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## Harris Continues Presidential Kick Off in Los Angeles

BY JENNIFER BIHM  
Contributing Writer

City and county elected officials, plus hundreds of Angelenos gathered at Los Angeles Southwest College on May 19 as Senator Kamala Harris continued her presidential campaign kickoff here in the southland. Harris was joined by her local political supporters, including Council President Herb Wesson, assembly members Holly Mitchell, Steve Bradford, Councilman Curren Price, and California Secretary of State, Alex Padilla. Harris is billing herself as a "fearless" candidate who is for the people, and she said as president she will continue to fight for things like equal pay for women, environmental safety, living wages, better education and criminal justice reform.



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2020 U.S. presidential hopeful, Senator Kamala Harris

"Today in America, women [who do the same work as men] make 80 cents on the dollar. Black women make 61 cents, Latinas make 53 cents ... and this has got to end," Harris told the cheering crowd during the rally, where she announced closing the pay

gap as one of her priorities.

On Monday, Harris announced her plan to hold corporations accountable for transparency. Corporations failing to help close the pay gap will face penal-

ties," she said.

Education would also be a priority, Harris said.

"We are a society that pretends to care about education."

"I cannot tell you how

many teachers I've met who have to work two and three jobs... how many who have to come out of their own pocket to provide school supplies."

"That should be against

the law," someone shouted from the crowd.

Harris continued, "There are two people raising our children, parents and our teachers."

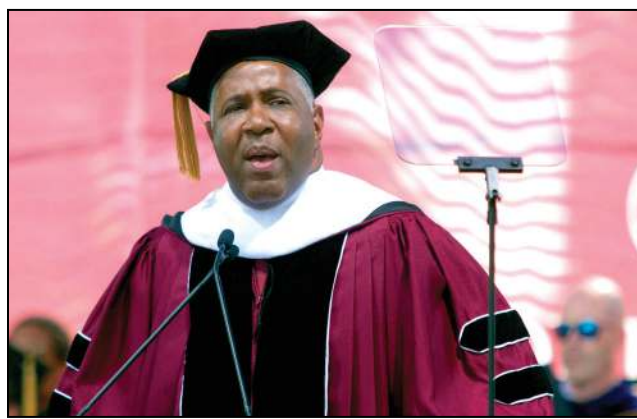
Harris talked about pro-

posing a federal investment in education. She also proposed changing the tax code in the U.S.

"I'm proposing for

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## Robert F. Smith Stuns 2019 Morehouse Grads, to Pay off Student Debt



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**Billionaire technology investor and philanthropist says he will provide grants to wipe out the student debt of the entire graduating class at Morehouse College - an estimated \$40 million.**

BY ERRIN HAINES WHACK  
The Associated Press

A billionaire technology investor stunned the entire graduating class at Morehouse College when he an-

nounced at their commencement Sunday that he would pay off their student loans, estimated at up to \$40 million.

Robert F. Smith, this year's commencement

speaker, made the announcement while addressing nearly 400 graduating seniors of the all-male historically Black college in Atlanta. Smith, who is Black, is the founder and CEO of Vista Equity Partners, a private equity firm that invests in software, data, and technology-driven companies.

"On behalf of the eight generations of my family that have been in this country, we're gonna put a little fuel in your bus," the investor and philanthropist told graduates in his morning address. "This is my class, 2019. And my family is making a grant to eliminate their student loans."

The announcement immediately drew stunned

looks from faculty and students alike. Then the graduates broke into the biggest cheers of the morning and stood up, applauding. Morehouse said it is the single largest gift to the college.

Though college officials could not provide an estimate of the exact amount owed by the current graduating class, students graduate with an average debt of \$30,000 to \$40,000, said Terrance L. Dixon, vice president of enrollment management.

Smith, who received an honorary doctorate from Morehouse during the ceremony, had already announced a \$1.5 million gift to the school.

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## Local Elected Officials Unite to End Child Poverty



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**Gov. Newsom joins Ridley-Thomas, Burke, and Mitchell at South L.A. rally**  
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## Attorneys for Unarmed Black Gay Homeless Youth Fatally Shot in Walgreens by Armed Security Guard Announce Lawsuit

BY SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Lawsuit alleges Walgreens put profits over customer safety by selectively choosing stores that serve Black and Latino customers to place armed security guards.

During a Tuesday morning press conference in Los Angeles, attorneys representing the family of Jonathan Hart announced a wrongful death civil rights lawsuit had been filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court against Walgreens, American Protection Group, S.E.B. Security Services, and Donald Vincent Ciota II of Covina for the Dec. 2, 2018 shooting death of 21-year-old Hart. The suit



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**The family of Jonathan Hart announces that a wrongful death civil rights lawsuit against Walgreens and others.**

was filed by Douglas Hicks Law with co-counsel, Gi-

sister Psykyssyanna Hart.

"We are alleging that Walgreens, the largest pharmaceutical retailer in the world, is responsible for the tragic death of 21-year-old Jonathan Hart," said attorney Carl Douglas. "They are responsible even though it's clear that Donald Ciota fired the fatal shot, striking Jonathan once in the back of the neck. Walgreens is responsible, even though Donald Ciota was hired by American Protection Group, which was hired by S.E.B. Security Services. Walgreens is responsible for the death of Jonathan Hart because of the despicable choices that they



Jonathan Hart

made to place profits over safety. Walgreens owns and operates more than 9,500 retail stores in the United States. Over 640 retail stores in Califor-

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# Turner Shares Racial Healing Lessons in 'Affirmed'



Author, Sheli Turner and Sentinel Executive Editor, Danny Bakewell, Jr.

BY CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT  
Staff Writer

Being biracial isn't the great fun commercials and ads portray. But, it's not doom and gloom either.

Rather it's a journey filled with learning, loving and unique experiences as a child of a White mother and Black father, growing up in the 1960s and 70s, emerging as an accomplished woman, all while traversing the world as a mixed race person.

Such is the life that author Sheli Turner recounts in "Affirmed: Life Lessons in Racial Healing and Transformation." As a book signing hosted by the L.A. Sentinel on May 15, Turner shared some of her life experiences she wrote about in hopes of inspiring others to join her in healing the world "by eradicating racism one person at a time."

Noted entrepreneur Wen-

dy Gladney, who moderated the gathering, opened by asking Turner how "Affirmed" will help with improving racial tensions, especially in light of the increasing number of multi-cultural families. Turner replied that three factors inspired her to write.

"First, there really is a lens that biracial people have, but it's not exactly spoken about. I think that has to be more because our narrative is just really not out there as much as it should be or could be yet. So in that respect, I put my story out there," she explained.

"The second reason is that you also don't hear many women's perspective about race and culture and the intersection of those things in terms of how, just being a woman of color, biracial or not, you have to roll into your own agency and make decisions knowing that you have to navigate this

space - in my case, biracial space - and also being very aware of Whiteness versus Blackness," said Turner.

The third dynamic influencing Turner was the trending media portrayal of biracial people as navigating life without a care in the world - a portrait that Turner described as "unnerving."

a society."

Illustrating the sub-title of "Affirmed," Turner's book contains a series of lessons illuminated by episodes from her life as a biracial person. Sections such as "Intention" outline her African American and Caucasian ancestry along with the racially discriminatory laws in place to prevent unions like her

Elaborating on the "Brilliance" chapter, she said, "I named it that because it was really important for me to message that the models of brilliance in my life were Black, unapologetically, and it was my father who gave that to me. The way that he did that is kind of unique and he made a lesson out of it." Considering the book's range of topics, Gladney inquired about the type of person who would benefit from "Affirmed." Turner's response was that any adult would gain insight about racial healing from reading her words.

"There's a lot that they can learn from it whoever they are," said Turner. "My White grandfather was very intentional about bringing my brother and me everywhere with him

because he wanted us to know that there was no room we could not be in, no situation we could not equally be in or deal with. I was affirmed very early to know that I could be in the world and that carried me throughout the world."

As for her goal for "Affirmed," Turner said, "I wanted to write something about my experience and how we really could, as a society, get to a place, not just healing in regards to race and culture, but to transformation and how our differences, culturally and racially, could make us better and transform us as a society."

"Affirmed: Life Lessons in Racial Healing and Transformation" is available at Amazon.com and other online bookstores.



Author, Sheli Turner and Wendy Gladney.

"So, now we become a marketing tool and I think, in so many ways, it's so disrespectful to the person that actually has to grow and survive these families," insisted Turner. "I wanted to write something about my experience and how we really could, as a society, get to a place, not just healing in regards to race and culture, but to transformation and how our differences, culturally and racially, could make us better and transform us as

parents had.

Chapters entitled "Identity" and "Awareness" not only reveal her growing realization of the demands that a mixed marriage has on family life, but also highlight her father's diligence in instilling Black pride in his children. The book continues with several other lessons including "Compassion," "Fortitude" and "Forgiveness," which detail Turner's determination to overcome race-based obstacles and succeed on her own merits.



Author, Sheli Turner and Urban League CEO, Michael Lawson

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## OPEN LETTER TO GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM AND THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE

In response to the package of legislation threatening the existence of charter schools in California, we respectfully request a meeting with California Governor Gavin Newsom and the California legislative leadership to discuss our opposition to SB 756, AB 1505 and AB1506. We are very concerned.

We believe these bills will do significant and long-term harm to California's African American students and families.

The National Action Network (NAN), with chapters throughout the United States, including California, is one of the leading civil rights organizations promoting an agenda that includes the fight for one standard of justice, decency and equal opportunities for all people.

The Urban League is one of the nation's oldest movements organized to enable African Americans and other underserved urban residents to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights.

We are keenly aware that African American children are not doing well in California public schools. There is a severe and persistent African American achievement gap throughout the State of California in both English Language Arts (ELA) and Math.

It is a crisis in CA public education that 80 percent of African American students fail to meet state standards in Math, and 68 percent cannot read or write on grade level.

We want to remind you that seven out of eight African American public school students are enrolled in district-run schools. Many African American parents respond to this failure in district-run schools by choosing to send their children to public charter schools.

It is not fair to African American families to take away public charter schools and force them back into failing district-run schools in order to balance school budgets.

Upon review of this package of bills, we have determined, these measures represent a direct attack on the ability of African American parents to choose the best education possible for their children. These bills clearly seek to diminish and destroy the progress many charter schools have made toward eliminating the severe and persistent education achievement gap in California.

We hope California's government leadership will agree, eliminating a system that shows progress, hope and improvement for youth who are the lowest performing subgroup is a step backward. African American students and families deserve better.

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# Best Friends and Mothers Partner Up to Create Posh Mommy & Me Clothing Line to Represent Fashionable Black Mother and Daughter Duos All Over

BY SAYBIN ROBERSON  
Contributing Writer

Jamea Adams-Ginyard and Pamela Berry-Johnson have turned their friendship into a business, creating Posh Mommy and Me, an online boutique. The fashion-forward company thrives on creating looks for mothers who love to dress their “minis” in matching outfits. Posh Mommy & Me was created to bring mothers and daughters together, making them look and feel beautiful together.



Beginning their journey together in 2008 at Jackson State University in Mississippi, Berry-Johnson’s alma mater, they built a bond over an unlikely situation. Adams-Ginyard had just graduated from Alabama A&M, working in sports information. Initially, Berry-Johnson noticed her appearance; and with a 10-year age gap and a scandal in the office. As an attempt to protect Adams-Ginyard, Berry-Johnson prompted her with a compliment that essentially offended her younger coworker. A week later, the two sat and spoke about the incident, understanding it started from a place of protection and care for one another and the rest was



COURTESY PHOTO  
Posh Mommy & Me founders, Jamea Adams-Ginyard and Pamela Berry-Johnson

history. “It’s been more than a friendship, it’s like a sister, we are sisters,” says Adams-Ginyard, adding, “since 2008, we have been two peas in a pod.” Creating a legacy having birthed daughters Embree and Brynin, just three months apart. Now the six-year-olds play a major role in their mother-daughter focused business, being responsible for much inspiration and motivation.

Having a love of fashion, Adams-Ginyard always dressed her daughter in similar clothes to herself, bringing that to the attention of Berry-Johnson. With a marketing career under her belt, Berry-Johnson saw her friends attention to the industry and used her marketing skills together to create Posh Mommy & Me.

The two have intentions of finding more pieces that can connect to Black mothers and their daughters. “There is a need for more

Afrocentric pieces that support mommy and me,” Berry-Johnson stated. Breaking into the fast-paced industry, the fashion-forward line compliments their personal styles and livelihoods.

Posh Mommy & Me welcomes mothers of all makes to shop but ensures they are focusing on Black mother-daughter duos. The goal is to make sure to stay true to both Adams-Ginyard and Berry-Johnson’s personal stories. “She loves



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Mother and daughter outfit from Posh Mommy & Me



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Matching mother and daughter from Posh Mommy & Me

her daughter. She may be career focused, she’s driven, and she’s smart and savvy,” of Black women who shop their line, also stating, “she appreciates the fact that she can go out and look fly, and have her daughter, her mini-me looking like her.”

The future looks extremely bright for the two and their business. Having the girls have allowed them to build a legacy that their daughters have even now joined in. With goals of

opening stand still locations and reaching an international audience, Adams-Ginyard and Berry-Johnson look forward to growing Posh Mommy & Me and as sisters.

“We hope that when people look at our line they see themselves reflected,” says Berry-Johnson, “and that they can see us actually in our images.”

