day determine the course and quality of our lives and form the contours of our future. Therefore, in the face and context of oppression, we cannot honorably or responsibly choose other than struggle, righteous and relentless struggle. As our ancestors instruct us, we must defiantly and boldly "bear witness to truth and set the scales of justice in their proper place, especially among those who have no voice", little visibility or ultimately less value in the eyes of the icemen, huddling in air-conditioned caves to deny them the rights and well-being they deserve.

Indeed, we must, as the ancestors teach us, bear witness to their poverty and pain, their suffering and suppression, their hunger and homelessness, and condemn and resist the bitter cold and bone-breaking callousness that defines the coming Ice Age in which we already and in great part live and struggle. And even when the icemen and women criminalize our criticism, prosecute our practice of active and defiant dissent, demonize and ostracize us and capture us and put us in prison on "Trumped-up" charges, we must still dare to struggle and dare to win, opening up the way to a new world and history of African people and humanity as a whole.

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• REP. KAREN BASS (D-CALIF.) •

# Famine in Africa: Will Trump Act?

*Famine Is Threatening Three African Nations. What Will Trump Do?*

BY REP. KAREN BASS  
(D-Calif.)



Rep. Karen Bass (D-Calif.) says that in Northeast Nigeria, terrorism by Boko Haram has resulted in widespread displacement and a growing humanitarian crisis.

As you read this, our world stands at a crossroads. As you read this, 20 million people stand at risk of starvation at the hands of what has the potential to become the worst humanitarian crisis since World War II; famine in South Sudan and impending famine in Northeast Nigeria, Somalia, and Yemen. Our country has a moral responsibility to address this issue head on.

For famine to be declared, two children younger than five years old in every 10,000 people have to die due to malnutrition and one in five families have to have insufficient food to sustain themselves. Waiting for famine to be declared to act means you're already too late.

Famine has already been declared in South Sudan, where hunger is expected to spread to 40 percent of the country's population in the absence of humanitarian aid. The country's man-made famine is a result of violent conflict in vast swaths of the country. Despite promises of access for relief efforts to these areas by the South Sudanese government, humanitarian organizations remain unable to gain access to provide urgent vital assistance in the form of food, water and shelter in many locations.

Somalia, Nigeria, and Yemen are all on the brink of having famine declared. More than half of Somalia's total population of 12.3 million are experiencing acute food insecurity and are on the brink of death from starvation as a result of drought. Due to conflict with Al-Shabaab terrorists, humanitarian access remains an obstacle in providing the country's 6.2 million people experiencing acute food

insecurity with the aid that they desperately need.

In Northeast Nigeria, terrorism by Boko Haram has resulted in widespread displacement and a growing humanitarian crisis. Over 50,000 people in the region are at risk of famine. In addition, counter-insurgency operations against Boko Haram by the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in Adamawa, Yobe and Borno states have led to population displacement, limited access for relief efforts and have prevented farmers from accessing their fields, leading to significantly below-average harvests.

In Yemen, agriculture production has drastically declined due to conflict, insecurity, high costs, and sporadic availability of agricultural inputs. Two years of escalating conflict have left 18.8 million Yemenis in need of some kind of humanitarian or protection support. Seven million women, children, and men could risk famine in 2017.

In each country, whether it's existing famine in South Sudan or the brink of famine in Somalia, Nigeria, or Yemen, the particularly dis-

astrous characteristic is that these situations are either caused or exacerbated by man-made crisis.

You wouldn't know that this was occurring though—other than a largely lackluster statement about South Sudan on "Face the Nation" in early April by Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley, the Administration has been quiet about the impending disaster in Africa and Yemen. When asked about the implications of the Administration's budget proposal, Ambassador Haley called for "smarter spending" when it comes to foreign and humanitarian aid.

Smarter spending is, of course, necessary, but in the face of the president proposing cuts of nearly 30 percent to foreign aid and diplomacy efforts, it's hard to imagine that the appropriate amount of aid and assistance will be provided to the four countries. At a fundamental level, President Trump's America-first budget would forego international diplomatic leadership and ignore the impending crisis. Foreign aid is an investment, and it makes our country and those overseas fighting for us, dramatically safer. With leadership comes responsibility. Providing aid is a moral imperative.

Despite the lack of coverage in TV media on the issue, we are at a crossroads. Congress has the decision before them to either continue America's legacy in ending famine now, or forgo our diplomatic leadership in the area entirely.

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• JESSE JACKSON •

# President Donald Trump succeeds in trashing civil rights

BY JESSE JACKSON



President Donald Trump, accompanied by Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, arrives to speak during a school choice event in the Roosevelt Room of the White House on Wednesday. | Evan Vucci/AP

The reviews of Donald Trump's first 100 days have generally focused on his failures, flip-flops and follies. We've heard a lot about what he's failed to achieve, but far too little about what he is intent on doing.

Trump's time in office so far has been a systematic and vicious assault on civil rights. The progress that was won with struggle, sacrifice and legislation is being subverted by ink and administrative actions and deregulation. Trump is intent on rolling back the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, and in his first 100 days the damage has already begun.

He appointed Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court, a judge with a record of rulings undermining the rights of workers, women, LGBTQ community, and protections of the environment and democracy.

Gorsuch, selected from a list provided by the far-right Federalist Society and Heritage Foundation, is so extreme that he was confirmed only after Republicans overturned the Senate's long-established rules to get him confirmed with a mere majority. Gorsuch's accession to the court now

reconstitutes a five-person activist right-wing majority that will continue to undermine voting rights, worker rights and civil rights.

Trump appointed Jefferson Beauregard Sessions as his attorney general, a man who derides the Voting Rights Act as "intrusive" and celebrates the Shelby decision that undermined it. Sessions reversed the Justice Department's position on Texas' racially discriminatory voter ID law. He has reversed the commitment to phase out private for-profit prisons, and has moved to abandon vital police accountability measures that had bipartisan support. He's threatening sanctuary cities while gearing up for mass deportations that would break up families and separate mothers from children.

Trump issued his Muslim travel ban, an executive order barring citizens of selected Muslim-majority nations from visiting the United States, although fed-

eral courts blocked it as an unconstitutional violation of religious freedom. Trump's toxic rhetoric has been followed by an increase in hate crimes across the country.

To head the Department of Education, Trump appointed billionaire Betsy DeVos, who for years has devoted herself to undermining public schools and who defends deep cuts in everything from support for schools in poor neighborhoods to Pell grants that help the children of working families afford college.

Trump has given his economic policy over to former Goldman Sachs bankers, including Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and White House Economic Council head Gary Cohn, and they have rolled out plans to give the very rich deep tax cuts that they will use to justify slashing programs vital to working people, including Medicaid, education and even Meals On Wheels.

Trump has stacked his cabinet with committed opponents of the missions of the very departments they head: Scott Pruitt at EPA, Ben Carson at Housing and Urban Development, Rick Perry at Energy, Alex Acosta at Labor.

Trump has signed 13 resolutions of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act overturning Obama-era regulations, including the Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces executive order that required federal contractors to pay their

• JASMYNE A. CANNICK •

# All mothers ain't Clair Huxtable

BY JASMYNE A. CANNICK



This is my Mother's Day ode for the rest of us.

If there's a hell after death I'm sure my mother will go there. In fact her latest stunt no doubt upgraded her to VIP status and moved her to the front of the line for when that day comes.

What else can you say about a woman who sold a house from up underneath its elderly occupants—her own relatives—that she inherited as an only child upon my grandfather's death a few years ago and that's been in my family for decades without telling them and then took the money and bought herself a new house? My older cousins were supposed to die in that house. And that isn't even the tip of the iceberg when it comes to my mother.

As taboo as it is to air this type of family dirty laundry, I know I am not the only person on earth struggling with trifling and degenerate lowlife's for parents. Maybe it's your father, maybe your mother or maybe you had the unfortunate luck to have both of your parents fail you.

I'm Black and like many others of Generation X, I am my grandparent's grandchild. I am the product of grandparents of the Silent Generation who valued tradition and family and had to step in and take the helm in raising their Baby Boomer children's children.

For some of us it was parents who got caught up in the heroine or crack epidemic of the 70s and 80s—other's alcohol. In my mother's case it was three equal parts of her having parents in denial, mental illness and a gambling addiction.

I've never been close to my mother. I'm in my late thirties and I've been estranged from my mother since I was a preteen. It took me a while to accept that I would never have the type of mother that I would have a bond with but once I did, I moved on with my life and found other women in my family and community that I could forge that connection with. It wasn't easy and when holidays like Mother's Day come around it's hard but I make it through thanks to the efforts of my grandmothers and surrogate moms.

And you know, no matter how far you go in life professionally, no matter how far you might try and run away or distance yourself—family is family. You can't escape your blood. Remember President Barack Obama's Donald Trump supporting brother? We all have folks we're ashamed to admit we're related to but

workers a living wage and to obey workplace safety regulations.

Trump continues to assert the lie that there was mass voting fraud in 2016, setting the stage for more efforts to restrict voting, particularly for people of color and the young.

This list could go on—and, as Trump has said, 100 days is only the beginning.

We have big challenges in this country. We have to make this economy work for working people. We have to rescue the democracy from the corruptions of big money. We have to address catastrophic climate change before it is too late. We have to stop fighting endless wars abroad and begin rebuilding at home. We have to make it easier, not harder for people to register and vote. In each of these areas and more, Trump is headed the wrong way.

Yes, some of his efforts have failed, but he is already doing damage to the common good.

work everyday not to be like her. But the day will come when she will have to answer for all of her past transgressions—as I will, as we all will. Believe that.

For those of you with sorry lowlifes for relatives who you find yourself always having to clean up behind, stand strong. Don't make excuses for their bad behavior. Don't be complicit in their bad behavior. Don't blame yourself for their bad behavior. Do what you can do and pray to the God of your understanding to deliver them from their trifling ways and live your life. Just hold on, you're not alone. They say God never gives you more than you can handle. At least that's what they say.

We all weren't blessed with mothers like Clair Huxtable and because of that Mother's Day can be especially hard. For all of the grandmothers and surrogate moms who stepped up and took on the additional responsibilities of raising your grandchildren or being a village mother, as one who benefited from such actions—thank you and Happy Mother's Day. For me that would include my late grandmother Velma McGrew and my 95-year-old grandmother Lina Cannick, my cousin FAME's International WMS President Vivian Hines, the Pan African Film Festival's Asantewa Olatunji, the late Mothers in Action President Brenda Marsh-Mitchell and Nona Cohen to name a few. Your efforts are not lost on us. Thank you.

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Cemetery.

From the advice of a co-worker, Harmon used an app called Next Door, a free private social network for your neighborhood (allows the user to know what's going on in their community). The app revealed that parking had been re-routed to Inglewood Park Cemetery. "I was in absolute disbelief. There were pictures of littering after an event that happened. Jack Daniels bottle, panda containers, paper cups. The entire grounds where the cars were parked was covered with litter. I was so frustrated and angry I took all the pictures and posted them on my Facebook page to let my entire Facebook community know what was happening. My husband is buried at Inglewood Park Cemetery," she said.

Overflow parking for the Great Western Forum was located on the empty lot across the street. Since the construction of the new NFL stadium that parking is no longer available. Many construction pains are being felt by Inglewood residents and now from many who have loved ones buried at the cemetery.

Mayor Butts released the following statement; "The city of Inglewood gives our appreciation to Inglewood Park Cemetery for helping out in this time of transition while overflow parking is unavailable due to the construction of the new NFL arena. On approximately 5 occasions over the past 3 months, the Forum was allowed to park overflow vehicles on the property. The Forum provided security and lighting and clean up services to ensure the parking areas were left clean and unblemished. The parking fees generated for IPC allow the Cemetery to accelerate grounds maintenance.

"My parents rest in

Inglewood Park Cemetery and I empathize with the concerns of family members. The city has opened its parking structure on Locust Street, its structure adjacent to City Hall for Forum's 300 employees and the school district has made lots available for patron parking. McCormick's Ambulance has helped out as well. Effective June 15, 2017, overflow parking will once again be available adjacent to the site of the football stadium. I again salute all the community partners who have stepped forward and ask for patience as the city rebuilds and progresses," Mayor Butts stated

James Finley who found out through a friend, who was directed to park at the cemetery when attending a concert at the Forum. "I really applaud that the city of Inglewood would allow this to happen and Inglewood cemetery itself. No it's not in the contract but just to have a visual of what happens in parking lots at concerts and to think that that would be taking place. My parents are buried on Los Flores situated off the main road of Inglewood Park Cemetery. The optics of it looks horrible coming down Manchester at night. Do I think these people are parking on graves? No ... however if security is not in place like they should you never know what people might do when they are intoxicated or high, so that's the problem I have with it! Inglewood Park cemetery insists that through the arrangement made with the city security and lighting is well in place," said Finley

Mixed emotions and communications have begun to spread. With some believing that the forum and cemetery made arrangements for the parking. The Sentinel spoke to executive assistant to

Rick J. Miller, CEO, Joan Francis who stated, "the city of Inglewood asked Inglewood Park Cemetery, along with some other establishments around the city, the Hollywood Park Casino and local schools. The city itself is allowing their parking structures; everyone's chipping in, Inglewood Cemetery is one of the establishments. They asked if we could, on a limited basis for a temporary time, participate in this service to the community to allow parking on our grounds after hours. We agreed to allow them to park some of their overflow on our roads. I know there has been an emotional response to this. We understand their concerns about the graves; they're not affected at all, the

Mausoleums are not affected at all. The parking is restricted to the streets the people are walking on the streets." said Butts.

In response to pictures that have circulated after concerts with alcohol bottles and cups, Francis responded, "The forum provides clean up, parking attendants and security. The cemetery also provides security. Even after a funeral service we have to pick up trash."

The photos circulating of bottles and cups, were taken by Steve Hawkins who has many family members and friends buried at Inglewood Park Cemetery. He stated, "that has nothing to do with what our problem is, our problem is the after hour parking and the trash that's left. I felt disrespect for my loved ones," he said.

Francis of Inglewood Park Cemetery continued, "The Forum gives us something to pay our security guards and any other clean up and things like that that we may have to do. When asked the amount replied, "Oh I have no idea. You can ask the Forum ... see if they'll tell you. I have no

idea. My understanding ... it's very minimal. We're just trying to be good neighbors."

Madison Square Garden, which owns the Forum has yet to respond.

When asked how long this parking agreement will last, Francis replied, "I've heard everything from two months to five years."

Not all cemeteries are exclusively for burials and love one's remains. For example, Hollywood Forever is a landmark burial ground for Hollywood VIPs and an entertainment venue for outdoor movies and concerts.

Forest Lawn Cemetery was recently named one of the Top 10 free museums in the country by Yahoo Travel. Forest Lawn Museum is committed to enriching the community through the educational presentation of artwork that focuses on history, culture and religion. The exhibit is open 10am-5pm. They are also hosting the David Bowie: Among the Mexican Masters a unique archive which captures intimate moments between the legendary musician and the cultural heritage of Mexico, made during Bowie's only visit to Mexico City 20 years ago.

Regardless, Inglewood citizens have begun to congregate on an app called Next Door where Inglewood Cemetery has been a hot topic. We spoke to one Next Door app member who prefers to be named in this interview as Paris-N-Morningside, which is her screen name. "A cemetery is a sacred place not a parking garage. That's the last sacred place where you would think people had some decorum. People have a very emotional connection to a cemetery. This is supposed to be a peaceful resting place, not a place where people park to go partying and stomping through it." she said.

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FILE PHOTO  
**Dr. Melina Abdullah, Professor and Chair of Pan-African Studies at California State University, Los Angeles**

Garcetti, who makes no secret of his ambitions to run for higher office...benefits greatly from police support. In several instances, the son of the County's former District Attorney Gil Garcetti, has vocalized his pro-police stance. Most recently, to the May Day crowd of thousands of people of color, immigrants, and workers, he chided "Be sure to thank a police officer." Upon receipt of the proposal from the police union, Garcetti then, passed it on to City Council President, Herb Wesson, who placed the item on the May 16th ballot during the 11th hour, perhaps to avoid inclusion of an official opposition statement.

What Charter Amendment C will do is allow police officers who are found guilty of misconduct to essentially choose their "jury." Currently, officer misconduct charges are handled by the Chief, who determines the merits and imposes discipline. Officers found guilty can appeal the Chief's decision to a Board of Rights, which consists of two command-staff officers and one non-police professional (usually a retired judge, arbitrator, attorney, or even a former officer). In every single instance, the non-police professional has been more lenient on guilty officers than command-staff. The ballot measure would keep the current system in place and add an ad-

ditional option that allows for all three members of the appeals body to be non-police professionals who are paid \$1000 per day and can be hand-picked from a list by the officer who has already been found guilty of misconduct. At a time when tensions continue to rise between community and police, when LAPD continues to lead the nation in the killing of its residents, when nearly 60% of Angelenos believe that another mass-uprising is inevitable, we must not weaken police discipline, yet that is precisely what Charter Amendment C would do.

Nearly 100 organizations, community leaders, and media outlets have come out in vocal opposition to Charter Amendment C. Everyone from Pastor John Cager, to Black Lives Matter, to classroom teachers (UTLA), to the Los Angeles Sentinel oppose, recognizing that we must hold police who are found guilty of misconduct accountable. Those who placed the item on the ballot expect communities of color and working class people - those most impacted by police misconduct - to stay home, but this is one that we cannot afford to sit out. We implore everyone to get out and vote #NoOnC on May 16th and tell everyone you know to "hold the line against police misconduct."

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tion Committee, and his attorney Dermot Givens, announced the suit during a press conference in front of LAPD Headquarters on May 9.

LAPD officers "De La Torres" and "Hernandez" are also defendants in the lawsuit, which stems from Akili's participation in a Black Lives Matter protest at the L.A. Police Commission meeting on Feb. 9, 2016.

Akili, 68, is also suing for unlawful detention, excessive force, and false imprisonment.

He was arrested and tried on one count of battery on a police officer. The court dismissed the charge after a jury, comprised of no Blacks, deadlocked.

"They were seeking to put him in jail based on trumped up charges," Givens said. "We went through a two-week trial, and the jury said, Mr. Akili, we believe you and not the lying LAPD officers, who came to this trial," he continued.

Since the trial, the District Attorney and the City Attorney have been comfortably silent, as has been Mayor Eric Garcetti, the City Council, and Police Commission, Givens told reporters.

"They've done nothing to discipline the lying LAPD personnel, who were put on the stand by the City Attorney at Akili's trial," he said.

He added, "They told four bald-faced, absolute lies when they took the stand to swear to tell the truth."

According to Givens,

Ofc. Gebro lied when she said Akili grabbed her, going for her gun. "Then, she changed her story, after the City Attorney figured out that the jury didn't look like they were buying that story, and she came back and said he grabbed her breast," Givens said.

Givens said the other lies were that Akili left a red bruise on Gebro's side; that Ofc. Russell said he saw Akili push Gebro; and that Tefank said he saw Akili "BEAR HUG" Gebro.

The jury disbelieved them, and now his client is seeking \$1million for each of the four lies that the LAPD has told against him, Givens said.

"We filed this lawsuit, seeking to make the city uncomfortable in accepting the lies of the LAPD ... We're calling on this city to stand together, to stand for justice, and recognize that Black Lives Matter," Givens said.

"This was a political trial," Akili told the Sentinel. City Attorney Mike Feuer could have dropped the charges, he said.

Akili said he has the distinction of being the only Black man in L.A., who was in the grasp of the LAPD, walked to the door, and then let go.

"Then, they arrested me! They lied on the stand, repeatedly. They accused me of doing stuff that no reasonable person would do in a room full of police officers. And, the worst part of it was, because my hands were occupied - I had a hat in one hand and a notebook in the other - I

couldn't do anything to anybody," Akili stated.

"They didn't prove their case, because they didn't have a case. They were doing this in an effort to silence Black Lives Matter," he added Akili.

"I feel much better now. I gotta tell you, those two days, which wound up being 10 days, were full of anxiety for me. It was nerve-wracking to sit there and be characterized as a loud, Black, angry man, who wouldn't wait his turn, and who, in a room full of police chose to batter another police," Akili said.

Neither of the arresting officers testified during trial, Givens said.

The complaint alleged, "While plaintiff was being escorted out of the meeting, Tefank, who was seated on the dais next to LAPD Chief Charlie Beck, told Chief Beck that plaintiff should be arrested."

Akili had been escorted out of the auditorium and was walking away, when Tefank, who is not a peace officer, exited the meeting room and ordered De La Torres and Hernandez to arrest him, according to the complaint.

"No comment on any pending litigation," wrote Tefank, in response to the Sentinel's request for a phone interview or statement via email.

Akili thanked his attorney for being his legal guide, and about a dozen activists and others who attended his 10-day trial, which he called an anxiety-filled process. It was supposed to last only two days, and without their support, it would have been much more difficult, he acknowledged.

For years, Black Lives Matter, along with other organizations, have attended Police Commission meetings, seeking to hold the LAPD accountable for shootings, among other things, said Dr. Melina Abdullah, an organizer with BLM-LA.

She said Akili has been among them, lifting up his community, but the LAPD and the system have been criminalizing their actions.

Akili's arrest wasn't the first arrest, and it won't be the last, but the activists/organizations will continue to respond with repercussions in the form of lawsuits, said Abdullah, who is also chair of the Pan African Studies Department and a member of the Black Community, Clergy and Labor Alliance's (BCCLA) Steering Committee.

"We are demanding Tefank's immediate termination, and we are also saying that we are going to hold our systems accountable in whatever way we must," Abdullah said.

"Black Lives We Matter Here," Akili, Abdullah, and activists chanted several times throughout the press conference.

"I think he was railroaded," said Larry Aubry, co-chair of the BCCLA, who also stood with Akili (also a BCCLA member) at the press conference.

"The jury deadlocked ... I think the police officers lied on the stand. I really do believe that. There's no real indication ... I think really it's one of these things that should never have been filed, and I think he's perfectly right in trying to go to court and clear his name behind this travesty," Aubry stated.

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# Intersection: Dementia, Poverty, Homelessness

*How Three Key Social Ills Combine to Leave Elders with Skilled Care Needs Unmet*

## Part 2 of 3: Poverty

BY CHARLENE MUHAMMAD  
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Finding out as a young college student that his estranged father had been crippled by dementia was hard enough for Bryan Gaines.

The decline in Melvin Gaines' mental ability was one thing to grapple with, but having to provide around the clock long-term care for a man he barely knew, heightened that challenge.

"The first thing I said was there's no way in the world that I could deal with this. I felt like this is my father, but I'm in school, and all these scenarios went through my mind," Gaines stated.

Gaines reluctantly accepted the fact that he would have to take the lead. "I thought about how he wasn't ever there for me, and I never had a father to talk to," he said. According to Gaines, he endured a horrible, young life of pain, which included molestation and loneliness. He blamed his father for not being around, he lamented.

### His Grandmother's Advice

Gaines said the news was further exacerbated by the reality his father had no resources to help provide the quality of care he needed. His father would eventually get Medi-Cal, but died very shortly after.

According to Gaines, it was the counseling of his grandmother, a huge influence in his life, that inspired him to step up to the plate to take care of his father until his last breath.

While dementia had reunited the father and son, it also caused their spiral into poverty, particularly Gaines, Sr.

"I used everything he had plus what I had to take care of him, to make all of this work. I lost so much behind this. I mean, I am almost poverty-stricken behind trying to take care of him, taking my savings and my money that I earned on my job, all the things that I had to take care of because he ran out of money," Gaines stated.

### Worried About Mother's Care

Eileen Thompson has cared at home for her mother who is over 70-years-old. Her mother has congestive heart failure, hypertension, and diabetes, which all exacerbate her health and financial situation. However, living at home is important to her, Thompson shared last fall during a national conference on aging.

Thompson expressed concern about maintaining her mother's quality of life and about receiving the resources she needs in the new political climate under President Donald Trump. She was especially worried about attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

Former President Barack Obama signed the ACA in March, 2010. A key benefit for seniors is that the law provides help with prescription drug costs.

"We're going to be prayerful, and be vigilant. I think advocacy is important, because we're at the point now where my mother, fortunately, has private insurance, but that's also coupled with Medicare, so most of her visits are at



*Eileen Thompson speaks to panel of Gerontologists during a conference last Fall about the challenges and her family's needs as caregivers for her aging mother with dementia.*

zero out-of-pocket for her," Thompson stated. According to Thompson, her mother has Medi-gap insurance, which pays copayments and other charges not covered by Medicare.

"Without that additional Medicare component, that could probably change, so we are watching. We are being mindful. We are trying to speak with our representatives and see exactly what's going to happen with that," Thompson continued.

The organization Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles (alzgl.org) recommends putting financial plans in place as soon as a diagnosis has been determined. But what does that mean for people like Bryan Gaines?

An estimated 44 million people in the United States provide unpaid family care, and 75 percent of them are employed, indicates the National Alliance for Caregiving (caregiving.org). According to NAC and AARP, nearly 70 percent of working caregivers must make workplace accommodations, such as modifying hours, taking a leave of absence, choosing early retirement or turning down a promotion to a more demanding job.

### 37 Billion Unpaid Care Hours

AARP and the nonprofit Respect a Caregiver's Time, or ReACT (a coalition that addresses caregiving challenges facing both employees and employers) have been encouraging employers to provide caregiver benefits.