You can shop for yourself and your mini with Posh Mommy & Me online at poshmommyandme.com.

## MC Lyte Making Dreams a Reality for African American Scholars

BY STACY M. BROWN  
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A social media post recognizing African American scholars has gone viral and it’s all because of a Hip Hop legend.

Joshua Williams posted his status as a co-valetorian at historically Black Dillard University to Instagram, saying that the achievement was thanks to the \$50,000 scholarship he received from the Hip Hop Sisters Network that allowed him to jump-start his college education and gain a foothold into a successful career in journalism.

“College was nothing short of a red-carpet experience for me,” Williams said.

“Four years ago, I never imagined an undergraduate experience in which my



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MC Lyte stands with scholarship recipients.

passion would later turn into a profession that has allowed me to photograph 150-plus celebrities within

four years while maintaining a 4.0 GPA,” he said.

Since matriculating at Dillard, Williams’ work as

a freelance photographer has been featured in Billboard Magazine and he’s received credentials to cover such major events like the BET Awards and the Essence Music Festival.

“Each accomplishment is generally hard to obtain as a freelance photographer – and even more so as a full-time student,” Williams said.

“However, once I received the MC Lyte #EducateOURMen Scholarship to Dillard, I knew that I was destined to have a fulfilling college experience that was beyond my wildest dreams and I cannot thank MC Lyte, Lynn Richardson and the Hip Hop Sisters Foundation enough for investing in me and being one of my strongest support systems,” he said.

Founded by legendary hip pioneer MC Lyte and a leadership team, board of directors and advisory board that includes Felicia Shaw, Discreet Clay, Alesha Renee, Jada Pinkett Smith, Kelly

Price, Faith Evans and NNPA president and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr. – the Hip Hop Sisters Network is a non-profit foundation that promotes positive images of women of ethnic diversity, bringing leaders from the world of hip-hop, the entertainment industry, and the corporate world.

The foundation offers national and international support to women, men and youth around the globe on the topics of cultural issues, financial empowerment, health and wellness, mentorship and educational opportunities.

MC Lyte said her vision includes providing resources to support community-based and grass roots organizations that further the advancement of the missions and goals set forth by the organization.

The #EducateOurMen is the signature Initiative of the Hip Hop Sisters Foundation that supports and develops African American Men.

#EducateOurMen sup-

ports African American Men by providing need-based scholarships to obtain undergraduate degrees primarily from HBCUs.

It provides access to career and persona mentoring and increased cultural education and social responsibility by giving you examples of how your lives should be lived.

Scholars also have included Justin Matthews of Georgia; Deven Berry of Las Vegas; and John Lawson of Louisiana. “Hip Hop Sisters Foundation has impacted my life tremendously ... not many are afforded the opportunities that I have and I’m forever grateful,” said Lawson, a mass communications major with a concentration in public relations.

“It is not only a scholarship, but also a mentoring program and they’re helping me every step of the way to achieve my goals,” said Lawson, who minors in Film and was a 2017 Summer Institute for Emerging Managers and Leaders attendee at the University of California-Riverside.

“The first verse of MC Lyte’s song ‘Dear John,’ provokes the thought of not being afraid to take the first step to get where you want to go,” said Berry, a computer science major.

“I have to be fearless when I approach a task that I want to complete. Going to college is a big step that I plan to take and it will take a lot of strength for me to move beyond my comfort zone to do bigger and better things with my life,” he said.

For more about the scholars and the Hip Hop Sisters Foundation, visit <http://hiphopsisters.org/>

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• DR. MAULANA KARENGA •

# Another Letter and Libation for Limbiko: Nurturing, Living and Linking the Good

Homage to you Seba Limbiko Tembo, beloved sister and sacred friend, esteemed and honored teacher of the good, the right and the possible, on this your birthday, May 3, 6259. We pay homage and pour libation to you, Limbiko, saying the Zulu praise poem of royal greeting. For you are royal in your righteous and loving service to our people. And so, we say, "Bayede, Nkosazana, homage to you royal one. Bayede, wena omnyama omuhle, homage to you, you beautiful Black one. Wena waphakati, you of the center – in the center of your people and in the center of our lives and love. Wena wohlanga, you descendent of the original ones, the awesome ancestors that brought us into being. Bayede, Limbiko, righteous and royal one. Olungileyo akaqedwa, the good and righteous one cannot be defeated or undone, even by death."

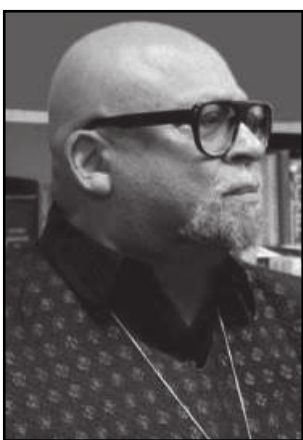
It has now been ten years Limbiko since you made transition, rose up in radiance in the heavens and assumed an honored place in the sacred circle of our ancestors. And as the ancestors taught, even as you are "a glorious spirit in heaven," you are also "a continuing powerful presence on earth," in what we do, think and feel and hold sacred, dear and indispensable. Indeed, in the tradition of the ancestors, let it be said countless times, we continue to love and miss you and will never get used to your absence or find ourselves among the short-memory people whose memory or love diminishes or dies with the cremation or burying of the body. As it is written, experienced and lived, you remain a powerful presence among us; your name endures as a monument;

and the good you and all our other ancestors have done shall never perish or pass away.

This year in celebration of your life and work, we held again our Annual Limbiko Tembo Majadiliano on Education. It is a continuing conversation on education as a life project and practice, on teaching our children in caring, culturally rich, rewarding and excellent ways, and on defining, reaffirming and expanding the conception and criteria of a Kawaida education. This year we celebrated Thabiti Ambata's birthday with yours and in our conversations, we linked your lives and work. The theme was "Nurturing Young Hearts, Minds and Bodies: Linking the Lives of Work of Limbiko Tembo and Thabiti Ambata." And we called our gathering together: A Birthday Celebration, Conversation and Kikoa.

Now, as you know and remember, our Kawaida celebration always contains and requires lifting up lessons from the lives and work of those we celebrate. For what better way can we celebrate their lives than by lifting up and living the life lessons they left us. Indeed, our ancestors and those of exemplary service among us are each and together a light to be constantly lifted up to show a rightful and righteous way forward. And they are a mirror to measure ourselves by the best of our history and culture; and a life-map suggesting routes and roads we must travel in continuously advancing upward and onward in the world.

The annual forum on education dedicated



DR. MAULANA KARENGA

to you and called majadiliano reflects not only our aim of a deep, comprehensive and engaging conversation, but also the communitarian shared values we seek always to practice as African persons. The word majadiliano comes from the verb jadiliana, which by its ending "ana" stresses reciprocal action of giving and receiving, of doing things together in shared interest and mutual benefit. Thus, majadiliano means discussing together, inquiring and questioning

together and reasoning together and in this case, to do this in celebration, honor and pursuit of an expanded knowledge and understanding and a rightful and effective assertion in the interest of human good and the well-being of the world.

Always, we have a kikoa, our communal meal, with the majadiliano. For the sharing of food in the context of celebration or simply in the midst of coming together to share in various other ways is an enjoyable, binding and relation-building practice. Indeed, it's never just the sharing of food, but also fostering an increased unity, cooperation and commitment to each other, to our values and always to the life we live, the work we do and the struggle we wage as African people. In a word, it is a sharing of good that nourishes, not only thru food, but also thru the joy, pleasure

and beauty of just being together and sharing thoughts, hopes, memories and aspirations for our future, our people and the world.

We talked about you in teaching and Thabiti in nursing, linking your lives and work as Africans, African women, nurturers of our children, servants of our people, advocates of Kawaida and of Us, sisters of the Senut society, and your coming into being on the same date, May 3. Also, we talked about each of your work in the context of your patron ancestors – Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune for you and Nurse Mary Eliza Mahoney, the first African American professional nurse. And we linked you together thru your embrace of some of the essential values they modelled in their lives and work, i.e., caring, commitment, knowledge, self-determination and righteous struggle.

Likewise, we dis-

• MARK T. HARRIS •

## LETTING THE 'CAT' OUT OF THE BAG ON SACRAMENTO PD

SPECIAL TO CALIFORNIA Black Media Partners

"Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier n' puttin' it back in." —Will Rogers

Shocking. Shameful. Unconscionable. Intolerable. These are just a few of the terms used by those in reaction to word that a 12-year-old child was restrained by Sacramento police officers who then placed a white plastic bag over his head and shoulders. Let's review recent events in the city of Sacramento, who many are now referring to as "SacraSelma" in reference to the civil rights struggles that emanated from Selma, Alabama during the civil rights battles of the turbulent 1960's.

First, Sacramento police mysteriously apprehended an unarmed Mr. Daizon Flenough, who was detained without any legal basis. He wound up dead within 30 minutes of being detained by sacramento police officers. Next, was the late Mr. Joseph Mann, who was guilty of nothing more than screaming at police



MARK T. HARRIS

officers and throwing a plastic water bottle at them prior to his being gunned down on the streets of Sacramento. Following that, was an unarmed Mr. Nandi Cain, Jr. who was beaten by a Sacramento police officer for ostensibly "jaywalking" when it turned out Mr. Cain appropriately crossed the street from one corner to another. Finally, and most dramatically came the assassination of Mr. Stephon Clark, who was the victim of a barrage of Sacramento police gunfire while being guilty of nothing more than entering his grandmother's home with a cellphone in his hands.

Now Sacramento residents are dismayed by word that a 12-year-old

child, who stands four feet

ten inches tall and weighs fewer than one hundred pounds, was inappropriately constrained by police officers and had a bag placed over his head to "shut him up," according to witnesses on the scene during the incident. At the time this occurred, the child was pleading for officers to "call (his) mom" and telling officers that he "could not breathe!" The young victim was born with significant upper respiratory complications and according to his mother and grandmother, suffered from breathing difficulties particularly when anxious. It did not help the child's respiratory condition that officers grasped his neck; placed him on the ground; handcuffed him with his hands behind his back; placed a knee in his back and forced his face into the asphalt.

Many Sacramento residents are wondering when this madness is going to end. We were told that our "new" African American Chief of Police would be the one to put an end to the oppressive and at times, deadly behavior patterns of what we were told were merely a few rogue "bad apples" in an otherwise fine

cussed the fundamental principles of a Kawaida educational practice. That is to say, the caring, committed and comprehensive teaching of the children in our school, the Limbiko Tembo School of African American Culture: knowledge of the world; knowledge of themselves in the world; knowledge of how to successfully engage the world; and knowledge of how to direct their lives toward good and expansive ends.

And we talked too about the Kawaida principles of nursing with which Thabiti did her work: respect for the dignity and rights of persons and patients; benevolent caring and avoidance of harm; responsibility as responsiveness and accountability; personal and professional integrity; and active advocacy in the interest of the patients, the community and the profession. Also, we presented a joint PowerPoint developed by Tiamoyo and me to serve as a focal point of our images and outline for our conversation. And teachers from the School presented examples of your lesson plans and other the School

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police department.

Let me say this. Our police chief is "blue" and not Black. In addition, it appears to many of us that when you have as many incidents of questionable police conduct directed towards one singular demographic group, within an entire community, the "cat

needs to be let out of the bag." The Sacramento police department appears to be representative of a "bad orchard" as opposed to merely comprised of a few "bad apples."

Let there be no mistake. Shooting and killing an unarmed Black woman, who professed to be pregnant in Houston, Texas or "bagging" a small in stature, 12 year-old in Sacramento, must be called out for what it is. These actions are more reflective of the practices of "slave catchers" and "Jim Crow" era law enforcers than of proper urban policing techniques focused on de-escalation and by governments truly committed to empower police officers to "protect and to serve" our entire community.

Mark T. Harris is a tenured lecturer and Direc

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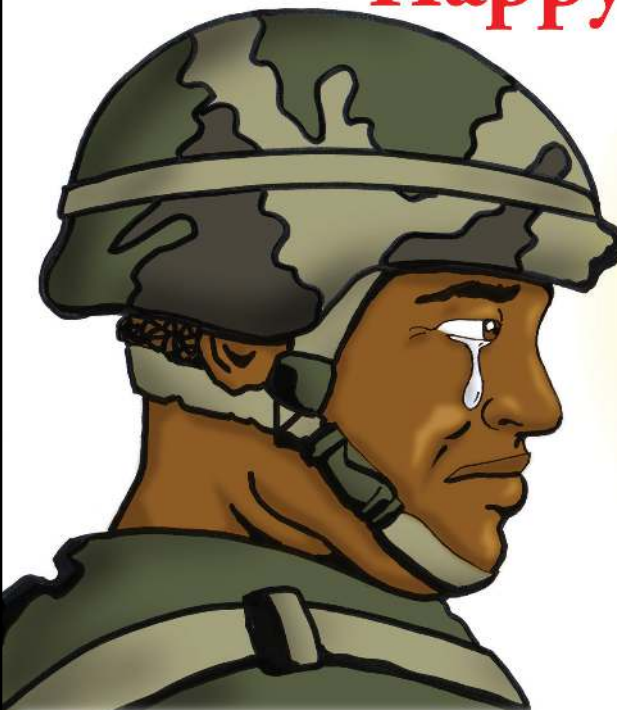
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# Mural Festival Brings Art and Inspiration to Youth

*Dr. Maya Angelou Community High School was the epicenter of creativity and expression recently thanks to a special project.*

By BRIAN W. CARTER  
Contributing Writer

Recently, Branded Arts celebrated the Maya Angelou Mural Festival, as a part of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) mural festival series. Dr. Maya Angelou Community High School in South Los Angeles was visited by over two-dozen local and international artists commissioned to paint a series of murals throughout the school May 13 – 18. Branded Arts founder, Warren Brand, spoke to the Sentinel about the mural festival series.

“Branded Arts is dedicated to make a positive social impact in communities everywhere we can,” said Brand. “Over the last 8 years, we’ve produced over 350 public and private mural projects around the world.”

RESERVE LA, a new 20-acre creative campus in Playa Vista, housing Microsoft, Sony PlayStation and TMZ.”

An L.A. native, Brand attended community college at Santa Monica and studied art history. He states that art has been a central part of his life.

“I’m an art collector and started curating popup art galleries in 2009,” said Brand. “We were doing murals to promote the popup galleries that would support different charities.”

“We realized the murals were becoming more impactful than the popup galleries were, and started focusing more and more on those.”

“People started reaching out, asking us to produce projects for them, and it really blossomed from there.”

tional and positive message to kids ranging from 9th to 12th grade. Murals were painted throughout the week with the school gymnasium transformed into a gallery exhibition space featuring work from over 50 artists, as well as artwork from the students.

For the Maya Angelou

Branded Arts announced a special collaboration with Dr. Maya Angelou High School, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and Daniel Arsham Studio. Through combining scientific revelry, creative curiosity, and community spirit, Branded Arts will host a special poster contest that invites students



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Shepard Fairey’s Maya Angelou mural at Dr. Maya Angelou Community High School in South Los Angeles.



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Projects were aimed to send an inspirational and positive message to kids ranging from 9th to 12th grade.



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Students work on murals during the week-long mural festival series at Dr. Maya Angelou Community High School.

He continued, “Branded Arts recently completed a group of murals at THE

In a desire to promote arts in school, these projects also aim to send an inspira-

Mural Festival, Branded Arts brought in talent from both the local and international art community. L.A.-based artists such as the all-female art collective, Ni Santas, Raul Gonzalez, Victoria Cassinova, Enk One, Rob Hill, Brushwork, and more, created murals alongside legends like Shepard Fairey, Faith 47, Huguart, and Rabi of Cyrcle, to name a few. Participating artists in the festival were challenged to create murals that fit within the cultural landscape of the community and the ideals of Dr. Maya Angelou.

to create artwork that both informs and educates. Students participating in this special contest will have a chance to win a signed book by Daniel Arsham and special NASA gear.

“I hope this will inspire kids and show them they can actually have a career in the creative economy if they want one,” said Brand.

The project was a collaboration with LAUSD local district central staff under Superintendent Roberto Antonio Martinez. This is the second in a series of mural festivals designed

to transform school campuses into artistic canvases, which began in 2016 with a mural festival at Robert F. Kennedy Community School in Koreatown.

“The Maya Angelou Mural Festival has been in the planning stages for two years, alongside Branded Arts, a consortium of artists spearheaded by Warren Brand,” said Martinez. “The purpose of the festival is to bring the visual arts to South Los Angeles and ensure that our students and community members recognize the power of art as the medium of expression and identity not only for individuals but for a society, a city.”

Martinez continued, “We also wanted to ensure that the woman, Maya Angelou, whom our school is named after, continues to live through her words and images. Her struggles and triumphs embody the spirit of hope, perseverance and accomplishment, that which we want our students to live by for the rest of their lives.”

Throughout the week, the school hosted an academic symposium, featuring programming by NASA

JPL, LACMA, Artsy, Self Help Graphics, Eddie Huang, Darryl McDaniels of Run-DMC, and many more. The mural series culminated Saturday, May 18, with a grand reception featuring a conversation and performance with Grammy award-winning singer and songwriter, Miguel, and a preliminary talk from Torri Brand,” said Martinez.

“This is a community enrichment project for South L.A.,” said Brand. “This is the second mural festival we’ve done at a school in Los Angeles in partnership with LAUSD, and there will be more to come.”

Sponsors and partners for the event included LACMA, BEHR Paint, Ironlak, NASA JPL, KITH, Adidas Originals, Mosaic Art Foundation, Creative Constellations, Thinkspace Gallery, Newmark Knight Frank, Officecreated.com, Represent Global, The Mayfair Hotel, HyperX and Hello Stranger Creative.

For more on Branded Arts, please visit <https://brandedarts.com>

# Local Elected Officials Unite to End Child Poverty

*Gov. Newsom joins Ridley-Thomas, Burke and Mitchell at South L.A. rally*

By CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT  
Staff Writer

Political heavyweights united on May 17 to tackle a serious topic – eliminating poverty among youth and families in California.

Officially called the End Child Poverty Bus Tour, the elected officials joined with community members to encourage state legislators to implement a comprehensive plan to remove nearly two million of California’s children from extremely poor living conditions.

St. John’s Well Child and Family Center hosted the rally at its facility near 58th St. and Vermont Ave. in South L.A. More than 300 people were on hand to welcome Governor Gavin Newsom, Sen. Holly Mitchell, Assemblymember Autumn Burke and L.A. County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, who all expressed their support for the campaign.

Citing the alarming statistics, Ridley-Thomas said, “Child poverty is a fiscal and moral crisis that challenges the values, the ideals, and the ethos of this very nation. California has the highest child poverty rate in the nation and nearly 20 percent of the 7.5 million residents of this state who suffer from poverty are children.”

Noting that many poor children lack permanent



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Senator Holly Mitchell was among the speakers at the End Child Poverty Bus Tour. At right are Assemblymember Autumn Burke, L.A. County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and Gov. Gavin Newsom, who all delivered remarks during the event held at St. John’s Well Child and Family Center on May 17.

dwelling, he added, “We need to fight homelessness at every juncture. That is our challenge, that is our charge and we cannot back away from it. The children are ours and we are here to protect them. We need to lift our hearts to end child poverty!”

Burke was also adamant about the importance of ending child poverty and recalled her legislative efforts to highlight the critical issue. Her bill, AB 1520 or the Lifting Children and Families Out of Poverty Act, called for the state legislature to commit to reducing child poverty by 50 percent over 20 years.

To reach that goal, AB 1520 offered a range of recommendations such as a targeted child tax credit to support the basic necessities of daily living, a Cal WORKS safety net grant to bring families receiving Cal WORKS to 50% of the fed-

eral poverty line (deep poverty), expansion of the California Earned Income Tax Credit, guaranteed access to early care and education for impoverished youth up to age 8, and voluntary home visiting programs to support families with young children.

“California families living in deep poverty have to make sacrifices on even the basic necessities and these are working families – mothers and fathers that are working two and three jobs and still struggling,” said Burke.

“I am so thankful that the governor has committed to expand the California Earned Income Tax Credit, part of the \$3.4 billion investment to end deep child poverty, and that the budget has been revised. Cash infusion for children would have long term benefits like better high school graduation and

college entrance rates, significant increase in adult workforce participation and higher lifetime earnings,” she said.

Mitchell, long known for her work in support of children and women, urged the crowd to make a personal commitment to ending child poverty. “We are now poised with a governor who is going to tap into our resources to create services and resources that are important to you. But we have to make this quest, this fight, very personal because that’s the only way we win,” she insisted.

“I challenge everyone to determine when you decided that children shouldn’t get do-overs. We have a unique opportunity. We have a governor, a healthy general fund and elected leaders who are all poised to end child poverty.”

Vowing to make that mission a reality, Newsom said that California now has an opportunity to improve the future for the state’s children who live below or near the poverty rate. His revised budget includes record investments to address deep child poverty. Also, several pieces of legislation and budget proposals have been introduced to carry out the End Child Poverty Plan.

“We finally have a plan. We have a framework and now we’re debating the

‘how’ business – the practical application of our collective ideals, implementing this plan in a strategic and nuanced way, tripling the amount of money for children under the age of six in EITC – taking the budget from \$400 million to \$4.2 billion in a calendar year,” said the governor.

“We also recognize that

it’s just a down payment. We need to do so much more. We’re got to build a sustainable mindset, being on a journey together with our ideals. Let’s make not only this state proud, let’s make America proud,” Newsom said.

To learn more about the End Child Poverty Plan, visit [endchildpovertyca.org](http://endchildpovertyca.org).

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# Walgreens {continued from Pg. A-1}

nia and over 54 stores in Los Angeles County, but the lawsuit alleges that in their senseless pursuit of profits over the safety of its millions of customers, Walgreens has chosen to despicably place armed security guards in several of its stores.”

Douglas went on to explain that Walgreens only places armed guards at stores in predominantly Black and Latino neighborhoods in Los Angeles County.

“I really miss my brother,” cried Psykyssyanna Hart the twin sister of Jonathan. “Everyday I have to look at this necklace and carry him around and I don’t want him in this position. I want him here. Our birthday passed—the first birthday without him and I wouldn’t wish this on anybody.”

Hart, also known as Sky Young, a homeless 21-year-old African American gay youth, was gunned down by American Protection Group and S.E.B. Security Services armed security guard, Donald Ciota at a Walgreens in Hollywood, Calif. on Dec. 2, 2018, following a dispute over whether or not he was shoplifting. Hart was shot in the neck from behind. Ciota currently faces one count of murder with an allegation that he used a firearm as a deadly and dangerous weapon.

“We intend to fight to the finish to make sure that the life and death of Jonathan Hart will not have been in vain,” added Douglas. “That the pain that this young woman feels will not have to be felt by another family member.”



“We are alleging that Walgreens, the largest pharmaceutical retailer in the world is responsible for the tragic death of 21-year-old Jonathan Hart,” said attorney Carl Douglas.

# Smith {continued from Pg. A-1}

Smith said he expected the recipients to “pay it forward” and said he hoped that “every class has the same opportunity going forward.”

“Because we are enough to take care of our own community,” Smith said. “We are enough to ensure that we have all the opportuni-

ties of the American dream. And we will show it to each other through our actions and through our words and through our deeds.”

In the weeks before graduating from Morehouse on Sunday, 22-year-old finance major Aaron Mitchom drew up a spreadsheet to calculate

how long it would take him to pay back his \$200,000 in student loans — 25 years at half his monthly salary, per his calculations.

In an instant, that number vanished. Mitchom, sitting in the crowd, wept.

“I can delete that spreadsheet,” he said in an interview after the commencement. “I don’t have

to live off of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. I was shocked. My heart dropped. We all cried. In the moment it was like a burden had been taken off.”

His mother, Tina Mitchom, was also shocked. Eight family members, including Mitchom’s 76-year-old grandmother, took turns over four years

co-signing on the loans that got him across the finish line.

“It takes a village,” she said. “It now means he can start paying it forward and start closing this gap a lot sooner, giving back to the college and thinking about a succession plan” for his younger siblings.

Morehouse College president David A. Thomas said the gift would have

a profound effect on the students’ futures.

“Many of my students are interested in going into teaching, for example, but leave with an amount of student debt that makes that untenable,” Thomas said in an interview. “In some ways, it was a liberation gift for these young men that just opened up their choices.”



Graduates react after hearing billionaire technology investor and philanthropist Robert F. Smith say he will provide grants to wipe out the student debt of the entire 2019 graduating class at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Sunday, May 19, 2019.

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# In Charter School Fight, Urban League and National Action Network Ask NAACP: 'Did You See the Numbers?'

BY TANU HENRY  
California Black Media

Black civil rights groups in California are knuckled up in a battle of principles as the state Assembly and Senate prepare to vote on a set of three charter school bills this week.

The state chapters of the National Urban League (NUL) and the National Action Network (NAN) have teamed up to oppose the bills. They say the proposals amount to a "step backward" for African American charter school parents and their children.

While the California chapter of the NAACP has publicly expressed its support for all three pieces of legislation; two of them in the Assembly - AB 1505 and AB 1506 - and one in the Senate, SB 756.

Members of the California chapter of the NAACP, the nation's oldest civil rights organization, came to the State Capitol Monday to lobby the legislature on several issues, including the charter school bills.

If passed, the laws would put a moratorium on authorizing any new charter schools in the state for the next five years. Critics of the law say

they would also significantly restrict the operations and roll back some legal rights the taxpayer-funded independent public schools currently have.

"I ask my friends at the NAACP, 'did you see the numbers?'" Dr. Tecoy Porter, president of the Sacramento chapter of the NAN, told California Black Media.

For both the NUL and the NAN, they say, their difference of opinion with the NAACP boils down to one fact: Black students across California are failing in the state's district public schools at rates that should cause national concern.

Advocates say many of the schools on the frontline that have begun to help Black students improve their literacy, score higher on state standardized tests, and prepare for college and jobs, are charter schools.

"African American children are not doing well in California public schools. There is a severe and persistent Black achievement gap throughout the state of California in both English Language arts and math," the NAN and the NUL wrote in an open letter to Gov. Gavin Newsom, which the organizations shared with California

Black Media.

"Seven out of eight African-American public school students are enrolled in district run schools," the letter to the governor continued. "Many African-American parents respond to this failure by choosing to send their kids to public charter schools."

This week, local leaders of both the NAN and the NUL are requesting a meeting with Gov. Newsom to share their concerns about the bills.

In California, about 80 percent of Black students score below the state standard in math and 68 percent fail to meet the English Language Arts requirement. African American children are also next to the lowest performing sub-group in the state, scoring only above students with disabilities.