Their 2016 joint report (respectcaregivers.org) titled, "Determining the Return on Investment: Supportive Policies for Employee Caregivers," stressed that family caregivers create substantial economic value for society.

Also, a 2015 study estimated that in 2013 alone, approximately 40 million family caregivers in the United States provided 37 billion hours of care to an adult with limitations in daily activities, translating into approximately \$470 billion of unpaid contributions.

Research suggests that 45 percent of employed family caregivers provide often-complicated care previously provided only by formal medical and nursing care. This includes managing multiple medications, caring for wounds, preparing special diets, using medical monitors, operating medical equip-

ment, conducting care coordination, and hiring other paid help for family members with multiple chronic physical, cognitive, and behavioral conditions, the document continued.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, while costs may vary depending on geographic location, some common care costs include ongoing medical treatment for Alzheimer's related symptoms, diagnosis and follow-up visits; treatment or medical equipment for other medical conditions; and safety-related expenses, such as home safety modifications or safety services for a person who wanders.

The group adds that costs also include prescription drugs, personal care supplies, adult day care services, in-home care services, and full-time residential care services.

A data snapshot of the average costs for long-term care services in the United States posted on the association's website (alz.org) stems from Genworth Financial's 2016 Cost of Care Survey, which included statistics from home care providers, adult day healthcare facilities, assisted living facilities and nursing homes:

- \$225 per day or \$82,125 per year for a semi-private room in a nursing home;
- \$253 per day or \$92,378 per year for a private room in a nursing home;
- \$3,628 per month or \$43,539 per year for basic services in an assisted living facility;
- \$20 per hour for a home health aide; \$68 per day for adult day services.

"When we talk about poverty, you can start off with dealing with this disease and end up going through property as a direct result of trying to care for someone," Gaines said.

"You're trying to juggle and work your job. I know many people that have lost their jobs as a result of trying to be a caregiver, and that's just part of it. I know people that have gotten rid of their homes to move in with their mom," he stated.

According to Gaines, many working, first-time caregivers initially hire home care services, which depletes their resources, eventually forcing them to take on caregiving duties themselves. Some may qualify for home and community based care, such as the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program, if they qualify the low-income Medi-Cal program.

Depending on income, the cost of services may be covered entirely by the state, or program participants' may be responsible for cost-sharing if their incomes exceed the monthly limit. Medi-Cal sets the hourly rate for IHSS services. The American Elder Care Research Organization estimates costs being between \$12 and \$17 per hour. Typically, the monthly IHSS cost is about \$2,200, but state rules say it cannot exceed \$3,500 per month, according to

AECRO.

Service providers assist with daily living activities, such as bathing, dressing and transferring, house-keeping, laundry, meal preparation, personal care, shopping assistance for essential items, supervision, and transportation assistance.

"Everything is expensive, from the insurance to the Depends [adult incontinence underwear], and if you don't have access to these services and the person doesn't necessarily

qualify for it, if they get \$1 more than they're supposed to -- it's a struggle. It puts people in poverty," Gaines argued.

He added, "When you're dealing with poverty, and you're struggling, trying to figure out whether you're going to buy medicine or buy food, there's no quality of life there. Everybody's frustrated."

The system's practice is to have caregivers who live with loved ones they are caring for to just double the task, Gaines said.

For example, he went on, "When the social worker comes out, and sits there, and looks at the time that's going to be allocated, they say, 'Okay ... you have breakfast, too, right? So you can fix her breakfast when you fix your breakfast ... You can wash her clothes when you wash your clothes,' so all that time, that's all cut off because you are already doing some of that work," he said.

"Therefore the amount of money that's allocated to you is substantially less than what you're used to getting, so many people end up losing their cars, losing their homes, and all kinds of things trying to provide care for a family member," Gaines added.

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# Healthcare workers push for dialysis treatment regulations

BY CHARLENE MUHAMMAD  
Contributing Writer

Nurses, patients, and other health care workers outlined proposed legislation to regulate dialysis treatment during a briefing hosted by New America Media at SEIU-United Healthcare Workers West on May 4.

Dialysis is a life-saving treatment for people with end stage renal disease, according to health experts.

Senate Bill 349 (the "Dialysis Patient Safety Act") aims to improve safety and care for all patients receiving treatment at outpatient clinics in three ways. It will mandate staffing to safe levels, increase inspection frequencies, and require companies to allow workers adequate time between patients to clean the dialysis machines, as well as allow patients sufficient rest time after treatments, according to a United Healthcare Workers (UHW) fact sheet, entitled "More Than Numbers".

The requirements are long overdue, said several dialysis nurses and patients who briefed reporters.

According to statistics, Blacks are nearly four times as likely to need dialysis as Whites, and in California, almost 10,000 Blacks receive dialysis in the state's 562 clinics.

In addition, in 2014, an average of 13 dialysis patients died per clinic, and one in eight of those were due to infections, the fact sheet further indicated.

Several dialysis nurses and staff said they have worked extended hours with imbalanced nurse-to-



Dr. Randall Maxey (left) and dialysis nurse Sherry Yatts discuss problems and solutions after panel talk on safety of dialysis treatment centers.



(L-R) Cass Gualvez (Organizing Director, SEIU-UHW), Dr. Randall Maxey (past President, National Medical Association), Joan Allen (Government Relations, SEIU-UHW), Megallan Handford (Registered Nurse/Dialysis worker) and Vince Gonzalez (Dialysis patient)

and treatment conditions, and practices, but stated that the company is part of California Coalition, a group of patient advocacy groups, providers, and others opposed to the bill.

A California Coalition press release dated April 19 countered the bill proposes rigid dialysis clinic staffing mandates, which put politics before patients. It would jeopardize access to dialysis care for thousands of patients, the document went on.

The coalition, which also includes nurses, physicians and clinics specializing in dialysis care, are against, among other things, a specified 45-minute transition time between patient shifts.

"... SB 349 would harm patients by reducing access to care while increasing costs to the Medi-Cal program and the overall health system in California," the release read.

Dr. Randall Maxey, past president of the National Medical Association, said he feels SB 349, in a sense, its misdirected. The target should be the federal government through the U.S. Congress, and Medicare, to affect dialysis companies, he told reporters during the May 4 briefing.

He said one of his fears in passing legislation that means more regulations is that it won't hurt the big companies at all. "They'll just pay the fine. It'll hurt small people - companies like me, doctors like me - trying to do the right thing, and making it simply harder. So, it's not thought out," Maxey argued.

Maxey said the issue is very important to him, because Blacks are less than 15 percent of the U.S. population, but make up more than 40 percent of the dialysis population.

"So all of these millions and billions of dollars that are being made are being made on the backs of people who look like me," he stated.

According to Maxey, his father was and his brother is a dialysis patient. He has worked for both DaVita and Fresenius. Now, he owns 18 dialysis centers in Puerto Rico.

Latinos and Blacks don't get care in time, which results in catheters, he said. That increases chances of infections, which increases probabilities of death, he said. By the time many people got to dialysis centers, they only had about three-to-four months to live because they couldn't get care ahead of time, he explained.

"If you're going to solve a problem, it's not just that we need more staff. We need a better system," Maxey said. What doesn't work is looking at the problem as a silo, he said.

Maxey said a key solution is to develop a relationship between the workers and nurses, and care technicians and doctors. He said frankly, he doesn't trust the motivation of the unions to do that.

"We know what's happening with the patient. I would say that the motivation of most of the health care workers are pure, but they're being used," he said.

patient ratios.

According to Cass Gualvez, organizing director, SEIU-UHW, dialysis workers from the multinational corporation Fresenius Medical Care North America approached them about a year ago. They were concerned about their working conditions, and interested in forming their union with UHW, she said.

Workers talked about being rushed, working six days a week for 12 hours, and people being timed if they took too long to get the next patient into a chair, Gualvez stated. She added, "I was floored when I was told that people were encouraged to get the next patient in the chair within 15 minutes."

Megallan Handford is a retired police officer, and has been a caregiver and dialysis nurse for 15 years. He stated that day in and out, he and colleagues are rushed to work within policies and procedures that are set up for them to fail.

"When you look at all of this, let's be clear about this. It's all about profit. It's all about money," charged Handford.

"When you see patients dying for reasons that they should not be dying for, as an individual, you have to stand up for what's right," he said.

According to Handford, most doctors spend about an hour or two, doing rounds in clinics, and then they leave. They do not see when a patient is crashing, is coded, or the trauma they experience, he continued.

If a patient dies in a chair, Handford said workers place them in a back room until an ambulance or coroner picks them up, but they then have to go back to work with other patients, who just witnessed it all.

"As a police officer, if I got into a shooting, I at least was given the courtesy of having to be off

of work for 3-4 days after a traumatic incident like that, but we're expected, as caregivers, to go back into that environment at that same time, and put on a face, and do our work," Handford said.

Much of the workers' ire targeted DaVita, Inc. and Fresenius, the two leading kidney care and dialysis treatment centers in the United States, according to Gualvez. The healthcare workers stated DaVita's conditions are the most horrendous.

According to Sherry Yatts, who has also been a dialysis nurse for 15 years, she and a co-worker were fired from DaVita, because the company failed to take responsibility for equipment failure.

"I kept telling them that there is a problem with the system, which they failed to look at, so a patient got sick. I was like, you guys need to check this out! Every time I put a patient on this, they get sick at this point," Yatts said.

"They failed to investigate, so instead of it falling on them, it fell on me and the bio med guy, so we had to be terminated," she continued.

DaVita had not replied to the *Sentinel's* requests for interviews at press time.

"Fresenius Medical Care opposes SB 349," stated Jon Stone of Fresenius' Public Relations and Corporate Communications office.

Stone did not address the healthcare workers' claims about poor working



Dialysis Nurse Megallan Handford testified about the poor conditions and the need for SB 349.

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Activists congregate during Quest for Democracy 2017 day of action at the State Capitol in Sacramento on May 8.



Kim McGill (with mic) and members of Youth Justice Coalition rally during the Quest for Democracy at the State Capitol on May 8.

# Youth Lobby State Lawmakers for Prison Reform

BY CHARLENE MUHAMMAD  
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L.A. area youth traveled to the State Capitol to advocate with approximately 300 other activists for formerly incarcerated people and their families.

The approximately dozen members of the Youth Justice Coalition who par-

ticipated in Quest for Democracy on May 8 advocated for lawmakers to pass 10 bills to protect and uplift California's youth.

They include:

- Assembly Bill (AB) 90 - place a moratorium on the use of shared gang databases until issues exposed by state audit are addressed;

- Senate Bill (SB) 190 - end billing of families for time youth are in juvenile hall, and camps, as well as mandatory court fees such as ankle monitoring and public defender fees;

- SB 394 - end life sentences without the possibility of parole for youth under 18;

- SB 395 - grant Miran-

da rights for youth under 18; guarantee the opportunity to consult with an attorney before police interrogation;

- SB 439 - end juvenile court prosecution of children under age 12; refer such cases to child protective services, eradicate children's criminal records, and, they would no longer have criminal records or experience detention in juvenile hall and incarceration; and,

- SB 607, which would end K-12 out-of-school suspensions for willful defiance. According to its authors, 90 percent of California youth in juvenile halls and county youth prisons (probation camps and ranches) were suspended or expelled from school before their incarceration.

"For decades, local, state and federal governments have created policies to criminalize, incarcerate and deport millions

of people - predominantly targeting Black, Brown and indigenous communities.

Quest for Democracy is an opportunity to promote the experiences and solutions of formerly incarcerated people and our families," said Kim McGill of the Youth Justice Coalition and Free L.A. High School.

According to McGill, SB 607 (willful defiance suspensions) passed out of the Senate with only nine "no" votes.

In all, the Youth Justice Coalition delegation held more than 70 meetings with legislators to push their focused bills, plus those championed by their allies.

In addition, the Alliance for Boys and Men of Color was at the capitol the same day to redefine public safety and reclaim justice. Their day of action, themed "Free Our Dreams," actually began on May 6.

They held legislative do's and don'ts training,

legislative preparation sessions, and youth and adult orientations.

Their aim is to use their voices and power to build a "CaliforALL" where the state's most vulnerable young people feel safe and protected in schools and communities, notes the alliance's website.

Quest for Democracy was spearheaded by Legal Services for Prisoners with Children. Dorsey Nunn, executive director, said the day of action allows the formerly incarcerated to advocate as experts from first hand knowledge.

"As people who have been directly impacted by the realities of reentry and the devastating effects of the criminal justice system, we're able to use our experience to craft and support legislation that humanizes us, and helps our families and communities," Nunn stated.



Members of Youth Justice Coalition listen to speakers during May 8 Quest for Democracy Day of Action rally.

# First 100 Days of Resistance: What's Next for Immigrant Rights

BY CHARLENE MUHAMMAD  
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Activists briefed reporters from ethnic media on a conference call about their resistance to President Donald Trump's first 100 days in office, and what's next for immigrant rights.