Last week, the Assembly passed another charter school bill, AB 1507. It required charter schools to be physically located in the boundaries of the school district that licenses it. Assemblymember Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento), who is African American and a member of the California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC), sponsored that bill, along with the other two bills his colleagues will

hear this week.

Other sponsors of the charter school bills are Assemblymembers Patrick O'Donnell (D-Los Angeles) and Christy Smith (D-Santa Clarita).

Sen. Maria Elena Durazo (D-Los Angeles) sponsored the Senate bill.

O'Donnell, who is chair of the Assembly Education committee, shelved another bill Assemblymember Shirley Weber (D-San Diego), chair of the CLBC, introduced. That bill would have designated lowest performing sub-group students a high risk category under California's Local Control Funding Formula.

"Historically, the NAACP has been in strong support of public education and has denounced movements toward privatization," the California chapter of the NAACP wrote in that statement. "Considering this, we are concerned that charter schools in California are increasingly causing the underfunding of neighborhood schools."

Julian Heilig-Vasquez, Education Chair of the California NAACP, argues that increased independent and private control of charter

schools will lead to the resegregation of America's public schools and

"The California NAACP and other community-based activists have called upon education reforms to refocus on inequities rather than privatization and private control of education," he says.

Porter says he understands that the NAACP stated its opposition to charter schools long before these bills became an issue in California. But the arguments they are using to support their stance, have not evolved and are mostly out-of-touch with the needs of the majority of African American families across the state.

"How are they promoting segregation when they make up less than five percent of all public schools in the state?" Asked Porter. "Also, by law, charter schools have to be judged on their performance every five years. District-run public schools can go on failing forever."

He said since Gov. Newsom signed SB 126 earlier this year, the state now requires charter schools to be more accountable and transparent in their operations.

On Wednesday, May 22, the California Teachers Asso-

ciation (CTA), one of the largest unions in the state, is holding a rally in Sacramento on the steps of the State Capitol in support of the bills. They say, the event is being held "to fix the broken laws that govern charter schools."

But NAN and the NUL disagree with the NAACP and the CTA. Porter says many Black families who live in communities where traditional public schools have failed their children for decades don't have the means to get up and move to a better school district or enroll their kids in private schools.

Porter says he is thankful that he had a choice. His son, who attended a mix of private, public charter and traditional public schools is graduating from high school this year. He has accepted a full ride to Harvey Mudd college in Claremont.

"I had a choice. I want all parents in California to have choices of where they can send their children to school for the best education for them," he says. "I know there are some bad apples who have abused the charter school system, but its Black and Brown kids that end up getting the short end of the stick. They deserve better."

## Man Indicted for Nipsey Hussle Killing

BY CITY NEWS SERVICE

A 29-year-old man pleaded not guilty today to a grand jury indictment charging him with the March 31 killing of Nipsey Hussle and the wounding of two other men in front of the rapper's clothing store in South Los Angeles.

The indictment charges Eric Ronald Holder Jr. with one count each of murder and possession of a firearm by a felon and two counts each of attempted murder and assault with a firearm,

along with the allegations that he personally and intentionally discharged a firearm and caused great bodily injury and death.

The indictment — which was handed up May 9 and remained under seal until Holder's arraignment — includes two new assault charges involving the same victims named in the attempted murder counts.

At a court hearing May 10, a judge appointed the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office to represent Holder following the

withdrawal of Chris Darden — a former prosecutor best known for his work in the O.J. Simpson murder trial — as his attorney.

Darden penned a lengthy Facebook post that day in which he discussed being the target of threats for taking the case.

"I only know that as a lawyer it is my duty to protect the rights of my clients even in the face of threats or angry mobs ... I cannot understand why in 2019 some people would deny a Black man his 6th Amend-

ment right to counsel of his choice. Or why defending such a man should invite threats not only against me but against my children too ... Just as they were in 1995. Cowards never change. These days these cowards don't send letters instead they sit anonymously behind keyboards threatening a man's mother and children. And some folks think that's funny. It isn't and I won't ever forget it."

Holder is accused of fatally shooting Hussle — whose real name is Ermias Joseph Asghedom — at about 3:20 p.m. March 31 in front of The Marathon Clothing store the 33-year-old rapper owned in the 3400 block of West Slauson Avenue in Hyde Park. Two other men also were wounded in the attack, though only one of them was hospitalized.

Los Angeles police Chief Michel Moore said Holder got into a personal dispute with Hussle outside the store, then left and

returned with a handgun.

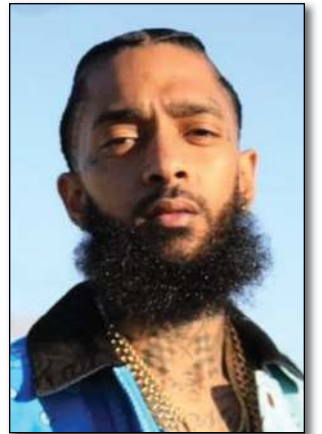
Hussle was shot in the head and body and died at a hospital, according to police and the coroner's office.

The police chief declined to discuss the nature of the disagreement between Holder and Hussle but stressed the shooting appeared to be a result of that dispute, not any type of gang rivalry or feud.

"We believe this to be a dispute between Mr. Hussle and Mr. Holder," Moore said. "I'm not going to go into the conversations, but it appears to be a personal matter between the two of them."

Holder was arrested by Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies about 1 p.m. April 2 in the 9000 block of Artesia Boulevard in Bellflower after a witness called authorities to report seeing a person believed to be Holder.

The aspiring rapper is being held in lieu of \$6.53 million bail while awaiting a June 18 pretrial hearing.



COURTESY PHOTO  
Nipsey Hussle

He could face a maximum of life in prison if convicted as charged, according to the District Attorney's Office.

Hussle transformed himself from a South Los Angeles gang member to a rap musician and entrepreneur who channeled his success into efforts to help others stay out of gangs. He bought shoes for students, re-paved basketball courts and provided jobs and shelter for the homeless.

Hussle helped renovate a Mid-City roller rink and redeveloped the strip mall that housed his clothing shop, where he was fatally wounded.

## #JusticeForPamelaShantayTurner Trending After 44-Year-old Shot Five Times by Police Officer

BY STACY M. BROWN  
NNPA Newswire  
Correspondent

The hashtag #JusticeForPamelaShantayTurner is trending.

Unfortunately, the reason behind the popularity of the latest social media slogan is all-too familiar.

Turner, 44, was fatally shot by a Bayton, Texas, police officer at an apartment complex. Her family said she has a history of mental illness.

In a video of the incident, Turner, an African American woman, yells out that she's pregnant but that didn't stop a White police officer from firing five shots into her body and killing her.

"The ACLU of Texas calls for an independent investigation into the tragedy in Baytown and the immediate release of the officer's body camera footage," The ACLU of Texas Legal Director Andre Segura, said in a statement.

"The escalation seen on bystander video from a simple stop to the use of brutal deadly force is shocking and raises serious concerns. There are too many questions about this tragic loss of life, and the public deserves transparency," Segura said. Baytown Police said the shooting occurred during a struggle over the unnamed officer's Taser.

Lt. Steve Dorris said in a Facebook post, "It appears that as the officer was then attempting to handcuff the female she was able to gain control of his Taser and



PHOTO: YOUTUBE

Turner, 44, was fatally shot by a Bayton, Texas, police officer at an apartment complex. Her family said she has a history of mental illness.

turned it on the officer, Tasing the officer, which forced the officer to draw his duty weapon and fire multiple rounds at the female, striking her at least once."

Turner was pronounced dead at the scene.

The shooting happened about 10:40 p.m. Monday, May 13, at The Brixton Apartments on Garth Road in Baytown, according to police.

The city of about 76,000 is located in Harris County, Texas, near Houston.

Segura and others expressed outraged that authorities called the release of the video of the incident on social media "disrespectful."

"The Baytown Police Department has stated that it was 'disrespectful' for bystander video of the shooting to be posted online — that is wrong," Segura said.

"There is nothing disrespectful or inappropriate about documenting or sharing video of the way the police act in our communities, especially when they

kill someone. Community members have the right to monitor, discuss, and ultimately control the way we are policed," he said.

James Edison, a neighbor of Turner's said police should have used more discretion.

"If you know she has mental illness, why not ask for backup first before you try and detain her?" Edison told KPRC, via the Heavy.

"He got up and she was barely getting up off the ground and he shot her like a dog. That's wrong. And he needs to pay for it," Edison said.

Turner's family told local KPRC-TV that she had complained about the officer who shot her "harassing" her in the past.

Police confirmed that the officer recognized Turner from previous interactions, but they did not provide details about those incidents.

It is not clear if she had ever filed a formal complaint against the officer.

"They must've had a couple of words. Things went a whole different way, and he shot her, and I really feel for the family and I hope they get some type of justice. I just pray for them honestly because life is short nowadays." Turner's neighbor, Taylin Inness, told NBC News.

Another neighbor, Jonathan Little, told KPRC-TV, "She would walk her dog. That's all she did was walk her dog and pick up trash. She didn't mess with anybody. It was just her and her dog."

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families who make less than \$100,000 a year, receive a tax cut of up to \$6000 per year. That's \$500 per month."

To pay for it, she said she would propose repealing the most recent tax cut, which Democrats believe only benefit the wealthy.

Criminal Justice reform is also on her agenda, Harris said.

"Let's speak the truth," she said.

"On any given night in America, a family is sitting down to dinner and having the 'talk' with their children about why there are mass shootings in schools because Congress is afraid to take action. As president, I am prepared to take executive action if Congress doesn't get it together and address gun control."

Harris also talked about the racial aspects of criminal justice. Meanwhile, Harris said, as president,

she would also address climate change and environmental safety.

"Let's speak the truth, climate change is real," she said.

"Isn't it kind of sad I have to say that. I was at a committee hearing two years ago, where there was a debate about whether science should be the basis of public policy. This, on a subject which represents an existential threat to who we are as a species, yet our leaders are pushing science fiction instead of science fact to our collective peril."

But with leaders leading, she said, we can effectively address all of the issues affecting the country today.

"One last truth," said Harris.

"The vast majority of us have so much more in common than what separates us."

Harris is a lifelong public safety and civil rights

leader. Elected in 2016, she is the second African American woman in history to be elected to the U.S. Senate, and the first African American and first woman to serve as Attorney General of the state of California.

But not everyone at the rally was enchanted with Harris.

Said one Trump supporter who stood outside the rally, "she's okay with illegals coming into our country. We have people here living on the streets and nothing's being done to help them. I think her campaign for Medicare for all is wrong. I think any benefits should be going to American citizens."

"[The Dems] want to give them free medical, free education, free everything. That is socialism. Capitalism is what makes America great. If you want to live in a socialism country, go to Venezuela. It's not good for those people over there."



Presidential Candidate and U.S. Senator Kamala Harris of California (Robert Torrence/L.A. Sentinel)



Community members listen to U.S. Senator and Presidential candidate, Kamala Harris at Southwest College on May 19, 2019. (Robert Torrence/L.A. Sentinel)



Assemblymember Autumn Burke (Robert Torrence/L.A. Sentinel)



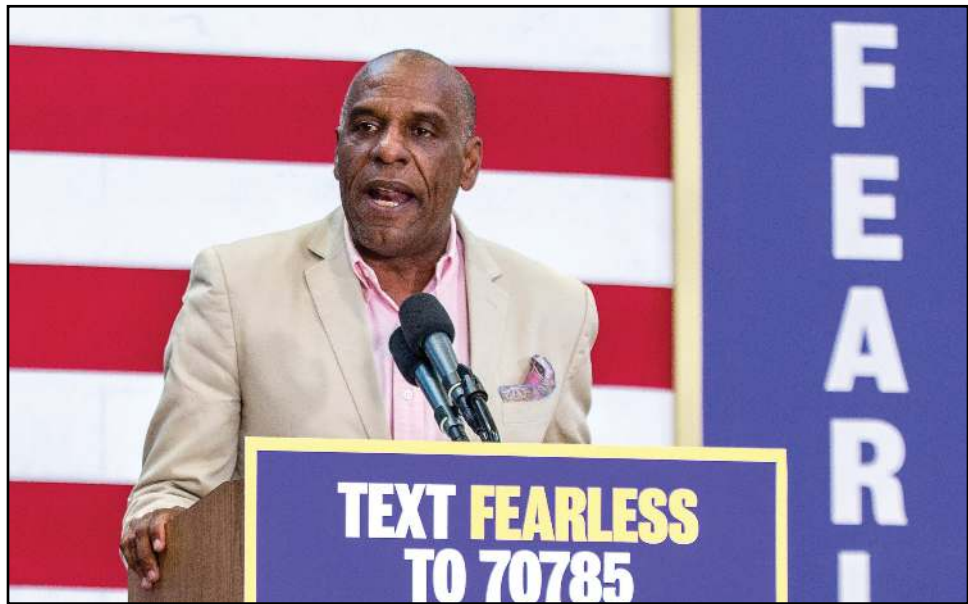
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## Succeeding With Passion: Designing The Life You've Always Dreamed Of!

I've been in the business of helping people figure out their lives in different ways for many years now. What I've learned is that most people go through the motions of living, but they rarely live a life that is truly fulfilled. They search for the next thing verses enjoying the moment and finding the beauty in the present. There's nothing wrong with growing and doing new things, but when we do it to fill a void or to run from something in our lives, it is not acceptable. If we want to live the life we've dreamed of, or more importantly the life we were designed to live, we must find our passion and purpose and live every moment to fulfill it. We have to stop putting our value in the wrong things.

I recently finished reading the book, "Tuesdays With Morrie," which is the story about a man who was the mentor (and coach) to another gentleman named Mitch (student) and conversations (or lessons) they shared prior to his death from ALS. One of the things Morrie revealed was how so many people walk around half-asleep, living a meaningless life. Many of us chase the wrong things trying to find meaning to our lives. One of my philosophies that I've been sharing for many years is if we want to understand

our purpose, we must learn what our MEANING is and that will help us develop our MESSAGE, which ultimately clarifies our MISSION. This is the roadmap to designing our intentional life.

Life should be more than just surviving and making it to the next day. I have learned from my personal experiences that when we get out of our own way and help others, our life takes a turn. When we devote our lives to helping others in any way possible it is amazing what happens to ours. There really is truth to when we help someone else, we feel better and our life becomes fuller. We need to add a little more human kindness in all that we do. So many people are lonely, hurt, lost and filled with unforgiveness. When we can help people work through these issues, it not only helps their lives but improves community.

I recently met two beautiful ladies that are also committed to impacting the lives of others through their work. I'm excited to join together with them on June 1st for "A Passion Architect Event" to bring an opportunity to the community called, "A Passion Architect: Succeeding With Passion." The event is being spearheaded by Stephanie Walton, Fortune 100 Leader, Coach

and Speaker. Stephanie is dedicated to helping people find their passion and live the life they are meant to live. Also joining is Catrena Elliott, Speaker and Gallup Strength Finders Coach. The three of us will share steps that can make a positive impact on helping people reach their highest potential. Our focus is on helping women find their true selves and become their best selves. Women are the backbone for families, community and much of what happens in society and when we help women succeed, we help the world succeed.

Grace Hansen said, "don't be afraid your life will end; be afraid that it will never begin." Get off your butt and start living the life you were always meant to live. As Morrie said, it is never too late. Everyday I get up with a new excitement about the possibilities each day holds. I am committed to living my best life and helping others do the same.

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Ask Dr. Jeanette

## Sex Strike!? What!?!?

A sex strike[sex boycott], =non-violent resistance and not a new concept, dates back to at least Aristophanes' 411 BC comedy "Lysistrata," the title character attempts to end the Peloponnesian War by calling on women from the warring city states to withhold sex until peace is negotiated. Spike Lee's film "Chi-Raq" brought the concept to present-day Chicago as a means of drawing attention to the city's gang violence... Women's March and other women's rights organizations suggests women withhold sex from men, because clearly only men desire sex(?) and women acquiesce to their needs out of pity or sense of responsibility. Wednesday Martin, a writer, billed as a cultural critic for CNN's opinion section suggested that women should consider withholding "service sex" from their partners to influence them to vote for "women's equality" in 2018 midterm elections, citing that women, now more than ever, need to reclaim the power they wield through sexual intercourse to force men to confront gender inequality. Martin posits,

this will eventually lead to a more equitable society (though, it seems, her premise seems to rely on women believing in lockstep that "voting for Democrats" is a path to "equality" that's debatable). Women's sexual pleasure seems now to be more political. Women's rights organizations regularly suggest that women withhold sex from men... clearly only men desire sex and women simply acquiesce to their needs out of pity or, as Wednesday Martin suggests, a sense of responsibility. Alyssa Milano calls for a Sex Strike. "Until We Get Bodily Autonomy Back," and states, "I will do everything in my power to move productions away from Georgia — including "insatiable" which continues (her opinion) to put forth policy that contradicts everything the entertainment industry stands for after Georgia Governor Brian Kemp signed a bill outlawing nearly all abortions in the state, scheduled to go into effect next year, but certain to be challenged in court before then. Withholding sex, a form of protest is historical - US research

psychologist Peggy Drexler, who studies sex/gender and vocal in criticizing the sex strike, tells BBC Three, and thinks of several problems with the idea; "the biggest flaw, as Alyssa Milano has called for, serves to reinforce the idea that women have sex in order to please men, or for babies only, which strips women of any agency in sex whatsoever which, is what she is ultimately arguing for women to have more of." Dr. Drexler: "Certainly, Alyssa implies the sex strike should be done to punish men, and not all women have sex exclusively with men. Online comments: L. LAW MAY 11, 2019; Alyssa Milano, I'd \*love\* for you to continue to advocate for abstinence as a mainstay for reproductive health. Michael Allen: It's now official, Alyssa Milano is a certified moron." The daily Wire: by Emily Zanotti; Indie Wire, Michael Nordine (5-11-19) Jeanette Grattan Parker is Founder/Superintendent Today's Fresh Start Charter Schools with S.T.E.A.M. Academy [www.todaysfreshstart.org](http://www.todaysfreshstart.org); A Top LA County School: Thank you for reading!

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**Sacramento PD officer restrains young man from a still shot from the video captured by a bystander that has been seen on the Sacramento Black Lives Matter's Facebook page.**

# Karenga *continued from Pg A-6*

School presented examples of your lesson plans and other work, including Chimbuko, Thanayi, Jan, Tulivu and Tambuzi. It was a good and beautiful experience and exchange and we all left uplifted, reaffirmed and recommitted.

I began to write the last part of this letter and report in the early morning before dawn, and now the day is coming forth, distinguishing itself from the night. It is a beautiful day outside. The sun has risen and the morning mist has lifted and melted away. And I walk out on the patio to feel and breathe the early morning

freshness. There are still clouds remaining from yesterday's rain and I look up to see if I can find your face and form in them. And in my mind's eye and eager imagination, you are there, holding your signature arc of kente cloth in your hand, writing rainbows of remembrance and promise in the sky. The sunlight of your smile falls softly on my face. And I say to myself, as I've said since the Sixties, "It's a good day to struggle." For an essential understanding of our ancestral legacy is one of a life well-lived, rooted in self-giving love, work and

# Memorial Day was celebrated by freed slaves

BY SURREAL LEWIS

Memorial Day is a day I associate with the smell of barbecue and sounds of music in backyards. It's a day celebrated by people in this country of all backgrounds, and therefore, it's a holiday whose own background has been disputed. Some people trace Memorial Day back to former Union soldiers, a few people even trace it back to families of Confederate soldiers, but the most popular and widely debated theory is that the first Memorial Day was celebrated by freed slaves.

Some historians consider the first celebration of Memorial Day to have taken place in Charleston, South Carolina, on May 1, 1865. On that day, a group of freed slaves gathered at a former Confederate prison, where hundreds of union soldiers died, and they dug up a mass grave of Union soldiers to give them proper burials in individual graves. The burials were followed by the gathering of townspeople to

sing songs, leave flowers at graves, and hear sermons delivered by Black preachers. But despite the truth that there was a ceremony held by freed slaves on May 1, the first widely recognized holiday didn't come about until three years later, when Major General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic declared May 5th, 1868, the first "Decoration Day." On that day, a U.S. Army General gave a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and thousands of attendees proceeded to adorn the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers and flags.

That is the day the US Department of Veteran Affairs recognizes as the first celebration of Memorial Day, but it's not the day all Americans acknowledge. For generations, many Southern states refused to recognize either of these days



Surreal Lewis

as Memorial Day, and in a few states, a Confederate Memorial Day is still officially observed on either Confederacy President Jefferson Davis's birthday, or on Robert E. Lee's birthday, which painfully and ironically falls on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. In addition to Confederate Memorial Day, there are many towns in both the North and South that claim to be the home of the first Memorial Day, including Richmond, VA and Waterloo, NY.

The truth is, there really

is no "first Memorial Day". The concept of decorating a fallen soldier's grave is older than our country itself, and following the Civil War, Americans had a lot of graves to decorate. Towns across a war torn United States had dozens of their own first Memorial Days. That being said, the celebration held by freed slaves in May of 1865 was one of the earliest recorded versions of what our Memorial Day looks like today, and one of the largest of its time. At this point, with the facts we have, we choose how to recognize Memorial Day for ourselves. That speech given in Arlington Cemetery may be widely recognized as the first Memorial Day, but that doesn't mean I can't personally recognize the work of freed slaves in Charleston instead.

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struggle. And in good conscience I can do less in the life I live, the work I do and the struggle I wage.

*Dr. Maulana Karenga, Professor and Chair of Africana Studies, California State University-Long Beach; Executive Director;*

*African American Cultural Center (Us); Creator of Kwanzaa; and author of Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and*

*Culture and Introduction to Black Studies, 4th Edition, www.OfficialKwanzaaWebsite.org; www.MaulanaKarenga.org.*

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CJW Enterprise LLC, 19200 Midtown Ave., Carson, CA 90746; CA  
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participating lenders when they apply for financing from the lender for the purchase. An MCC cannot be issued in connection with a mortgage loan that refinances or pays off an existing mortgage or land contract (except for certain construction period and temporary loans) or with a mortgage loan provided from proceeds of tax-exempt bonds.  
The amount of the credit will be 20% of the yearly interest paid or accrued on a qualified mortgage. If the credit allowable under the 2019 MCC Program for any taxable year exceeds the qualified homebuyer's tax liability for such taxable year, then such excess credit may be carried over to each of the three succeeding taxable years and, subject to certain limitations, may be added to the credit allowable under the 2019 MCC Program for that succeeding year. The qualified homebuyer may reduce the amount of monthly federal income tax withheld by filing a revised IRS W-4 Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate in order to have more disposable income with which to make loan payments. Use of the credit will reduce the deduction for home mortgage interest on the homebuyer's federal income tax return.  
Current federal tax law may require a payment to the federal government of a "recapture" tax if the homebuyer sells or otherwise transfers his or her home to someone else within nine years after the MCC is issued. The MCC is issued at the time of the closing of a mortgage loan. The recapture tax represents a portion of the "federally subsidized amount" of the mortgage loan, calculated in accordance with federal tax law. The recapture tax may not exceed 50% of the gain realized on the sale or transfer of the home, and it would become a part of the homebuyer's tax liability for the year that the home is sold or transferred. The homebuyer may not have to pay part or all of the recapture amount if his or her income, at the time of the sale or transfer, is less than a prescribed amount at the time of sale or transfer.  
To be eligible for an MCC, the homebuyer's gross annual household income may not exceed the limits set forth below. Gross annual household income is the total of all income, from whatever source, for all borrowers who intend to reside in the residence. The maximum incomes for all borrowers, as established by the County, currently is \$125,280 for one- or two-person families, and \$146,160 for three- or more-person families. Income and eligibility standards must be reviewed at least annually and may be revised by the County at any time. Limits on income will in no event exceed the maximum levels, if any, permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Code").  
The maximum purchase prices for homes, as established by the County, currently range from \$653,883 in Non-Target Areas to \$799,190 in Target Areas. Homebuyers also must meet the following eligibility requirements:  
1. Qualified homebuyers must occupy the residence as their principal residence within 60 days after it is financed by a participating lender. The MCC will expire on the date that the residence ceases to be the principal residence of the qualified homebuyer.  
2. Qualified homebuyers must not have had an ownership interest in a principal residence within the

preceding three years, except for qualified homebuyers purchasing homes in federally designated targeted areas or certain veterans, who are exempt from this requirement.  
3. No more than 15% of the residence being purchased can be used in a trade or business used in accordance with the Code.  
The total credit election amount of the 2019 MCC Program is \$70,000,000. Purchasers may obtain an MCC in connection with financing from any approved lender, including banks, savings and loan associations, mortgage banking firms and credit unions. MCC applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The application must be made through a participating lender. A current list of participating lenders is available to the public from the undersigned. There is no allocation of MCCs by lender; however, for the first year of the 2019 MCC Program, 20% will be set aside for mortgage loans in targeted areas.  
Homebuyers must be qualified for an MCC pursuant to the Code and the guidelines, rulings and interpretations issued by the Internal Revenue Service which shall control in the event of a conflict with other requirements. The homebuyer must meet the credit and underwriting criteria established by the participating lender who provides the mortgage loan. The County does not originate mortgage loans in connection with MCCs. The applicant must sign all documents and affidavits which are needed to demonstrate the homebuyer's eligibility for an MCC.  
Banks, savings and loan associations, credit union, mortgage companies and other financing institutions are invited to participate as lenders. Each participating lender will be required to sign a Participation Agreement, which outlines the lender's loan review and reporting responsibilities, and pay to the Issuer such fee or fees as the Issuer may require. The Issuer will make a list of participating lenders available to the public upon request.  
For more information on the 2019 MCC Program or for a copy of the participating list of lenders, contact Los Angeles County Development Authority, 700 West Main Street, Alhambra, California 91801 or call (626) 586-1838 or (626) 586-1837.  
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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2019107384  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
**Low Bottoms Boutique, 1851 1/2 West Florence Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90047, County of LA;** Mailing Address: 300 East 51st, Apt #105, Los Angeles, CA 90011  
Registered owner(s): Yvette Green, 300 East 51st, Apt #105, Los Angeles, CA 90047  
This business is conducted by: an individual  
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/2019  
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
S/ Yvette Green, Owner  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on April 23, 2019  
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
File No. 2019086238  
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:  
1. THE POETRY SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES, 2. TYPEWRITERS ANONYMOUS, 407 E PICO BLVD. #707, LOS ANGELES, CA 90015 County of LOS ANGELES  
Registered owner(s): PHILLIP THOMAS NAILS, 407 E PICO BLVD. #707, LOS ANGELES, CA 90015  
This business is conducted by an individual  
The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A  
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).  
S/PHILLIP THOMAS NAILS, Owner  
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles County on 04/01/2019.