The approximately one-hour telephonic press briefing was hosted by New America Media (NAM), a nationwide association of over 3,000 ethnic media organizations (representing the development of a more inclusive journalism) and Ready California, a coalition of legal services providers, community-based organizations, unions, faith-based organizing groups, ethnic media, foreign consulates, and more, who provide legal support to immigrant communities.

Odetta Alcazaren-Keeley, NAM's National Media Network director, facilitated the call. Speakers were Angelica Salas, executive director, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA), Adriana Guzman, outreach coordinator, Faith in Action Bay Area, and Melissa Lim Chua immigration director, International Rescue Committee.

The activists also briefed reporters on recent major wins and losses of the immigrant rights movement and gave an update on raids, and who is being targeted.

"How do immigrants, civil rights, and refugee rights advocates view the first 100 days of the Trump Administration? How bad are things? ... Where do you see the signs of hope," Alcazaren-Keeley asked

Chua, as she began the session.

First, Chua expressed that it's worth noting that since January, the Trump Administration has undertaken sweeping changes in immigration policy.

Those changes include signing a number of executive orders; two focusing on increasing enforcement at the southern border and in the interior United States, Chua said.

She highlighted a third, known as the travel ban, which was issued on Jan. 27. The ban is aimed to curtail travel from certain predominantly Muslim countries, and lower the amount of refugees allowed admission into the U.S., Chua said.

"Finally, a fourth executive order signed in April called in federal agencies to enforce laws to protect the interests of U.S. workers, and for those agencies to suggest reforms to reduce fraud and abuse in the H1B Visa (a temporary work visa) System," she continued.

Some of the orders have had immediate effects on immigrants, Chua said. For instance, arrests of non-citizens arose in the U.S. more than 30 percent from Jan. 20 to March 13, compared to the same time frame in 2016, she said.

"And, despite the injunction by courts on the travel ban, the rate of admission of refugees has been low, since the (Trump) administration took office, endangering tens of thousands of refugees who have already been vetted by the U.S. Government," she stated.

However, many of the

proposed changes face real, significant hurdles, such as a lack of funding and blockage by courts, and Chua continued.

The speakers also gave updates in proposed changes to immigration policy.

During Q&A, Henrietta Burroughs of *East Palo Alto Today*, asked the panelists how they defined "immigrant community".

Burroughs said she sought to know which immigrants the panelists were discussing, because immigrants from Southern Africa are five times more likely to be deported than any other immigrants.

"When we think of immigrants in this country, we think of those south of the border, where the emphasis Trump has on building a wall, but those are not the immigrants who are most likely to be deported," Burroughs further explained.

CHIRLA works with all communities, from Latin America, Asia, and Africa, especially the most impacted, Salas stated.

"I believe that the statistic that you talk about is that African immigrants who have any kind of connection or any kind of engagement with law enforcement are five times more likely to be deported," Salas replied.

She continued, saying African immigrant communities are extremely vulnerable around racial profiling.

"The other thing that I think is important for you to know is that 98 percent of the deportations that happen in this country are from people from Mexico and Central America," Salas added.

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## Celebration of Life

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK  
Staff Writer

Every high school has teachers and staff members who leave lasting impressions on the students, and Homer Leon Bradford Jr. was that for Crenshaw High School. Bradford had a 36-year career with LAUSD, spending most of that time working as security for the South L.A. high school.

For decades, he was a familiar face supervising the front gates of Crenshaw. At a school known for its strong football and basketball legacy, Bradford made a name for himself by being a mentor. His co-workers and family members exclaimed that he was passionate about the well-being of children.

He left a legacy of positivity and unerring service for his small biological family and the multitude that makes up the Crenshaw High School community, according to Crenshaw staff members.

### "The Gate Keeper" Homer Leon Bradford Jr. Remembered by Crenshaw Community

"He always had a smile, he always had something kind to say to you," said Eleanor Elliott, who has been working at Crenshaw for 33 years. "His spirit was the spirit of gold."

Bradford was born on December 5, 1954 to Della Carter and Homer Bradford Sr.. He had one older brother, Walter Donald Walker. He also grew up with his second cousins Anita Justin-Patton and Carolyn Albertson.

Growing up, Bradford was a fan of collecting comic books and baseball cards; he also enjoyed playing sports like baseball and basketball. During the summers, Bradford worked for the Parks and Recreation Department, helping at day camps for Virginia Road Elementary School.

Bradford graduated from Dorsey High School in 1973 and studied at West

L.A. College. He also started working for 42nd Street School and Audubon Middle School at that time.

"He ended up just really finding his place at Crenshaw," said Justin-Patton.

He was also known for collecting caps, from Buffalo soldier's caps, to the L.A. Lakers to Taste of Soul apparel. Along with his love for the Dodgers and the Lakers was his drive to help children.

"Homer was one-of-a-kind," said Maria Novoa, a Special Education Assistant at Crenshaw. "He was a gem, sweet, loving, and always had treats for our kids."



Homer Bradford (FACEBOOK PHOTO)

Bradford was known for touching the lives of many Crenshaw students and workers, their children and even grandchildren. School librarian Allison Walker attended Crenshaw, her mother worked with Bradford and her children attend Crenshaw.

"I would say he was

Mr. Crenshaw because ... I know he loved the school," she said. "He was always here and he offered his total support."

When the football and basketball teams would go to away games, he traveled with them and helped the security workers at the site. People who worked with Bradford described him as dependable, kindhearted, and convivial.

"They had him at the right place, at that front gate where he can welcome in everybody," said Donnie Greene, a Crenshaw high alum who also became a co-worker of Bradford's. "Once he welcome you to Crenshaw High School, you felt really part of [the] Crenshaw family."

Bradford retired in 2012 due to health issues. In his retirement, he would frequently visit the Baldwin Hills Mall and attend the

Taste of Soul festival each year.

Bradford passed away on April 28, at Centinela Hospital.

Cougar Connection, a Crenshaw alumni organization, hosted a candlelight vigil for Bradford. Hundreds of alumni, current students, staff, faculty, and past administrators attended. The vigil consisted of prayers, words from alumni and family, and selections from the Crenshaw Elite Choir.

"I was elated; it was just so heartwarming to see everyone there. The choir was just so wonderful," Albertson said. "They thought enough of my cousin to do all that."

Bradford leaves behind his aunt, Barbara Ann Franklin, older brother Walker, the love of his life Donna Tyree, his niece Dontia Walker, his cousins Albertson and Justin-Patton, and his nieces and nephews.

## Trayvon Martin will receive posthumous degree in Florida

ASSOCIATED PRESS

A university will award Trayvon Martin a posthumous Bachelor of Science Degree in aviation five years after the black teenager was fatally shot by a neighborhood watch volunteer in central Florida.

An announcement on Florida Memorial University's official Facebook page says Martin's parents, Sybrina Fulton and Tracy Martin, will accept the degree during a May 13 commencement ceremony. Fulton graduated from the Miami Gardens university and, along with Tracy Martin, co-founded the Trayvon Martin Foundation.

The university's statement says it will honor the steps Martin, who was 17 when he died in 2012, took toward becoming a pilot.

George Zimmerman said he shot Martin in self-defense as the teen returned to his father's home after a trip to a convenience store. A jury acquitted Zimmerman of second-degree murder in 2013.



Trayvon Martin

AP PHOTO





# Gipson Denounces Trump's Flip Flop of HBCU Funding



Mike A. Gipson

FILE PHOTO

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Assembly member Mike A. Gipson responded to Trump's conflicting statements on HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) funding.

"Trump's divisive comments have yet again exposed his lack of respect for African Americans, our higher education and our historic role in this country.

"He stood in the White House, which slaves built, and promised to continue the 1992 federal funding of low cost construction loans that helps build, repair and renovate HBCUs.

"We take education

very seriously and have always viewed it as the pathway to a better life. We are talking about respect for the historical buildings that represent hope and a future for those that America has oppressed.

"Words have power and you can't unring the bell. Author and poet, Maya Angelou, said, 'When someone shows you who they are believe them; the first time.'

"I am asking every organization and individual to stand up and denounce this racist and bigot for attacking the very institutions that have produced some of our greatest leaders.

"How dare Trump play games with our history, and more importantly our future. This was not the first time, nor will it be the last time, that he threw crumbs to African Americans, only to quickly sweep them away".

Assemblymember Gipson is chair of the Assembly Democratic Caucus. He represents the 64th Assembly District which includes the cities and communities of Carson, Compton, Gardena, Harbor Gateway, Lynwood, North Long Beach, Rancho Dominguez, South L.A., Torrance, Watts/Willowbrook and Wilmington.

# Ohio Pastor Darrell Scott Convenes "Gang Summit" in Washington, D.C.



LAUREN BURKE/NNPA

A group of assembled business leaders, Trump Administration officials, clergy and community stakeholders discuss a range of issues affecting the Black community at a recent summit convened by Cleveland Heights Pastor Darrell Scott.

BY LAUREN VICTORIA BURKE  
NNPA Newswire Contributor

After backpedaling from claims he made in February, that gang leaders committed to "lower the body count" in Chicago in exchange for "some social programs," Pastor Darrell Scott recently hosted a meeting in Washington, D.C. to discuss a range of issues affecting the Black community.

The "gang summit," as it was dubbed by reporters, was held at the St. Regis hotel, a few blocks from the White House. The discussion went on for over three hours. Even though, Scott of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, convened the discussion, he spent most of the multi-hour conversation as a facilitator.

During his opening statement at the summit, Scott said that, "We know President Trump is unpopular in the Black community."

Everyone in attendance appeared to understand the painfully obvious: that one meeting won't solve Chicago's complex issues around poverty, violence and the school to prison pipeline. The summit was just a first step that placed key players on these issues in the same room for the first time during Trump's presidency.

Xavier Williams, a former gang member who spent 16 years in prison and who earned a degree in community redevelopment, spoke to the group of assembled business leaders, Trump Administration officials, clergy and community stakeholders.

Williams ran down statistics pointing out that there were five neighborhoods in Chicago that were

ground zero for an endless cycle of unemployment, poverty and violence.

Williams noted that the unemployment rate in five of the most violent neighborhoods in Chicago was extremely high and those same neighborhoods also suffered the majority of school closures since 2013, a decision that was criticized by local and national education advocates.

"In 2013, the city's mayor, Rahm Emanuel, closed 49 schools — a move that was met with widespread resistance and disproportionately impacted minority communities," according to The Huffington Post.

Williams also said that there was no oversight over funds allocated to assist residents returning from prison.

"There needs to be an accountability system or an audit," said Williams.

There was also an in-depth discussion about the role of church pastors in Chicago and whether or not they were helping to improve the situation. That topic would have been taboo at most roundtable discussions.

"I've heard this complaint," said Scott. "That the money goes into the church and doesn't go into the community...they see how the pastor is living and they wonder," Scott added to nods of recognition around the room.

Sitting around a large rectangular set of connected tables as lunch was served, were Trump HUD official Richard Youngblood, James Holland of the NRA, Pastor Dean Nelson of the Frederick Douglass Foundation and Cleveland activist

Kareem Lanier as well as about twenty others. Some who attended were from the business community, some were leaders of community groups and others were deep-pocketed investors who wanted to know how they could help Chicago.

"We believe [President Donald Trump] will be the one to help the Black community on housing renovation and neighborhood revitalization," said Lanier during the session.

According to a 2017 report on crime rates by the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law, "While murder rates have increased in some cities, this report finds no evidence that the hard-won public safety gains of the last two and a half decades are being reversed."

The report continued: "With violence at historic lows, modest increases in the murder rate may appear large in percentage terms. Similarly, murder rates in the 30 largest cities increased by 13.2 percent in 2015 and an estimated 14 percent in 2016. These increases were highly concentrated. More than half of the 2015 urban increase (51.8 percent) was caused by just three cities, Baltimore, Chicago, and Washington, D.C. And Chicago alone was responsible for 43.7 percent of the rise in urban murders in 2016."

Even though, "Today's crime rate is less than half of what it was in 1991," according to the Brennan Center, President Trump ratcheted up the "law and order" rhetoric during the first 100 days of his presidency.

In January 2017, Trump

said, "Afghanistan is not like what's happening in Chicago" during an interview with ABC.

That same month, Trump tweeted a warning to Chicago's political establishment: "If Chicago doesn't fix the horrible 'carnage' going on...I will send in the Feds!"

In February, during a meeting with sheriffs, Trump claimed that the murder rate in the U.S. was the highest it's been in 47 years.

"Did you know that? Forty-seven years," said Trump, according to the Chicago Tribune. "I used to use that—I'd say that in a speech and everybody was surprised. Because the press doesn't tell it like it is. It wasn't to their advantage to say that."

That statement from

the new president, like so many others, was inaccurate.

"The most recent annual FBI statistics available show the national rate for murder and non-negligent manslaughter in 2015 was 4.9 per 100,000 people," the Chicago Tribune reported. "That was lower than every year between 1996 and 2009, when the rate fell from 7.4 killings per 100,000 people to five for the same population."

Whether Trump can pivot away from his "law and order" rhetoric and inaccurate statements about crime in urban communities and towards policies that involve economic development and neighborhood revitalization remains unclear.

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## Honda Breaks Ground on New Dealership in 9th District



FILE PHOTO

A new Honda Dealership in the 9th District will add about 100 jobs, according to district officials.

CITY NEWS SERVICE

Honda of Downtown Los Angeles broke ground last Thursday on an expansive dealership on a previously vacant one-acre site in the 700 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

The \$30 million project, which will feature a five-story, 210,000-square-foot building, is located in an emerging, once-blighted retail-commercial area near Exposition Park that will soon include Banc of California soccer stadium, USC

Village and The Lucas Museum of Narrative Art.

The new dealership is expected to add about 100 jobs, many to be provided to residents of the immediate neighborhood, according to the dealership.

Ninth District City Councilman Curren Price Jr., whose district includes the project, said it will positively affect the area in a number of ways.

"This project aligns with three key priorities for my district — economic development, job creation

and neighborhood revitalization," Price said. "The facility is being constructed on a previously vacant lot that was dark and uninviting and will greatly improve the streetscape of this part of the neighborhood."

Honda of Downtown plans to donate \$100,000 to Los Angeles Trade-Technical College to help stimulate education in automotive service-tech fields and will donate \$50,000 to the new business improvement district.

## Brotherhood Crusade wins L.A. Clippers Foundation Charity Challenge



PHOTO BY VARON P. JAZZ

(L-R) Greg Grulikowski, KIA Director Western Area; Denise Booth, L.A. Clippers representative; Pamela Bakewell, Brotherhood Crusade board member; Stacy Hill-Williams, Brotherhood Crusade communications & development director; and members of the L.A. Clippers Spirit, Mariah and Karissa.

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

The L.A. Clippers Foundation recently announced Brotherhood Crusade as the First Place winner of the L.A. Clippers Foundation Charity Challenge presented by Kia Motors America, a fundraising campaign on CrowdRise to support charitable organizations focused on making an impact in the Greater Los Angeles area.

Out of all the participating organizations, Brotherhood Crusade won 1st Place by raising \$129,400 for its cause by the promotion deadline. As a result, the L.A. Clippers Foundation will award Brotherhood Crusade with a \$50,000 grand prize and a 2017 Kia. Other organizations who placed 2nd and 3rd will also receive smaller grant awards, including:

2nd Place: Junior Achievement with \$122,075 Raised

3rd Place: Inner-City Arts with \$31,095 Raised

The L.A. Clippers Foundation Charity Challenge presented by Kia launched Tuesday, March 7th at 12:00pm PT and ran through Tuesday, April 4th at 12:59:59pm PT.

Charisse Bremond Weaver, Brotherhood Crusade President and CEO said, "Brother-

hood Crusade thanks the LA Clippers Foundation for including our organization in the challenge and giving us this amazing opportunity. We also extend our warm congratulations to the other charities that participated in the challenge."

The Brotherhood Crusade joined the Challenge on CrowdRise, the largest crowdfunding platform for good. Brotherhood Crusade provides human and social services to more than 25,000 South Los Angeles residents annually. These services include educational enrichment, mentorship, internships, academic assistance services, at-risk youth prevention programs, health education, life & social skills training, character development, appreciation of diversity training, employment readiness, post-employment services, financial literacy education, access to cultural and artistic excellence and recreational services.

"We are appreciative of all the supporters, donors and friends who made winning this fundraising challenge possible. Your support not only assisted Brotherhood in winning \$50,000 but also a brand new 2017 Kia which will help us continue to provide much needed services and programs to our youth, families and communities we serve."

## Southbound I-110 Harbor Freeway 6th Street Off-Ramp Closed

Full Five Month Closure of 6th Street between Flower and Hope in Downtown Los Angeles Begins June 3 for work on the Regional Connector Transit Project

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Regional Connector Constructors (RCC) work crews under contract to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) will begin a five month full closure of 6th Street in downtown Los Angeles between Flower and Hope streets to perform roadway removal, utility relocation and beam installation work required for the Regional Connector Transit Project.

The five month closure, beginning Saturday, June 3, will also close down the 6th Street off-ramp from the southbound I-110 Harbor Freeway and reduce the northbound 6th Street off-ramp from two lanes to one. Southbound freeway traffic will be detoured to the 4th Street off-ramp, to Grand Avenue and then back to 6th Street. Northbound traffic from the I-110 Harbor Freeway off-ramp to eastbound 6th Street will be limited to just one lane between Figueroa and Flower streets. Northbound I-110 motorists are advised to use the 9th Street off-ramp as an alternative to avoid long delays.

Eastbound 6th Street thru traffic will be detoured to southbound Bixel Street and Eastbound 7th Street to Olive Street and then back to 6th Street. Local access will be maintained on 6th Street from Hope Street to the AON Center, Pegasus Garage and The Standard Hotel.

Sidewalks at the intersection of 6th Street and Flower

will be modified with at least three crosswalks to remain open and construction flaggers onsite to facilitate access.

The public is encouraged to plan ahead and allow for extra time when commuting into downtown Los Angeles from the Harbor Freeway and consider carpool options or alternative routes. Several Metro bus lines will also be impacted with service delays and detours. Those lines are the 16/17/316, 18, 442, 460, 720 and 910/950. In addition, bus lines operated by Foothill Transit, Santa Monica Big Blue Bus, Montebello, Torrance and LADOT will be detoured.

Eastbound Lines 16, 17, 18, 316 and 720 buses will operate via Wilshire Boulevard between Valencia and Hope Street and return to their regular route at 6th Street. Stops will be established on Wilshire at Witmer Street, Lucas Avenue and St. Paul Avenue. Return service and stops will remain unchanged.

Westbound Line 460 and Northbound Lines 442, 910 and 950 will operate via Hope Street between Olympic Boulevard and 6th Street. Stops will be established on eastbound Olympic at Figueroa Street and on northbound Hope Street at Wilshire and then return to their regular route at 6th Street. Return service and stops remain unchanged.

The closure will begin on Saturday, June 3, and will remain in effect through November 4. Anticipated work hours are from 7 a.m. to

midnight, seven days a week, weather permitting. The work to be done will also include drilling, excavation and the relocation and protection of three underground utility vaults. The street will be paved and restored at the end of the five month closure.

The \$1.755-billion Regional Connector Transit Project is a 1.9-mile underground light-rail extension that will connect the Blue, Expo and Gold Lines in downtown Los Angeles and will include three new stations at 1st Street/Central Avenue, 2nd Street/Broadway and 2nd Place/Hope Street. The rail line is expected to serve 88,000 riders daily — including 17,000 new riders — and save commuters up to 20 minutes by reducing the need to transfer. The connector will provide a one-seat, one fare ride for commuters from Azusa to Long Beach and from East Los Angeles to Santa Monica. The project is scheduled to be completed in 2021.

The new Metro rail extension will offer an alternative transportation option to congested roadways, provide significant environmental benefits and spur economic development throughout the county. Through improved connectivity, riders will be better able to use the entire Metro Rail system, municipal bus lines and other regional transportation services.

For more information on the Regional Connector Transit Project got to metro.net/regionalconnector.

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## Now-Dec Support Group PSA

Support Group meeting for families of murdered victims every 2nd Monday of the Month at 77th Street Police Station Community Room, from 6:30pm-8:30pm: April 10, May 08, June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 09, November 13 and December 11. The 77th Street Police Station Community Room is located at 7600 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA. For more info call, [www.jfmc.org](http://www.jfmc.org), 310-547-5362 or email [jfmc1995@yahoo.com](mailto:jfmc1995@yahoo.com)



## Now-Jun. 10

### Nearly Gone Gal: The Rescued Archives of Nellie Lutcher

"Nearly Gone Gal: The Rescued Archives of Nellie Lutcher", March 11-June 10, will exhibit archival recordings, newspaper articles, personal letters, original photographs, and significant archives related to jazz and pop singer, songwriter and pianist Nellie Lutcher. This year, the Center has the unprecedented opportunity to exhibit and highlight the life and work of jazz pianist and vocalist Nellie Lutcher. We will feature the personal and discarded archives of the artist credited as an influence on Nina Simone and the sound of Jazz and Pop in the 50's and 60's. Nellie Lutcher once made her home in the West Adams community where she was a longtime resident, living on Van Ness and Washington. Local historian and community activist, Billie Green rescued her discarded archives from Washington and Hobart. The William Grant Still Arts Center is located at 2520 S. West View St in Los Angeles, CA 90016. You can also visit their website at <https://wgsac.wordpress.com/>



## May 12

### Protect Yourself Against Fraud And Scams

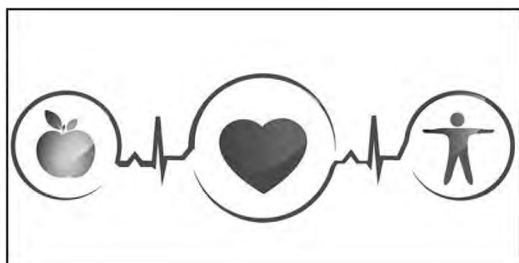
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## May 13

### Dorsey High School Health Fair

Please come out Saturday, May 13, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. to the Dorsey High School Health Fair. Come take part in a day of free screenings, healthy food, dancing, cycling...much more. Dorsey High School is located at 3537 Farmdale Ave in L.A., CA 90016. For more info, please contact (323) 298-8400



## May 18

### Can We All Get Along? 25 Years Later at CAAM

In 1992, Rodney King made a national appeal in an attempt to quell Los Angeles's violent response to the acquittal of the four officers who beat him. In a panel discussion held at First AME Church of Los Angeles, Tyree Boyd-Pates, curator of CAAM's exhibition No Justice, No Peace: LA 1992, will engage Reverend Cecil Murray of First AME, Rodney King's daughter, Lora King, and Mark D. Craig, author of Ain't a Damn Thing Changed and an original Parker Center demonstrator, to examine the legacy of the uprisings and assess whether LA is faring



any better in 2017 than it did in 1992.

## May 20

### Auditions For All Shook Up

On Saturday, May 20th, 11am – 4pm, The Grove Theatre in Upland, Ca is having open auditions for its upcoming production of All Shook Up. Producers-Sherry and Bill Kinison. Director-Julio Villegas. ALL ROLES ARE OPEN. All ethnicities welcome. This is a non-equity production; ALL ACTORS MUST BE PREPARED TO SING 16 BARS OF MUSIC. NO TRANSPOSING. BRING SHEET MUSIC IN CORRECT KEY. ACCOMPANIST WILL BE PROVIDED. Be prepared to "dance" and/or do "movement" if asked; Callbacks, May 21st – by appointment. The Grove Theatre is located at 276 E. Ninth Street in Upland, CA 91786. For more info, please call Phone: 909-920-4343



## May 29

### Memorial Day Service



On Monday, May 29, 2017, the city of Inglewood invites the public to attend the 69th Annual Memorial Day Service. The ceremony begins at 11:00 a.m. at Inglewood City Hall, located at 1 West Manchester Boulevard, on the South Mall courtyard in front of the Memorial Obelisk Monument. This year's ceremonies will include the playing of Taps, Presentation of

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Colors, remarks by special military guests and a memorial wreath laying service. Local and community based organizations will also take part in the ceremonies. The City of Inglewood's Memorial Day Service is free and open to the public. Information about this upcoming event can be found on the City's website [www.cityofinglewood.com](http://www.cityofinglewood.com) and by contacting the Parks, Recreation and Library Services Department at (310) 412-8750.

## Jun. 7

### Frame by Frame: The Media's Response to the LA Uprisings of 1992 At CAAM

Twenty-five years ago, the world witnessed the brutality and subsequent violence that resulted from the 1992 Los Angeles Uprising. Join us at CAAM for a panel led by USC Professor of Communication, Josh Kuhn, with Kirk McCoy, LA Times photographer; Jim Newton, a professor and former LA Times reporter; and photographer Ted Soqui, who will discuss what it was like to cover the uprisings in LA at the height of the rebellion.