**GENERAL CONTRACTOR PRE-QUALIFICATION OPPORTUNITY WITH LACCD**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Los Angeles Community College District ("District") invites Licensed General Contractors to submit Statements of Qualification (SOQ) for the following procurement:  
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Projects may include demolition of existing buildings and hardscape, removal and repair of existing barriers, building renovations, storm water mitigation, weather proofing, site utility work and new construction. The project scopes will require A or B licensed general contractors.  
The overall procurement process will take place in three steps: (1) The instant Request for Qualifications step ("RFQ") (i.e., pre-qualification); then

Purchasers of a new or existing single-family home located in the County may apply for an MCC through

**PROBATE**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: WINIFRED MCCLLOUD**

**AKA WINIFRED O. MCCLLOUD AKA WINNIE MCCLLOUD AND W. O. MCCLLOUD CASE NO. 19STPB02024**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the WILL or estate, or both of WINIFRED O. MCCLLOUD AKA WINIFRED O. MCCLLOUD AKA WINNIE MCCLLOUD AND W. O. MCCLLOUD. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ADELINA MCCLLOUD in the Superior Court of California, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ADELINA MCCLLOUD be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's WILL and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. THE WILL and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 06/03/19 at 8:30AM in Dept. 79, ROOM 610 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. In Pro Per Petitioner ADELINA MCCLLOUD 2125 SANTA ANA ST. LOS ANGELES CA 90059 5/2, 5/16, 5/23/19  
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## Student Athlete of the Week: Maxi Duncan

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK  
Sports Writer

Maxi Duncan has spent half of her life playing tennis full time. After finishing the second grade, her father decided that homeschool would be the best option, so Duncan can focus more on tennis.

Since then, she has competed on tennis courts throughout the world and acquiring accolades for it. In 2012, Duncan won four championship titles, including the 110th Annual Southern Cal Junior Sectionals Girls 10 Championship and the Little Mo's Sectional Championship.

In 2014, Duncan became a finalist for the USTA National Clay Court Championship in the girls 12 doubles. Two years later, she won the title for the

USTA National Hard Court Championship in Girls 14 Doubles.

At age 16, Duncan is a blue chip player, who is ranked 12th in the world. As a pro player in the International Tennis Federation (ITF), she is ranked 717 in doubles.

"Being able to play tennis full time is a great privilege," Duncan said. "Being able to do my studies and be able to do it well and have that balance, I'm really grateful."

Recently, Duncan has traveled to Costa Rica, Columbia, and Ecuador in a span of three weeks where she competed in both singles and doubles tournaments for the ITF. For most of March, Duncan was in Mexico competing in the Cancun Pro 15k tournament. Through all the trav-



Tennis player Maxi Duncan has traveled to Columbia, Mexico, and Costa Rica to compete in tennis tournaments.

eling and competition, Duncan continues to train and sometimes sightsee in the

countries she has visited. "We train while we're at the tournament. So, if I lose,

we'll train until the next tournament," Duncan said. "After I play in that, we'll talk about it and we'll try to find what I did wrong and what I'll do better in the next match."

Duncan maintained a 4.0 GPA during the first semester this school year. Her favorite subjects are English and World History.

"An interesting fact that I learned, probably was World War I and World War II and how they occurred and what was the causes," she said. "And also, the little I get to learn about Black history, which isn't much."

One of her most challenging matches was the championship round of the 2018 Costa Mesa Women's singles tournament. Throughout the match, Duncan battled despite being nervous and stressed.

She played against the same opponent prior to the championship match and lost.

"When we started the match, I decided to play her differently and I worked out," Duncan said. "But then the second set, she started playing a lot better and I started to struggle and ended up losing that set."

Duncan defeated her opponent in the tiebreaker, winning the Costa Mesa championship title.

Top universities such as USC, UCLA, Washington, and Stanford have taken notice of her talent. Duncan aspires to attend college and go pro.

"It definitely feels nice that when I do go to college, that I will get a scholarship," she said. "That my parents don't have to worry about paying for it with loans."

## New Players Compliment Sparks' Vets for 2019

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK  
Sports Writer

The Los Angeles Sparks will have their home opener on May 31 at 7:30P.M. as they battle the Connecticut Sun at the Staples Center. While the core of the team has been constant for several seasons, the team underwent several changes in the offseason.

"We'll be able to do what is best for the team and that's really what every decision will kinda be based on," said Sparks head coach, Derek Fisher. "The great part about the women on this roster is that they're committed to that."

One of their biggest moves was the acquiring of former Connecticut Sun star and sports analyst, Chiney Ogwumike. The 2014 Rookie of the Year brings to the Sparks 14.1 points and 7.5 rebounds per game; she dished out 12 points and five rebounds in their preseason win against the Seattle Storm.

"She's dynamic in her



Tierra Ruffin-Pratt (left) poses with Alana Beard

own right. Her and Nneka Ogumike are the only siblings besides Eli and Peyton Manning that go No. 1," said Sparks vice president and general manager, Penny Toler. "I think she's gonna be a great addition to the team."

WNBA champion, Alexis Jones and former Washington Mystics standout, Tierra Ruffin-Pratt will also be competing for Los Angeles this year. Jones was a rookie when the Minnesota Lynx bested the league with a 27-7 overall

record, defeating the Sparks in the WNBA Finals. Jones played in five post season games that year.

Ruffin-Pratt helped carry the Washington Mystics to the Finals last season, making a collective 16 points and five steals against the Seattle Storm in the title series. Reigning Defensive Player of the Year, Alana Beard contacted Ruffin-Pratt while she was playing for the Maccabi Ramat Hen in Israel to convince her to play in L.A.

"Alana Beard is one of my idols. I watch her game; I try to emulate her game and play like her as a defensive player," Ruffin-Pratt said. "I was kinda like shocked just hearing from her."

Forward, Ashley Walker returned to the WNBA after five seasons. She came from a dominate performance overseas with 16.4 points and 8.3 rebounds per game in the Turkish League.

As Los Angeles welcomes new talent, they part ways with key contributors. Essence Carson now plays for the Phoenix Mercury, Odyssey Sims was traded to the Lynx and former Sixth Woman of the Year, Jantel Lavender was sent to the Chicago Sky. Both Carson and Lavender were instrumental to the Sparks championship-winning season in 2016.

For the first time in a number of seasons, the majority of the roster has been in attendance for training camp, allowing the



Chiney (left) and Nneka Ogumike are former WNBA Rookies of the Year.

players to become familiar with Fisher. The Sparks players noted him being welcoming and open-minded.

"He's very much a player's coach and that's something that I have really not experienced in my career," said forward, Ogumike. "He approaches a lot of what we learn in practice from a more humane perspective not just a basketball player's perspective."

The Sparks went 1-1 in the preseason, losing to the

Phoenix Mercury and defeating the Storm at Pasadena City College. WNBA icon Candace Parker sustained a hamstring injury during the Mercury game and is predicted to return in 2-4 weeks. Rookie, Marina Mabrey contributed 11 points against the Mercury along with nine points and five assists against the Storm.

The Sparks starts their season with an away game against the Las Vegas Aces on May 26, at 5:00P.M. and can be watched on Twitter.

## L AFC Face FC Dallas Twice In Three Days

ALAN BRAXTON  
Staff Writer

L AFC and FC Dallas both had interesting schedules this week. The two teams played against one another on Thursday, May 16 at Banc of California Stadium and met just three days later on Sunday, May 19, to play FC Dallas yet again, this time in Texas.

The first matchup at Banc of California proved to be the more successful of the two matchups as L AFC took advantage of the home field and crowd.

Nearly 10 minutes into the match, L AFC almost found the opening with a Carlos Vela free kick that rattled the top right side of the post.

It wouldn't be until almost halftime, in the 39th minute, for L AFC to break the deadlock. A perfect pass from L AFC midfielder, Eduard Atuesta found Carlos Vela in the box and with a perfect first touch to control the ball, Vela curled the ball past the keeper to give L AFC the lead.

Minutes later, L AFC

nearly found their second passing the ball around at the top of the box before eventually finding Diego Rossi at the top of the box, whose shot was parried away by the FC Dallas keeper.

In the second half, super sub, Adama Diomande came on for Christian Ramirez to provide some new life into L AFC's attack.

In the 67th minute, Diomande nearly had his goal when Carlos Vela set up a beautiful ball by Latif Blessing in the box, but Diomande missed just wide.

In the 83rd minute, Diomande stole the ball from an FC Dallas defender near the edge of the box and then passed it to a supporting Rossi who put the ball away.

Initially an offside had been called on the play, but after reviewing the goal through VAR, the goal was deemed legitimate and L AFC had their two goal cushion with only a few minutes of the match remaining.

Carlos Vela had a

chance to put the Black and Gold up 3-0 on a break-away in the 89th minute, but opted to attempt and chip the keeper to no avail.

Three days later on Sunday, L AFC travelled to Texas to take on FC Dallas once again.

In the 29th minute, L AFC went down 1-0 when Brian Hollingshead rolled the ball past Tyler Miller after the defense had been dissected apart.

In the 35th minute, L AFC won a free kick about 30 yards out from goal, but a nice save from FC Dallas' keeper, Jesse Gonzalez kept Carlos Vela from being on the scoreboard in the first half.

Vela had another opportunity to put L AFC on the board in the first half when he won a penalty for being taken down in the box, but his attempt was saved once again by the FC Dallas keeper, Gonzalez.

Just four minutes into the start of the second half, a streaking Carlos Vela was brought down hastily by FC Dallas defender Matt Hedges, who was instantly



Carlos Vela (10) scored in both contests and has now tallied 14 goals (matching his total tally from 2018) and five assists for a Major League Soccer best through the first 14 matches of the season.

shown a red card, leaving FC Dallas to finish nearly the entirety of the second half down to 10 men.

In the 80th minute, L AFC constant pressure finally paid off as they were awarded their second

penalty of the match, after the ball hit the hand of an FC Dallas defender in the box. Carlos Vela was once again given the opportunity and did not fail this time to put the Black and Gold level at 1-1.

L AFC remain the team to beat in all of Major League Soccer with a league topping 31 points on the season.

They host the Montreal Impact at home on Friday, May 24.



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Anne-Marie Johnson was the first Black SAG Vice-President.

## Anne-Marie Johnson: A Champion For Minorities In Front & Behind The Camera

predominantly musical theater. That was my training. Doing comedy was second nature. So, to transition into doing heavy drama wasn't difficult. I don't know why. I just enjoyed both types of entertainment," said Johnson.

That enjoyment for entertainment has led her into roles such as "Grey's Anatomy," "NCIS," and "Girlfriends." The actress will star in an upcoming episode of the new NBC TV drama "The InBetween" on Wednesday May 29.

But her advocacy behind the camera has sparked conversation regarding the entertainment industry's sluggish movement for change.

Johnson was the first Black person to become the Screen Actors Guild (SAG) Vice-President between 1997 and 2013. She was also presented with the Ralph Morgan Award in 2016, which is the highest award for an

actor in the SAG union. This all started when Black rights were threatened by legislation.

"Back in 1995, there was a California proposition to do away with affirmative action. I was asked to speak against the initiative. That caught the attention from SAG. I was then asked to join a committee. That's where I found my voice," said Johnson.

"I spent 17 years of my life dedicated to bringing more attention to the scarcity of quality roles for protected groups."

Johnson continued to highlight the disparities between performers of color and their white counterparts. The actress thanks her upbringing as the source for her activism.

"My father at the time was an LAPD officer and World War II veteran. Both him and my mother raised me in Silver Lake. They both experienced every aspect of discrimination

and exclusion as black people. My father was very active in the Silver Lake community. Now, its quite sad what's happening in Silver Lake."

The actress is an active community member in Silver Lake. In 2017, Congressman Adam Schiff honored her with the Silver Lake Woman of the Year award. Recently, Councilmember David Ryu recognized her as one of the 2019 Wonder Women of the 4th District.

"This is where I was born and still reside. I call myself the unicorn because there are very few Black people in Silver Lake right now. Even the public schools are predominately White. I'm disappointed to see the attitudes regarding the transition. It's one thing to move into a community because you desire to be in that community. It's another thing to move into a community and push out the cultural significance,"

said Johnson.

According to Johnson, Silver Lake was a safe haven for minorities. Those minorities have since moved out.

"If you look up gentrification in the dictionary, you will find Silver Lake. It was once welcoming to minorities. Now, you're seeing a complete transition of this community. Latino families and older LGBT residents are being forced out especially the ones who didn't buy homes. We saw this happen with Compton, East L.A., and other cities decades ago. It's the collateral damage of institutionalized racism and sexism," said Johnson.

Today, you will still find Johnson fighting for change. She doesn't plan on slowing down anytime soon.

The actress shared, "I always knew that I need to give back. It's just a natural process."

BY SHAQUILLE WOODS  
Contributing Writer

Johnson told the Los Angeles Sentinel Newspaper over the phone.

Anne-Marie Johnson isn't mincing words when it comes to Hollywood's treatment of diverse voices.

"Hollywood gets an F. You still see the messages of the White male point of view as opposed to a diverse point of view. We have a long way to go,"

The actress has been busy balancing her career while still advocating for the rights of the less fortunate. Johnson, known for her role in "In Living Color," has always enjoyed playing both comedic and dramatic roles.