## Jun. 24-25

### Relay For Life

Relay For Life Baldwin Hills, the 24-hour cancer awareness event is back to promote education, health and awareness June 24-25, from 9am-9am at the Yvonne B. Burke Athletic Complex (Baseball Field). The event will once again come together to continue their life-changing 24-hour event. Yvonne B. Burke Athletic Field is located at 5401 S. Fairfax in Los Angeles, CA. Sign up or donate at [www.relayforlife.org/baldwinhillscs](http://www.relayforlife.org/baldwinhillscs). For more info you can contact: event lead: Kre Reneau (323) 317-5870/[kreneau@unfi.com](mailto:kreneau@unfi.com); event co-lead: Madeline Wilson (213) 407-1640/[madeline4493@gmail.com](mailto:madeline4493@gmail.com); community champion: Troy Green (323) 353-6635/[troygreen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:troygreen@sbcglobal.net)



## Jun. 25-27

### BET Experience

BET NETWORKS and AEG announced the first wave of star-studded talent that will take the stage at the 5th annual BET Experience at L.A. LIVE presented by Coca-Cola®. This year's lineup of concerts at STAPLES Center will feature some of today's hottest artists including Snoop Dogg, Wiz Khalifa, Migos, A\$AP Rocky, Schoolboy Q, Bryson Tiller, Kid Cudi, Gucci Mane, Jhené Aiko, Rae Sremmurd, Jidenna, Young Thug, Desiigner, Keyshia Cole, Pusha T, THEY., H.E.R., Playboi Carti and Khalid. Additional STAPLES Center performers as well as the lineup of concerts at The Novo presented by Microsoft will be announced soon. The four-day event will showcase the best in music and entertainment. Interactive activations and ticketed shows including a celebrity basketball game will also take place at the BET Fan Fest on Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. General tickets for the BET Experience at L.A. LIVE presented by Coca-Cola® will go on sale March 23rd, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. (PST). Tickets will be available at <http://www.axs.com/betexperience>. Follow the BET Experience on Twitter @betexperience for the latest and greatest and join the hottest conversation and by using #BETEXPERIENCE. Feel free to also check us out online at <http://www.betexperience.com>.



## Jun. 27

### "United In Anger: A History Of Act Up"

On June 27, 7:30-9:30 PM Hammer Museum: Los Angeles presents "United In Anger: A History Of Act Up". This documentary follows a small group that came together across race, class, and gender lines to change the world and save one another's lives. Archival footage and insightful interviews provide an on-the-ground perspective of ACT UP (the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) and its incredibly effective actions, which forced the US government and mainstream media to face the AIDS crisis. (2012, dir. Jim Hubbard, 93 min.) This program is part of People Power, a film series that explores successful grassroots political movements around the world. The Hammer Museum is located at 10899 Wilshire Blvd in Los Angeles CA 90024. This event is free; For more information, please call (310) 443-7000 or visit <https://hammer.ucla.edu/>

## Jun. 30

### Fashion with a Cause

Presented by the California Market Center (CMC) and non-profit kids mentorship organization Red Eye, "Fashion with a Cause" comes to The Pavilion on 10B at the CMC in Downtown Los Angeles on June 30th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a charity shopping event benefiting local community youth programs. Check out a curated selection of contemporary brands at sample-sale prices for women, men, and kids, or enjoy delicious treats and drinks from some of L.A.'s local vendors. There will also be a free fun portrait hub, complimentary refreshments, fun creative activities for the kids, and more. Admission is \$5 at the door and benefits Red Eye. This event is open to all ages, and kids under 12 years old are free.





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## Big Sky Teams Acquire Dorsey Football Players

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK  
Sports Writer

Dorsey seniors Gregory Jordan jr. and Antwone Williams earned a chance to pursue football on the Division I college level. Both players will be competing in the Big Sky conference with Jordan signing with Northern Arizona University and Williams committing to Portland state.

Jordan is a defensive tackle for Dorsey High School. He noted how coaches from NAU contacted him on Twitter, telling Jordan that his film impressed them.

"I liked the program, how it was run, coach (Jerome) Souers, the head coach, is a great coach and a nice man," Jordan said.

Jordan had been playing varsity since his sophomore year. Prior to enrolling in high school, he played for the Baldwin Hills Bruins youth football league, which practiced at Rancho Cienega Park, in South L.A.

"I've always seen Dorsey walk from [campus] to the (Jackie Robinson) stadium every time," Jordan said. "It was just nice and I was young, so I was pumped up."

During the 2016 season, Jordan accumulated stats on both sides of the ball with 26 rushing yards, one rushing touchdown and



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Antwone Williams (left) poses with Gregory Jordan (right).

1.5 sacks, according to Maxpreps.

Jordan can aide NAU's defense, while Portland State will benefit from running back Williams' offensive abilities.

Portland State running backs coach Nick Whitworth had visited Williams at Dorsey to talk to him about the university.

"He just told me that it was a good place," Williams said. "Portland State was gonna be a good fit for me than all the other schools I had and they showed more love."

Williams had a season high of 19 carries for 113 yards when Dorsey lost to Serra last September. He totaled stats of 84 carries, 572 yards, and seven touchdowns last season,

according to Maxpreps.

Both players considered the city championship game against Narbonne as the highlight of their senior year. Although trailing 29-7 at halftime, the Dons retaliated in the second half, chopping the deficit to two points.

"When Jerman [Gotoy] threw it to Jordan Wood, he had threw a bomb to him in the championship game. We was about to come back, everybody was happy for it, we all started celebrating," Williams said. "It was a clutch play we needed."

Their zeal and focus kept the Dons competitive, although the Gauchos clinched the title in a hard fought 42-34 victory.

"Us coming back and

seeing the momentum, the crowd, everybody hyped up, it was just a great feeling," Jordan said. "I was just happy we made it also, even though I wanted to win."

The Big Sky conference also includes UC Davis, Cal Poly Pomona, and Sacramento State. NAU finished seventh in the conference with a 4-4

overall record; Portland State finished with a 2-6 overall record and finished 10th last season.

Dorsey had a historical run in 2016 with a 10-4 overall record and a dominant 4-1 record in the Coliseum League. This led to a deep run in the playoffs; Dorsey had their first appearance in the City Section championship game

since they won the title in 2001.

Jordan and Williams mentioned how they enjoyed their time at Dorsey. The coaches, football program, teachers and classes attributed to their experience.

"Game days are like the best part of the year," Williams said. "It's always fun those days."

## NATIONAL SPORTS BEAT

BY BRAD PYE JR.  
Sports Editor Emeritus

Notes, quotes and things picked up on the run from coast-to-coast and all the stops in between and beyond.

GSW's head coach Jeff Kerr has an assistant, **Mike Brown**, who has kept up



his winning ways. The Warriors took a perfect 4-0 report card into the second round of the playoffs vs. the Utah Jazz. As this is being written, the Warriors got off to a 106-94 start vs. the Utah Jazz.

The Boston Celtics' **Isaiah Thomas'** sister



Chyna would have turned 23 on the day he scored 53 points against the Washington Wizards, the second highest total in playoff history, to lead the series at 2-0 report card. Isaiah led the Celtics to a 129-119 victory in the second round of this historic contest.

And the beat continues! Did you see what he did when the Dodgers traded him to the Boston Red Sox in 2004? **Dave Roberts**



said he broke down in tears. I bet Jackie Robinson, MLB's integrator would have broken down in tears too when Roberts was named the Dodgers first African American manager. By the way, Roberts stole a

base in the fourth game in the AL Championship series to help the Red Sox end an 86-year drought. Roberts praised Boston star Adams Jones for the professional way Jones handled those bigots, who threw peanuts at him and shouted out racial epithets at him at a recent game.

Will the L.A. Clippers trio of Chris Paul, Blake Griffin and **DeAndre Jordan** be around next season



to carry the locals to that elusive Championship?

A girl! Yes A Girl! **Ryan Jackson**, a softball player from California's Chino Hills at Bethune-Cookman, had 14 hits, four doubles, a triple, three homeruns and 13 RBIs in sweep of three teams in a 14-4 victory over Fairfield. She went 4-for-4 while driving three runs. Through 43 games Jackson led the Wildcats in batting (.431) in batting, (13) steals and RBIs (43).

And the beat continues! GSW's head Coach Steve Kerr has a spinal cord leak in his back repaired and it isn't known when he will return. With players like **Kevin Durant**



scoring 38 points and 13 rebounds on May 6 vs. the Utah Jazz in a 102-91 victory. Assistant Mike Brown should be able to keep the Warriors on track.

The husband and wife Architectural team of Tod Williams and Billie Tisen are designing President Obama's planned Presidential Center on the Southside

of Chicago in Jackson Park, **President Obama and First Lady Michelle**



are donating \$2-million for summer jobs and apprenticeship at the Center.

African Americans were left out of the NBA Coaches honors competition. Miami Heat's **Erik Spoelstra** and Mike D'An-



toni were picked as Coaches of the year.

If both the **Cavs'** and **the Warriors** don't make it



to the NBA title series there are going to be a whole lot of broken and unhappy gamblers.

And the beat continues! The Pittsburgh Pirates' **Gift Ngoepe** is the first



African player to play in MLB. He is no slouch. Ngoepe is batting .429 in the spring and a .500 in exhibition play. On May 9, Ngoepe was batting .292, 10 RBIs and six walks.

That's the end! Brad Pye Jr. can be reached at [switchreel@aol.com](mailto:switchreel@aol.com).

## Nate Burleson replacing Bart Scott on 'NFL Today'

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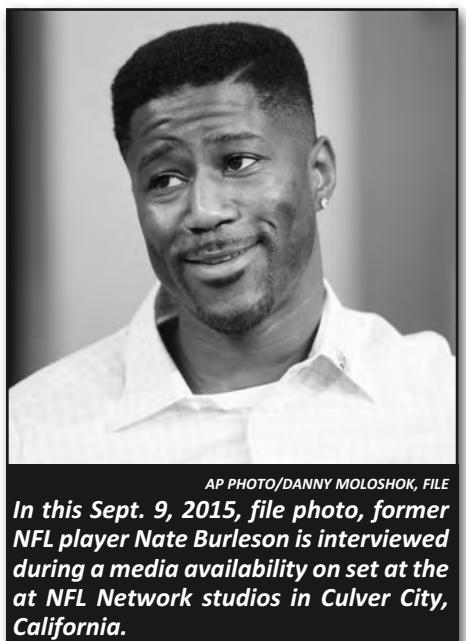
CBS is making another change to its cast for the "NFL Today" show on Sundays, replacing Bart Scott with Nate Burleson.

Burleson is the second newcomer to the program, with Phil Simms moving from the broadcast booth to the studio. That switch was announced last month.

Burleson played 11 NFL seasons as a wide receiver for the Vikings, Seahawks and Lions. He is the only player in NFL history to have three punt returns of 90 or more yards.

He is co-host of "Good Morning Football" on NFL Network, and will remain in that role in addition to his work at CBS. CBS announced his new role Monday.

Burleson joins host James Brown, Bill Cowher, Boomer Esiason and Simms on "NFL Today."



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In this Sept. 9, 2015, file photo, former NFL player Nate Burleson is interviewed during a media availability on set at the at NFL Network studios in Culver City, California.

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## Issa Rae says goodbye to anonymity after 'Insecure' success

By MIKE CIDONI LENNOX  
AP Entertainment Writer

*Issa Rae is just starting to feel the side effects of having a hit show.*

The creator, writer and star of HBO's "Insecure" is getting more and more opportunities — and she's also getting recognized on the streets of her suburban Los Angeles neighborhood.

"The true test for me was Inglewood. I live in Inglewood, and I walk in Inglewood all the time. I do a morning walk, and nobody

recognized me," Rae said Sunday as she arrived at the MTV Movie & TV Awards. "Then just a couple weeks ago, I did my routine walk and I had three cars turn around and stop... One almost tried to follow me home. So I was like, oh, I can't do this anymore in my own neighborhood."

The 32-year-old star is

seizing the opportunities that have come with such success, though, with at least two film projects in the works: one as writer, another as actress.

"I'm taking it all in stride," Rae said. "The show, 'Insecure,' occupies like eight or nine months out of the year. But I'm happy to be in this position. It's a good problem to have."

Rae plays a fictionalized version of herself on the show, a comedy about a young professional woman named Issa navigating her life.

As for "Insecure's" second season, which starts July 23, Rae says it picks up right where the first season left off: with Issa's relationship in shambles.

"We're exploring the question: what does it mean to be doing what you're supposed to be doing," she said. "You're supposed to break up; you're supposed to be growing up with your friends; you're supposed to be moving on. So in your 30s, what does it look like when you're doing what you're supposed to be doing?"



PHOTO BY JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION/AP, FILE

In this May 7, 2017 file photo, actress Issa Rae arrives at the MTV Movie and TV Awards in Los Angeles. Rae is creator, writer and star of HBO's "Insecure," returning for a second season on July 23.



PHOTO BY CHARLES SYKES/INVISION/AP, FILE  
This April 25, 2017 file photo shows Oscar-winning director Barry Jenkins at the TIME 100 Gala.

## 'Moonlight' director Barry Jenkins ready to return to work

By RYAN PEARSON  
AP Entertainment Writer

Two months after his "Moonlight" pulled out a last-second, best-picture win at the Oscars, director Barry Jenkins says "it's time to work."