"In grade school it was

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## Byron Allen Expands Empire with Purchase of Fox Regional Sports Networks

BY STACY M. BROWN  
NNPA Newswire  
Correspondent

One year ago, Byron Allen made a historic purchase of The Weather Channel for \$300 million along with The Weather Channel's streaming service, Local Now.

However, the businessman, comedian, and executive, was just getting started.

A week ago, it was announced that Allen joined the Sinclair Broadcast Group as a minority investor in its purchase of 21 Fox regional sports networks from Walt Disney Company.

"With that purchase [The Weather Channel], we were able to break the color barrier as the first general market cable network ever owned by an African American," Allen said in a recent interview published in Black Enterprise Magazine.

As a result of the \$10.6 billion acquisition deal, Allen's company, Entertainment Studios, announced that it will buy four local stations from Bayou City Broadcasting for \$165 million, according to Variety.

Black Enterprise reported that the acquisition gives Allen ownership of CBS affiliate station WEVV, NBC affiliate KLAJ, and Fox affiliates WEEV and KADN.

"This is a very exciting transaction for Sinclair to be able to acquire highly complementary assets," said Chris Ripley, president and CEO of Sinclair, in the



"I've always thought of business as a contact sport. I'm not going to play just in the Negro Leagues. I'm always going to play in the global leagues," said Byron Allen.

statement.

"While consumer viewing habits have shifted, the tradition of watching live sports and news remains ingrained in our culture," Ripley said.

To acquire the sports networks, Sinclair reportedly formed an indirect subsidiary called Diamond Sports Group L.L.C. with Allen, who will operate as an equity and content partner in Diamond.

The deal is expected to be completed by February 2020.

The Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc. reportedly outbid a collection of other high-profile bidders, including O'Shea "Ice Cube" Jackson Sr. who tried to buy the RSNs through his 3-on-3 basketball league, Big3, with the backing of Magic Johnson, LL Cool J, and Serena Williams.

In a statement, Allen praised Bayou City owner DuJuan McCoy in announcing the new deal.

"DuJuan McCoy is an outstanding broadcaster

and he has done a phenomenal job of assembling a strong management team to operate these network affiliate stations," Allen said.

"This is another milestone for our company, as we have now agreed to purchase our very first broadcast television stations and continue to look for other opportunities to grow our global media company through strategic acquisitions," he said.

Allen's new purchase marks an expansion for Entertainment Studios, which already operates nine cable channels and serves nearly 160 million subscribers.

The company has a film production and distribution arm as well.

"I've always thought of business as a contact sport. I'm not going to play just in the Negro Leagues. I'm always going to play in the global leagues," Allen said.

"And I want kids who look like me to not put themselves in a box. I want them to see what I do as a beacon," he said.





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## 'FUNNY MARRIED STUFF' OFFERS INSIGHT INTO FAITH, LOVE AND WORKING IT OUT

By CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT  
Religion Editor

Faith, love and laughter are the foundation of "Funny Married Stuff," a web series created and produced by Peyton and Lony'e Perrine.

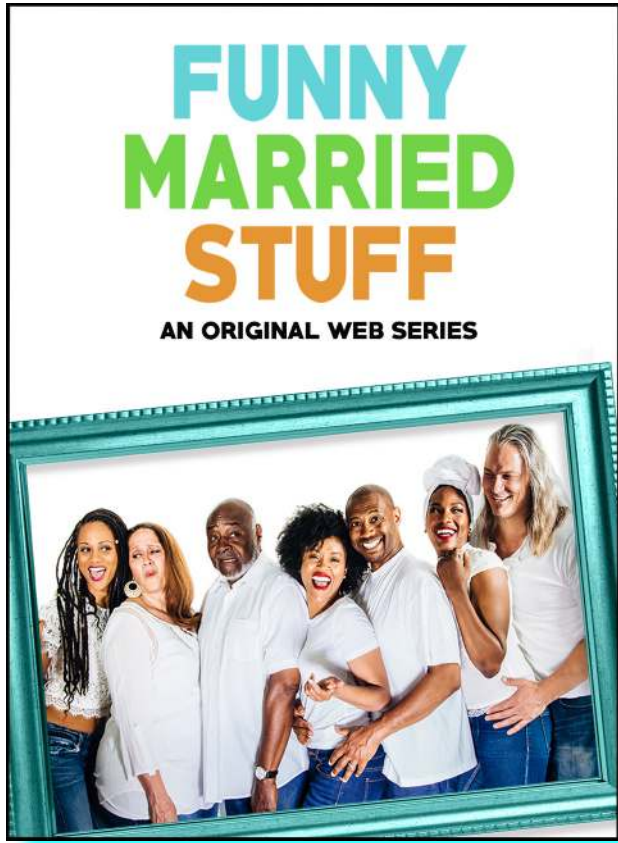
The show's storylines, said L.A.-area couple, are based on random, humorous interactions that they, along with many other marriages encounter during the course of the union.

Their hope is that people will strive to stay together and try to work situations out, instead of choosing to part.

"As crazy as marriage can be sometimes, you've got to work at it," said Peyton. "The goal for the show is to give a little bit of medicine and some laughter and some suggestions on how a real scenario could play out with communication and listening."

"We hope that by watching the show, people will improve their life. That's the main goal. Marriage is hard and tough, but you don't run to divorce just because you had an argument. You've got to communicate. You learn how to become a tighter-knit unit to work this thing out," added Lony'e.

"Funny Married Stuff," now in its second season, offers an amusing slant on both innocent and touchy topics that lead to big arguments between spouses. Opposing stances on meal choices, finances or even home decorations can



The FMS poster features the show's diverse cast.

damages some relationships beyond repair, but the Perrines believe their show will help couples find solutions.

"We don't have all of the answers, so we wanted our show to spark conversation and discussion around what do you do when your wife is shopping to much and you're trying to save money for a house or what do you do when you're dealing with the topic of erectile dysfunction - real things that couples go through," noted Lony'e.

"So, we wanted to have a community to figure it all out together to help our marriages."

Faith is another underpinning of "Funny Married Stuff," which connects to the Perrines strong relationship with Christ. As members of Hope's House Church in Granada Hills, they have learned to trust God in all areas of their life, including the program's storylines.

"We are believers. We didn't want the message to beat people over the head, but we did want it to be there," Peyton said.

"We got Christ at the center of our marriage and we've been married for a while, so, our faith definitely plays into how we want to deliver our message."

Viewers are steadily



Lony'e and Peyton Perrine have fun with their children.

tuning in for "Funny Married Stuff" and the program is drawing attention across the nation.

The show won the Award of Merit at the Indie Fest Film Awards, was featured at the Pan African Film Festival and will be screened at the Miami Web Fest and the Philadelphia Independent Film Awards.

Although its popularity is on the rise, the Perrines admitted to a few doubts after initially deciding that Peyton, a technology project manager, would write the scripted series. In the interim, Lony'e would focus on her full-time acting

career, which has led to roles on TV shows such as "Criminal Minds," "Rosewood" and "Castle."

"After Peyton started writing the show, I got cold feet about it," recalled Lony'e.

"But, I could hear the Lord telling me, 'You have to do this project. It's important to get this message out there.' So, we're believers and when the Lord tells you to do something, you step out on faith and do it."

Following God's direction has paid off for the Perrines, who are also the parents of two young children. They apply their faith, love and lots of laughter to balance their marriage, family

and careers.

"Our children are our hearts and we try to make sure that we build in time for fun things with the kids. We also take time for ourselves with date nights with the goal of not talking about the kids, at least we try. Also, every year, we take a nice vacation with the kids and the following year it's just us," Peyton said.

"I'm thankful for the journey we're on together and now our kids are involved in the industry so it's become a family affair. I'm very grateful," shared Lony'e.

To others who may consider launching a web series, Peyton advised, "Don't be afraid of what you think you can't do, just do it because you can do anything you put your mind to." And he's put his mind on developing future projects for the web and television.

Lony'e guiding principle is, "When things don't go as I expected, I say to myself, 'That wasn't for me. God has something better.'"

"I always believe that if the situation doesn't go my way, God has something better. He's never let me down yet. I know the Lord has some amazing things in store for us!"

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## Sanders Joins Guests at Living Word Conference

By CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT  
Religion Editor

Bishop Richard Sanders of Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church will be one of powerful preachers at the Living Word Conference hosted by Love Peace and Happiness Family Christian Fellowship Church.

The annual symposium begins on Monday, June 3, and continues through Sunday, June 9, at the church's campus located at 4951 S. Figueroa St., in Los Angeles, said Bishop Leon Martin. The theme is "Nothing is Impossible."

"We invite you to join us for five great days of



Bishop Richard Sanders

spiritual refreshing to bring about a change in your life," said Martin. Come and be blessed by the dynamic teaching of anointed men and women of God."

The agenda features

nightly workshops at 6 p.m., followed by worship at 7:15 p.m. The speakers include Pastor Donell Givens, Pastor Isaac Thompson, Pastor Lonnie Hogan of Sunset Baptist Church, and Pastor LaSharee Knox of Greater New Light Baptist Church.

Evangelist Audrey Williams will preach on Sunday, June 9, at 8 a.m., and Evangelist John Black will deliver the sermon at the 11 a.m. worship. Dr. Arthur Wooten of Friendship Christian Fellowship Church of God in Christ in Riverside will bring the message at the closing ser-

{See Sanders D-2}

## BBA Celebrates Gospel Music

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

The Black Business Association (BBA) will recognize gospel music legends at its Salute to Black Music Awards Dinner on Tuesday, June 18, at 7 p.m., at the California African American Museum.

Vicki Mack Lataillade, co-founder of GospoCentric Records will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award; Lisa Collins, publisher of L.A. Focus will be the Outstanding Gospel Publication Award recipient and Byron J. Smith, president of National Association Negro Musicians, will be honored with the Outstanding Artistic Vision Award.

According to Earl "Skip" Cooper II, BBA president/CEO, acknowledging the genre is part of the organization's annual commemoration of Black Music Month. In the past, the nonprofit has paid tribute to industry icons such as Clarence Avant, Berry Gordy, Janet Jackson and Siedah Garrett.

Regarding this year's event, Cooper said, "The Black Business Association honors gospel music as few events in history have been more compelling, convincing, or persuasive than gospel music. Some of the most beautiful music of all times was born out of intense grief and suffering and gospel music has pro-



Lisa Collins

vided spiritual sunshine on the darkest of days."

Honoree Collins noted that gospel music has endured throughout the decades and maintains its popularity in contemporary times.

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# Words of the Week - Love in Spite of Failure

BY PASTOR JAMES K. MCKNIGHT  
Congregational Church of  
Christian Fellowship

**Scripture: John 21:15-22**

Two weeks ago, there was a story in the news that garnered a lot of attention. Rodeo Road was renamed Barack Obama Boulevard.

Certainly, President Obama deserves every honor that we, as Americans, can give him, for he pressed past the winds of bigotry and ugly resistance and distinguished himself as a great leader and a role model.

We know all about President Obama's successes, yet we scarcely know about his failures. In 1999, Mr. Obama failed in his quest to become elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. I use President Obama as an example because I need to remind you that failure is a part of life for all of us. Things don't always go your way even when you have been suc-

cessful. Failure is real.

Yet, here's the good news about God - failure doesn't have the last word! Some of you know what it is like for God to meet you at your point of misery because of a failure and let you know, "I'm not through with you yet!"

Many remember Peter, the primary player in this passage of scripture. He is evidence that God loves us in spite of failure. Early on, Peter spoke so boldly and beautifully. Can't you hear him, "I am with you, Jesus. Others may fall off and falter but not me."

Then, when the heat turned up and the disciples' lives were at risk, Peter lied, cried and denied the Lord three times. Peter, however, is like most of us. We are great big bundles of contradictions.

We can be wonderful one moment and absolutely woeful the next. We can be outstanding in our service for the Lord and then turn

around and behave just like the worst of sinners. Aren't you glad that God's grace is amazing? Me, too!

What we have here in John 21 is a story of Jesus stopping in on the disciples after the crucifixion, the resurrection and before the ascension. Get the picture in your mind. The disciples have just eaten and Jesus decides to have a one-on-one conversation with Peter, the one who had failed him.

Try to put yourself in the story. Simon Peter knows what he has done. He has disappointed the Lord. I can just imagine that Peter says, "Oh no, I'm in trouble now." But notice the first thing out of the mouth of Jesus. "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"

You know the story. Three times Jesus inquires about Peter's love and three times Peter responds affirming his love. Three times Jesus implores Peter

to care for the flock.

What can we learn about the love of Jesus from this wonderful story? Certainly, we can learn that Jesus' love involves confrontation. Notice Jesus' actions and his words. Many will conclude that the verbal exchange between Jesus and Peter that Jesus wants Peter to deal with his mess. Peter doesn't sweep his sin under the rug and neither should we. See, the love of Jesus flows to you after you confront your sin and experience the refreshing that follows (Acts 3:19).

Jesus' love also involves restoration. Consider Peter's failings, yet Jesus' actions restore Peter. Sometimes when we fail, we feel that our punishment will be severe and that God's blessings and favor will no longer flow our way. No! Restoration is a wonderful aspect of God's unique love for us. Oh how Jesus loves us in spite of it all! Hallelujah!

## Sanders

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vice at 3:30 p.m.

Also, Lady Rose Neale will be one of the musical guests performing through-

out the conference along with the Love, Peace and Happiness Mass Choir.