"You live your whole life — not for this moment, but to have a career. So I

have a career now. So I'm going to keep going with it," Jenkins said Thursday at the Los Angeles premiere of the Netflix series "Dear White People."

He directed an episode of the series — which looks at race relations and identity on a college campus — in the middle of last year's Hollywood awards circuit

promotional push for "Moonlight," which also earned Academy Awards for best supporting actor and best adapted screenplay.

"So my only 10 days off were the 10 days I spent directing this episode. Which was really cool — it was a really good experience," Jenkins said.

Since the Oscars, Jenkins says he spent a month in Mexico.

"I went to Uxmal, which are the Maya ruins. And it was amazing. You talk about being humbled. I grew up in Miami. A 90-minute flight from Miami, there are these pyramids —

this whole civilization, this city that pre-existed ours in America. Wonderful, man," he said. "It's the best thing to do after winning an Academy Award."

Jenkins says he's in regular contact with his cast — consulting with them as they navigate possible Hollywood projects.

"They hit me up about choices they are making, decisions they are making," Jenkins said. "You know, Mahershala (Ali) has a very young kid, so I haven't seen him as much.

So yeah, we are all a family. The 'Moonlight' tour has ended, but that family continues."

The series "Dear White People" is based on 2014 movie of the same name. Jenkins is also working on an adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "The Underground Railroad."

The best-picture win for "Moonlight" was made more dramatic because of an error that led to "La La Land" being named first before the error was corrected onstage.



Compiled by  
**Shonasse Shaver**

### Viola Davis and Lemuel Plummer to Produce True Crime & Justice Series, 'Two Sides of the Truth,' for TV One

With a host of projects, films and series under her belt, the Academy Award winner, Viola Davis will showcase a True Crime & Justice Series for TV One. She joins her husband and fellow actor, Julius Tennon of JuVee Productions and Lemuel Plummer of L. Plummer Media (LPM) for the landmark limited series, "Two Sides of the Truth". The series will focus on four high profile cases that have been watershed moments for law enforcement and the Black community. Produced for the TV One network by L. Plummer Media in partnership with JuVee Productions, "Two Sides of the Truth" will dissect and present both points of view of these highly charged cases so the audience can draw their own conclusions after hearing both sides of the story. Davis will narrate the limited series. "Every other week we hear about these horrific incidences and many of them go unsolved and unresolved. We hope that this show can take those headlines and humanize them," said Davis. "We want to give an unbiased approach to digging into what really happened on those fateful days and in doing so, hopefully shed some light and bring some awareness to such an important issue," said Tennon. "Two Sides of the Truth" is executive produced by Davis, Tennon and Andrew T. Wang of JuVee Productions, Plummer and Jason L. Tolbert of L. Plummer Media with LPM overseeing production. "A project of this magnitude calls for partners like JuVee Productions and TV One who understand the issues at-stake and the importance of good, accurate, storytelling. We look forward to working with JuVee and TV One to explore all the facets of each case and hopefully shed new light on the story." Premiere date for "Two Sides of the Truth" to be announced.



### 'Mike Tyson Mysteries' returns on Adult Swim for Season Three Sunday, May 14th

The quarter-hour animated adult comedy series, "Mike Tyson Mysteries" will return for its third season on Adult Swim. Mike Tyson and the team — Yung Hee, Mike's adopted Korean daughter and all-around buzzkill; Pigeon, a filthy disgusting man trapped in a filthy disgusting bird; and Marquess, a ghost whose favorite time of day is "wine-thirty" are back and ready to (attempt to) solve more mysteries!

Highlights of animated series include a retelling of the team's Very First Mystery, A Mystery so complicated that Mike gives up, A trip to the car wash, Dinner at a neighbor's house and much more! "Mike Tyson Mysteries" stars Mike Tyson, Norm Macdonald ("Saturday Night Live"), Rachel Ramras ("MAD") and Oscar winner Jim Rash ("The Way Way Back" and "Community"), and is produced by Warner Bros. Animation. Sam Register ("Teen Titans Go!" and "The Looney Tunes Show") serves as executive producer with Hugh Davidson ("Robot Chicken") and Jeff Siergey ("Tom & Jerry: Back to Oz") as producers. "Mike Tyson Mysteries" Season Three Premieres on Adult Swim, Sunday, May 14th at 11:30pm.

### NFL Star Victor Cruz Hosts an MTV 'The Challenge' Special Event 'Champs vs. Pros'

"The Challenge" brings out ten of the strongest athletes from across the sports world to compete for ultimate bragging rights during a special six-week series. Super Bowl champion and Ex-NFL wide receiver for the New York Giants, Victor Cruz will host MTV "The Challenge" Special Event "Champs vs. Pros." The football star is expanding his brand teaming with MTV as they expand one of their popular and iconic franchises, "The Challenge." The program will be a special six-week event that answers the question - what will happen when ten of America's top athletes go up against ten of MTV's top competitors from "The Challenge?" "Champs vs. Pros" will feature some of the strongest competitors from the series franchise, going head to head with some of the fiercest competitors who span the professional sports world from football to skiing, UFC to surfing and more. Each episode will focus on a different strength: Agility, Ingenuity, Brawn, Brains, Endurance, and Guts. The roster of Pros runs from retired NFL star Kamerion Wimbley, NFL Linebacker Shawne Merriman, Olympic Hurdler, Bobsledder & World Champion Lolo Jones, Olympian & Fitness Expert Louise Hazel and former WNBA Athlete Candice Wiggins. The Champs were announced after "The Challenge: Invasion of the Champions" finale and reunion special Tuesday, May 9th. "In what promises to be the most competitive clash of teams in Challenge history, viewers will finally get their wish to see how our champs stack up against professional athletes," said Nina L. Diaz, EVP, Head of Unscripted Programming for MTV and VH1. "As a Super Bowl and a Pro Bowl champion, Victor Cruz is the ultimate all-star and we are beyond excited to have him as our MVP and host for this epic Challenge." "The Challenge" is an iconic MTV series that I grew up watching," said Cruz. "The sports world is known for producing remarkable athletes, colorful characters and memorable heroes, but this competition will give my fellow pro-athletes a chance to test their skills against some of the absolute best Challenge Champs and I can't wait to see how it all unfolds!" "The Challenge: Champs vs. Pros" premieres Tuesday, May 16th at 9:00 p.m. on MTV.



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Rev. Dr. Candace Cole-Kelly

## Cole-Kelly Speaks at Park Hills 30th Annual Women's Day Service

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Park Hills Community Church, Reformed Church in America, will celebrate their 30th Annual Women's Day on Sunday, May 21, at 11 a.m., in their edifice located at 5247 Overdale Dr., in Los Angeles.

The theme is "Celebrating God's Faithfulness and Trusting His Word" based on Psalm 100.

Pastor Lawrence K. Dove, along with Minister Yolanda Dove, Women's Ministries president; and Mrs. Reva Turner, Women's Day chairperson; invite the public to attend the service and the reception following the worship.

The guest speaker is the Rev. Dr. Candace Cole-Kelly, senior pastor of Acts Community Bible Church in Bellflower for the past 13 years. Ordained in the AME Church, she later served on the pastoral staff at Faithful Central Bible Church where her father-in-ministry, Bishop Kenneth C. Ulmer, also ordained her.

Cole-Kelly earned

her Bachelor's degree at MTI, her Master's of Divinity degree at Fuller Theological Seminary and her Doctor of Ministry at United Theological Seminary.

Her career includes serving as a chaplain resident at Little Company of Mary Medical Center in Torrance, and a staff chaplain at Long Beach Memorial Women and Children's Medical Center providing spiritual and emotional support to patients, families and staff with a concentration in Palliative Care.

Dr. Hansonia Caldwell Harriford will direct the special Women's Day Chorus. A renowned musician, Harriford is a retired professor of music at California State University Dominguez Hills and co-producer of the award-winning film, "Amen: The Life and Music of Jester Hairston." Currently, she serves as minister of music at Knox Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles.

For information, call the church office at (323) 294-1421 or visit parkhillsrca.org.

## Adams Honored as Oldest Active Catholic Deacon on West Coast

By CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT  
Religion Editor

At the young age of 95, Emile Adams, Jr., continues to share his time and talents with his family, church and community. His motto is, "When someone asks me to do something, then there must be a need."

Supplying the needs of others is a lifelong trait of Adams, who was honored recently as the oldest active deacon on the West Coast in the Roman Catholic Church. L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti and the L.A. County Board of Supervisors issued certificates of appreciation saluting Adams' deaconate career.

Described by friends as "a man of great faith, surprising humor and enormous energy," Adams is a member of St. Bernadette's Catholic Church in Baldwin Hills where he serves at the weekly and daily Masses, leads the Stations of the Cross and the Morning Office and co-chairs the Bereavement Ministry.

Since his ordination as a deacon in 1979, Adams has performed several marriages and baptisms, volunteered for 28 years with the Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal and worked with the church's finger printing program. In 1991, he accompanied then-Archbishop Roger Mahoney to Rome to witness Mahoney's elevation to Cardinal by Pope John Paul II.

Adams has a long history of active church involvement. A native of New Orleans, he grew up participating in organizations such as the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), the Junior Holy Name Society and the Junior Knights of Peter Claver.

As an altar boy as well, Adams recalled, "I liked to serve at funerals because I got out of class for the whole day."

During his senior year in high school, Adams enlisted in the Navy and



Deacon Emile Adams (center) with family and St. Bernadette Church members.

following his discharge in California at the end of World War II, he graduated from L.A.'s Dorsey High School. In 1943, Adams married Anona LeBoeuf, a union that lasted 58 years and resulted in five children, 16 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great child.

He and Anona became

members of St. Bernadette in 1972 and later initiated the parish's Christian Service and the Bereavement Programs.

Adams also worked 30 years for L.A. Department of Water and Power, retiring in 1986 as an electrical mechanic senior supervisor.

This past March 3, Ad-

ams marked his 95th birthday, but he shows no signs of decreasing his efforts to meet the needs of people. As Mayor Garcetti stated in his certificate to Adams, "You continue to touch the lives of others in countless ways."

Deacon Jim Carper contributed to this article.

## Cross preaches 'Mother's Day Trilogy' series

Pastor David Cross continues his Mother's Day Trilogy on Sunday, May 14, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., at The Liberty Church, 14725 S. Gramercy Pl., in Gardena.

The message will be "Lessons From 'Eve,' Mother Of The World."

Cross will outline how to survive and succeed through the drama of mates, snakes and children. The sermon series, which began May 7, concludes on May 21, with a message entitled, "The Mother Load."

To learn more, call (310) 715-8400.



Pastor David Cross

## Homegoing Service Planned for Brooks

By CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT  
Religion Editor

The faith community was stunned to learn that the Rev. Dr. James A. Brooks, pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles, passed away on May 7.

He observed his 105th

birthday on May 1. Despite his advanced age, Brooks was actively involved in his church and community.

According to a church member, he appeared healthy and happy earlier Sunday as his congregation held a party to celebrate his birthday. Later that evening, Brooks appar-

ently took ill and ultimately passed on.

Arrangements for his homegoing service are pending.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church is located at 936 W. 49th Ave., in Los Angeles. For information, call the church office at (323) 752-0855.

## Dr. Eunice Nash Passes Away

Sentinel News Service

Dr. Eunice Elizabeth Nash, known affectionately to many as "Liz," passed away on April 22.

A celebration of life service was held on May 6, at Forest Lawn in Cathedral City, California.

A native of Clanton, Alabama, Liz relocated to California in 1960. In 1961, she united in holy matrimony to Elvis Nash, Sr. To this union, a son, Elvis Nash, Jr., was born.

Liz earned a Bachelor and Master's degree from the University of California Long Beach and a Doctor of Education from University of LaVerne where she was an adjunct professor of Educational Management. She served as the superintendent of Southern California Regional Occupational Center (SCROC) in Torrance until her retirement. Later, she became a member and president of the SCROC retirement organization.

An avid traveler, Liz toured the world visiting countries such as France,



Dr. Eunice Elizabeth "Liz" Nash

South Africa, Spain, Alaska, Canada, Jamaica, Portugal and Mexico. She often traveled with members of the Wonderful World of Widows and Friends (WOWW), an organization she founded in 2006 and served as president until her passing. WOWW II was formed in 2008.

Also, she was a Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and president of the American Association of University Women

(AAUW) from 2015-2017. Liz was honored by the Torrance City Council and California State Assembly and received a U.S. Congress Certificate of Congressional Commendation for her invaluable service to the community.

According to a colleague, "Her friendship and leadership were gracious gifts. Liz bestowed so many of those on the many lives she touched." [See NASH D-2]

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<p><b>Wednesday, May 17th</b> Rev. Dr. Barry Settle (left) Pastor, Allen Chapel AME, Riverside At Bryant Temple A.M.E. Church 2525 W. Vernon Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90008 Feat. <i>Voices of The Temple Choir</i></p>	<p><b>Thursday, May 18th</b> Rev. Dr. Thema Bryant-Davis (ctr.) Minister at Walker Temple AME, LA At Bryant Temple A.M.E. Church 2525 W. Vernon Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90008 Feat. <i>Voices of The Temple Choir</i></p>	<p><b>Friday, May 19th</b> Rev. Dr. Jamal H. Bryant (right) Empowerment Temple AME, MD At Bethel A.M.E. Church 7900 S. Western Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90047 Feat. <i>LACAD of GMWA</i> Dr. Rodena Preston-Williams, Rep. Emeritus Calvin Bernard Rhone, Chapter Rep.</p>
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## Dealing With Discord

Unfortunately, discord is a part of life. This unwanted emotional stress is experienced by us all in one way or another; whether it is of our own making or some other person or persons brings it into our lives; somehow it manages to squirrel its way in. Let's strive to turn it into positive. What brings discord and disagreement? How we come across is a significant valuable to observe

as to the responses received from others. In speaking to others, the tone of speech and sentence structure of words can determine the feedback we receive. Consider this: Words can take on a different meaning based on how they are said. "You better organize that now!"-OR- "It sounds like something that can be looked at closely." Try this.. "I told him ten times not to do that!" OR-"Let's sit down and go over this so that we are on the same page." Life is a learning, experience process. Life is a teacher. Words are conditioning. What we want to have happen is that when anyone says negative, look at it closely and see if it is something which can help us grow. If we are hurried, feel rushed or agitated we may say something which may injure others. Words can be a weapon or a gift.

Words spoken can be harsh, jarring, discordant and taken the wrong way, when in fact you said it, but did not mean it in the way it was said; the receiver heard it and received it based on what they were going through at the time and what they heard. The person may not have meant what was said to be interpreted according to what the person heard. Not everything a person says is going to come off in the way you think it ought to come off. The recipient's interpretation may be miles away from the intended message. It's important in listening not just to hear, but to understand and ask, "Was what was said to me really meant how I interpreted it? Am I being too sensitive or overreactive and taking things the wrong way?" Am I trying to read people's minds [people do that you know]. There is the

need sometimes to de-escalate. By de-escalating or calming down, our minds are clear to hear what is really being said. Behind every statement made there are emotions and feelings which prompt what is said and how it is said. The same is true for the hearer. Ask, "What is or may be the state of mind of the person I'm speaking to?" Sometimes words are spoken and the hearer thinks they are being judged; when it fact it often reflects the hearers state of mind or circumstance at that time. Listen carefully or you may miss something that could help you! Teach the children. *Jeanette Grattan Parker, Ph.D., Superintendent Today's Fresh Start Charter School; speaker, marriage expert. All writings are copyright: Will You Marry Me; Inquiring Minds Want to Know.*

# National Stroke Awareness Month

<b>F</b> ace		Ask them to smile. Does the face look uneven?
<b>A</b> rm		Ask them to raise both arms. Does one arm drift down?
<b>S</b> peech		Ask them to repeat a simple phrase like "The sky is blue." Does their speech sound strange?
<b>T</b> ime		If you observe ANY of these signs, then it's time to CALL 9-1-1.

SPECIAL TO THE SENTINEL

Strokes affects nearly 800,000 people ever year! Stroke are the #1 cause

of disability in the United States. It also is the 5th leading cause of death among men and the 3rd leading cause of death

among women. When you or a loved one suffers from a stroke, people's lives change dramatically. Knowing what a stroke is,

what to do when it happens, and how to prevent it can help prepare you for this eventuality.

### What is a stroke?

A stroke is when the circulation of blood in your brain is not right, either because a blood clot is blocking a blood vessel or a blood vessel bursts. A blood clot can form when cholesterol or sugar build up in your blood vessels over time. Clots also can form in the heart when it does not beat regularly, namely in a condition called atrial fibrillation. Blood vessels burst usually due to high blood pressure. When a stroke happens, the brain cannot get the oxygen and nutrients it needs to survive. Part of the brain dies and will never grow back. Depending on what part of the brain is affected, people can become paralyzed, numb, cannot speak, or cannot see for the rest of their lives.

### What to do if you, or someone you know, is having a stroke

The first thing that is very important is knowing the signs of a stroke. Time is critical when someone is having a stroke. A stroke is an emergency! Use the F.A.S.T. acronym to help you recognize if you or someone you know is hav-

ing a stroke. Depending on the type of stroke, there are some medications and

### What are some risk factors for stroke?

There are many things that can increase the risk of stroke. Some we can change and some we cannot. Things that we cannot change are age, race,

### What can you do prevent a stroke?

Take charge of your health by eating a healthy diet that is low in salt, sugar, and fat to reduce your risk of high blood pressure, diabetes, and high cholesterol. High blood pressure generally goes up with age, and this is even more notable among women. Most women over the age of 60 have high blood pressure. If we are able to control high blood pressure, the risk of stroke can be cut by a third! So, know your blood pressure, and follow up closely with your primary care physician. Also, start exercising 30 to 40 minutes a day, five days per week. Stop smoking! Because depression is associated with an increased risk

While part of this disparity could be due to genetic makeup, there is a lot that we can do to help lower this high risk of stroke. Hypertension, diabetes, high cholesterol, and depression are examples of stroke risk factors that we can do something about. This is especially true for African Americans, as there is higher prevalence of stroke risk factors among African Americans. Seven out of every ten Black adults have hypertension compared to only five out of every ten White adults. This disparity is greater among African American women in their mid 40s and early 50s. They are almost twice as likely to have hypertension compared to White women of the same age! This disparity is also found in diabetes. The risk of diabetes is one and a half to two times higher in Blacks than in Whites.

## MAY IS "CALFRESH AWARENESS MONTH"

Effort to prevent food insecurity in low-income households underway in LA county



Dr. Tony Kuo, Acting Director, L.A. County Public Health Division of Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention; Princess Obieniu, BFA, MPH Health Education/Cultural & Linguistics Services Medical Administration at Hubert H. Humphrey Comprehensive Health Center; Roxana Molina, Chief in Charge, DPSS Bureau of Public Policy; and Dr. Raymond Perry, Director, Hubert H. Humphrey Comprehensive Health Center Synergy Partnership

and faith-based organizations and the 88 cities that operate within the county. The pre-campaign planning provides an opportunity for the department and community stakeholders to develop and implement creative strategies to address food insecurity in the county.

Events to publicize the effort will take place at various locations throughout the county, including the May 3rd CalFresh Awareness Month Community Kick-Off Event and Resource Fair at the Hubert Humphrey Comprehensive Health Center in South L.A.

### Fears and Stigma

Another challenge the collaboration has addressed over the years is the issue of residents not enrolling for CalFresh, due to a misunderstanding that applying will hurt their opportunity to become a permanent U.S. citizen.

Local immigration rights advocates agree that "public charge," a term used to describe an individual who is likely to become primarily dependent on the government for subsistence for either public cash assistance or long-term care at the government's expense, is one of the leading reasons why those in desperate need of food assistance for themselves and their children do not apply. According to the U.S. Citizens and Immigration Services, public charge has been part of immigration law for more than 100 years as grounds for inadmissibility and deportation.

For more information about applying for Cal Fresh benefits, call (877) 597-4777 or visit: [www.dpss.lacounty.gov/dpss/](http://www.dpss.lacounty.gov/dpss/)

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and its community partners have launched activities for the May "CalFresh Awareness Month." This annual public awareness campaign collaboration is to increase access to food assistance for low-income families and individuals in the county.

The month-long effort highlights the critical role that CalFresh, the federally-funded supplemental food benefit, plays in eliminating the threat of "food insecurity," or the lack of reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food. The Department of Public Health's (DPH) most recent report on hunger, Rising Food Insecurity in

Los Angeles County, described the problem as a

"major public health issue that has reached crisis proportions" in the county.

Studies suggest that household hunger negatively impacts the intellectual, physical and emotional development of children, placing them at greater risk for obesity, diabetes and other diseases. Many families experiencing food insecurity in Los Angeles County are unaware that they may qualify for CalFresh.

"Hunger is an issue that affects us all. This collaboration represents an intense effort to serve those most vulnerable in the county," said DPSS Director Sheryl L. Spiller. "We all know someone who is experiencing difficulties purchasing food for themselves or their family."

To meet this challenge, DPSS has enlisted the support of DPH, local farmers' markets and food banks, school districts, community



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# LAFD Battalion Chief, Jerome Boyd Sr. Remembered

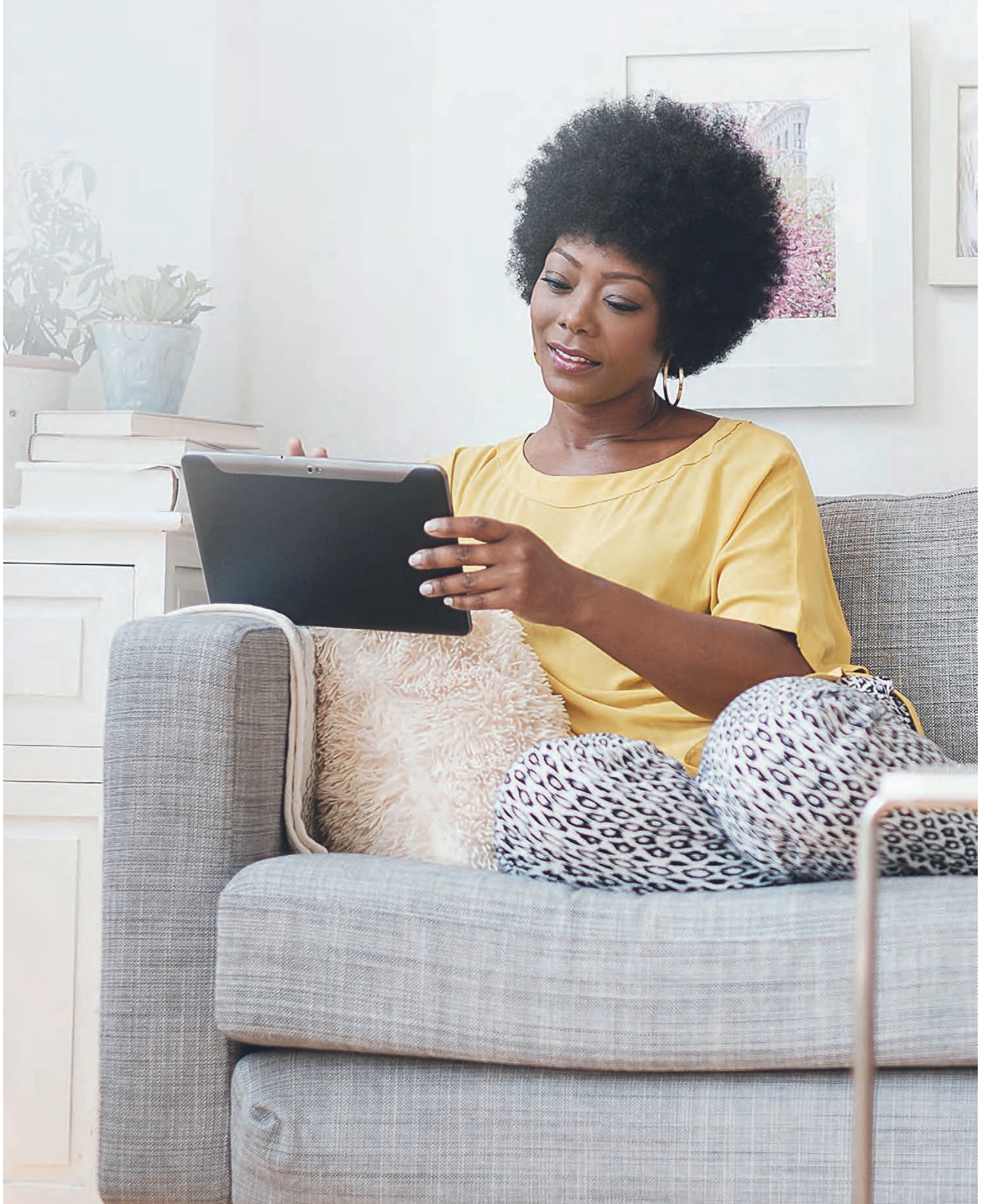


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A mosaic pictorial reflects the heartfelt farewells, as family members, the L.A. firefighter fraternity, and the greater Los Angeles community, celebrated the life of LAFD Battalion Chief, Jerome Boyd Sr.. From the accounts of his adolescents, college and pro football career, to his decorated career as a firefighter, and devoted family member, LAFD lead a service that honored the life of a firefighter fallen too soon in the line duty but lifted in memory by the admiration of his peers and loved ones.



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