"This conference will be like none other, as it will not be a traditional conference. Rather, it will be an

anointed and glorious time of fellowship as the spirit of God flows and rejuvenate the body of Christ," explained Martin. "An invitation is extended to everyone to be a part of this

spirit-filled occasion that is guaranteed to revive your spirit."

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## BBA

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ever relevant, no matter the times or changes in music style. People always want to be encouraged, uplifted, emotionally stirred and redeemed. Gospel music does that whatever your

preference of style. It also provides a way for people to praise the Lord in their own unique voices," she said.

Before founding L.A. Focus newspaper, Collins worked 14 years as the gospel columnist for Bill-

board. For the past two decades, she has published the "The Gospel Music Industry Roundup," which is often referred to as the "bible of the gospel music industry." In 1998, Collins established the First Ladies High Tea, which at-

tracts 1,000+ women and 90 churches together for an afternoon of inspiration and praise.

For tickets or sponsorship information for the awards dinner, call (323) 291-9334 or visit [bbala.org](http://bbala.org).

# CALL 2 WORSHIP!

by Cora Jackson-Fossett, Religion Editor

Church and community news throughout greater Los Angeles

### Grace United Methodist Church

plans a "Karaoke Fundraiser" on May 25, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., at 4112 W. Slauson Ave., in Los Angeles, said Pastor Cedric Bridgeforth. The program, open to all ages, will feature Stan the Prayed-Up Man, music, line dancing, games and refreshments. The donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth. On June 29, the "Back-to-Church Comedy Show" takes place at 5 p.m. Lester Barrie and Friends will perform along with professional comedians. All ages are welcome. The donation is \$20. To learn more about both events, call (323) 294-6653 or visit [graceumcla.com](http://graceumcla.com).

### Brookins-Kirkland Community AME Church

observes Annual Lay Day on May 26, at 9 a.m., at 3719 W. Slauson Blvd., in Los Angeles, said Pastor Mary S. Minor. The BKAME Lay Organization will participate as worship leaders. Lay President Tamika Jones will be the speaker. To learn more, call (323) 296-5610.

### Pilgrim's Hope Bible Church

celebrates the 3rd Pastoral Anniversary of the Rev. Dr. T. Delbert and First Lady Jasmine Robinson May 26, at 5 p.m., at 7016 S. Compton Ave., in Los Angeles. The theme is "A Church Connected to its Covering" based on 2 Samuel 5:1 and 1 Chronicles 11:1. Bishop Milton M. White, pastor of Victory Full Gospel Baptist Church in Pasadena, will be the guest preacher. Elder Evelyn Worline and Brother Jerol Crawford are the anniversary co-chairs. To learn more, call (323) 581-7672.

### Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corporation

and the County of Los Angeles present Contracting/Procurement Workshop on May 28, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Nate Holden Performing Arts Center, 4708 W. Washington Blvd., in Los Angeles. Representatives from the county's Internal Services and Public Works Departments will discuss how to register businesses, become a certified vendor, contracting opportunities and strategies to win bids. To RSVP, call Erika Jackson at (323) 753-2335.

### The Company International

sponsors the 8th Annual Women's Empowerment Conference on May 30 to June 1, at the Doubletree Hilton South Bay in Torrance. Apostle Beverly "Bam" Crawford, TCI founder/president and pastor of Bible Enrichment Fellowship International in Inglewood, and Gabrianna Crawford, TCI vice president, will host the event. The theme is "Accelerate...Change Your World." presenters. They include Dr. Jeshana Avent-Johnson, Deborah Ann Smith Pegues, Dr. Kristi Funk, actress Cynthia Pope, nutritionist Jayme Sachii, recording artist Lady Tee, and author Dorinda Walker. For registration and more information, call (310) 330-4700 or visit [thecompanyinternational.com](http://thecompanyinternational.com).


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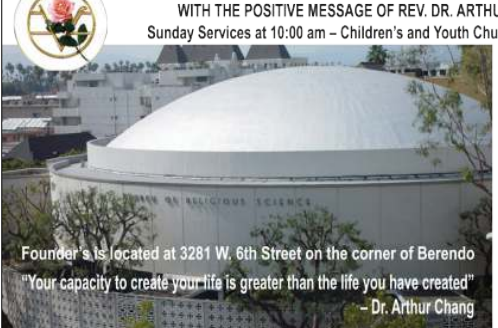

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# Black Youth Matter: A Message for Mental Health Month

By DR. AMIR WHITAKER  
Policy Attorney

With suicide rates on the rise among Black youth, the Congressional Black Caucus recently convened a long-overdue Task Force on Black Youth Suicide. It was sparked by the tragic loss of Mckenzie Adams, a nine-year-old who died by suicide last year. The child ended her own life after being mercilessly bullied by classmates—for, among other reasons, being Black. Another Black student named Nigel Shelby took his own life last month after being repeatedly bullied for being gay. Nigel was just 15-years-old.

Schools are supposed to be places of hope, support, and community. For students like Nigel and Mckenzie, schools can become places of humiliation, fear, and trauma. Their stories illustrate the critical need for mental health resources for our children, especially those who are marginalized and have intersectional identities. Their stories point to the nationwide failure of schools to provide adequate mental health services to students. Because of the historic oppression and trauma perpetrated against our community for cen-



Students of color are more likely to attend school with fewer resources for critical staff like counselors and school psychologists.

turies, Black people have unique needs. Despite these needs, Black people are seven times more likely to live in high-poverty neighborhoods with limited access to mental health resources. Students of color are more likely to attend school with fewer resources for critical staff like counselors and school psychologists. This is a travesty because studies have found 70 to 80 percent of youth receive their mental health services in schools.

We recently published a report at ACLU that found severe shortages of school-based mental health (SBMH) providers in

schools across the country, and especially in California. The student-to-counselor ratio was 444:1 nationwide. This suggests counselors are seriously overworked, with student caseloads 78 percent greater than what is recommended by experts (2501-to-1). California had the third highest ratio in the country with just one counselor for every 682 students; there are schools in Los Angeles where a single counselor is responsible for serving nearly 1,000 students. Meanwhile, schools have continued to divert funds that could provide these critical services to hire police officers.

Our report also found:

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This deficit in support staff is appalling, and students and teachers alike are feeling the effects of the missing resources. Just this

year teachers in Los Angeles, Oakland, and Sacramento went on strike for the first time in decades. They are demanding SBMH providers and supports for their students because they are prerequisites for a successful school. The LA County Board of Supervisors made steps in the right direction by providing LAUSD 9.7 million dollars to support mental health in schools. We know there are hundreds of millions more available to counties to invest into communities through initiatives like the Mental Health Services Act, and we need to see more of it flowing to communities in crisis. There are

over 80 school districts in L.A. county alone, and our students are significantly less likely to see a counselor or social worker than most students across the country.

It's Mental Health Month 2019, and our African ancestors came to the United States in chains exactly 400 years ago in 1619. We've endured centuries of oppression, and students like Mckenzie are still being subjected to racism and discrimination. Black children all over the nation are suffering, in need of resources that are not readily available in schools and communities. How we prepare for and respond to children in need of support are choices, and research is clear that providing more mental health professionals is the best approach. But the lack of counselors, social workers, nurses, and psychologists, coupled with the rise in school police, has created a school environment that neglects our students' needs. Student welfare has to be taken more seriously. Black minds matter. Schools, not prisons.

For additional information, please contact Dr. Amir Whitaker; Email: [AWhitaker@aclusocal.org](mailto:AWhitaker@aclusocal.org); Twitter: [@DrKnuckyEsq](https://twitter.com/DrKnuckyEsq); Instagram: [@Dr.KnuckleHead\\_Esq](https://www.instagram.com/Dr.KnuckleHead_Esq)

## 11th annual Special Needs Network Pink Pump Gala Tea and Fashion Show

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On Sunday, May 19 over 450 powerful women and a few good men came together for the 11th annual Special Needs Network Pink Pump Gala tea and fashion show. This year's Women of Distinction honorees, actress Vanessa Bell-Calloway, autism self advocate Spencer Harte and TV Personality Robin McGraw, dazzled the audience with heart-filled acceptance speeches. Attendees dressed in pink to symbolize the power of women philanthropy and to acknowledge the boldness of their collective efforts of supporting children and families. A "Destination Vacation" fashion show was presented by Galina Sobolev and her designer brand, Single LA.

This celebration of women is held annually to raise money for Special Needs Network's famed camp Joe Patton Academy Camp (JPAC). Camp JPAC is the only autism inclusion camp in Los Angeles County and it's home to 300 kids with special needs and their siblings. A full-day camp which offers sports, music, dance, computer technology and academics, the camp also employs over 100 high school and college students as camp counselors. "This



Women of Distinction Honorees, Vanessa Bell-Calloway and ROBIN McGraw with Special Needs Network founder and president, Areva Martin

year's event was simply incredible. I was overwhelmed by the tremendous support for the work that Special Needs Network does and Camp JPAC. With more than 1-in-59 children being diagnosed with autism, the need for the services that Special Needs Network provides has been increasing each year," says Areva Martin, Special Needs Network founder/president, award-winning civil rights attorney, CNN commentator and cohort of Face the Truth.

The event was emceed

by CBS2 anchor Pat Harvey. Celebrity and special guests included Kym Whitley, who served as the auctioneer, Vivica Fox, Lela Rochon, Tina Knowles Lawson, Anna Marie Horsford, Holly Robinson Peete, Cookie Johnson, Dr. Nita Landry, Dr. Judy Ho, Sherry Shepard, Essence Atkins and Elise Neal. The event was sponsored by Cal Wellness, Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, L.A. Care Health Plan, UPS, Real Men Cook Foundation, NBC/Universal, US Bank, SEIU 99 and SEIU 721.



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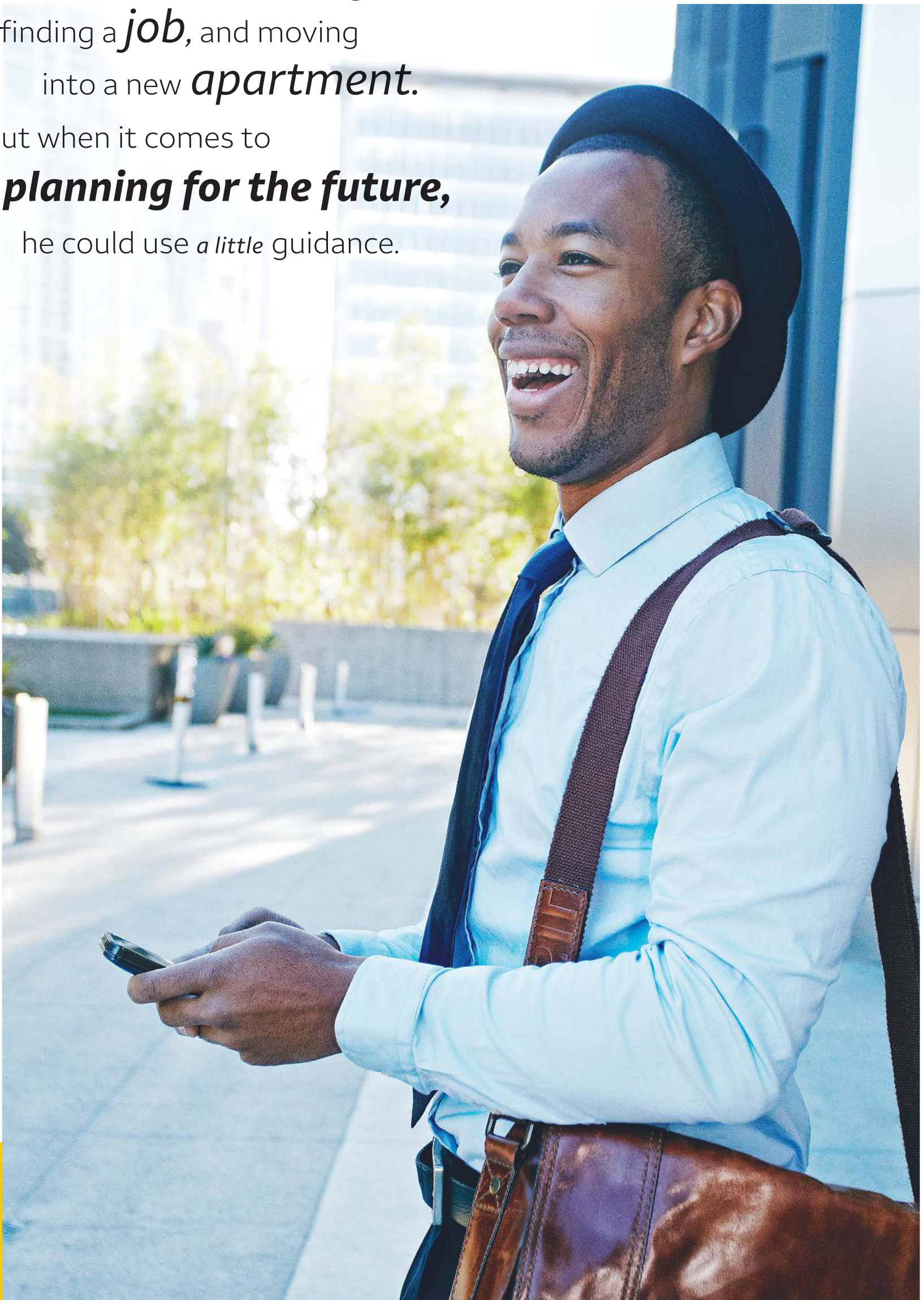
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