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TO VACCINATE OR NOT TO VACCINATE

The challenge facing Black businesses and the people who work there

BY DANNY J. BAKEWELL, JR.
Executive Editor

There is no doubt that the COVID-19 Pandemic has been a challenge to every business. But the challenges that are facing African American-owned businesses is an even greater one. Not only for the business owner, but for the employees and the customers they serve. As of Friday, November 5, every restaurant, bar, lounge or other communal facility is required to obtain proof of vaccination for its patrons. They also are required to make sure that every employee is vaccinated. But how do you meet this goal when many of your key employees are adamant that they will not or do not want to get vaccinated. According to KFF trusted medical data, anti-Vaxxers, as they are commonly known, are roughly 45% of our community. But the severity of this decision in many ways is one of the newest forms of gentrification within our community.

The survival of Black businesses coming out of the pandemic is critical, and



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while many companies and organizations have already shuttered in the wake of the pandemic, now business owners run the risk of a different form of business deterioration as the new laws restrict many of their unvaxed patrons from enter-

ing their business; the same conflict is likely to restrict key employees unwilling to take the vaccine, forcing them to either leave the job or the owner risk severe fines or even a complete shutdown of their business. Employers also have a

responsibility to ensure the health and safety of its employees; this should be first and foremost on the minds of every business owner. The COVID-19 virus's primary transmission is through communal spread and has already killed over

half-a-million Americans. Employers now face a critical pandemic tug of war as new requirements mandate employee vaccinations under the "general duty clause" or OSHA-imposed obligations to ensure a workplace "free from the

recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees."

Not obeying these steps and or ignoring this

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Three Black New Staffers on Cal Atty Gen Bonta's Exec Team

BY ANTONIO RAY HARVEY
California Black Media

California Attorney General Rob Bonta last week announced the appointment of his executive team. Included are three African American attorneys with a range of administrative and litigation experience in the private and public sectors.

Venus D. Johnson now serves as Chief Deputy Attorney General, Damon M. Brown was named Special Assistant Attorney General, and Amy C. Alley is the Policy Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs.

The trio joins 18 other members of California DOJ's top personnel who will be setting the standards



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and determining the direction of the state's law enforcement apparatus and criminal justice system.

Johnson will oversee the Divisions of Legal Affairs, Law Enforcement, Operations, Policy, and Technology. She will also preside over the Office of Solicitor General Opinion Unit, Equal Employment Rights and Resolution Office, and the Office of Program Oversight and Accountability.

With over 15 years of legal, law enforcement, and criminal justice experience, Johnson has served in senior staff

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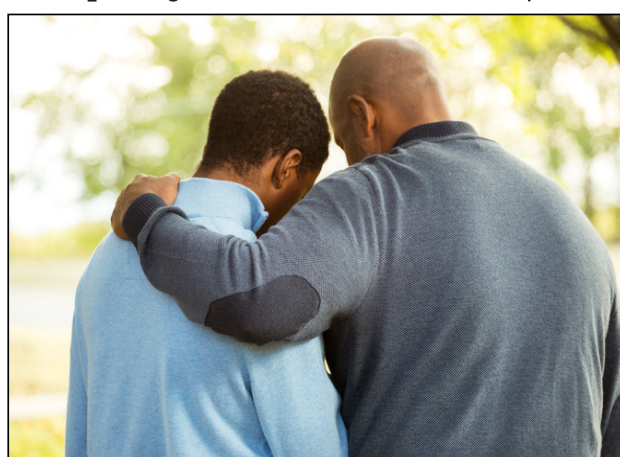
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Inglewood Football Coach Mil'Von James. NICK KOZA/PHOTO

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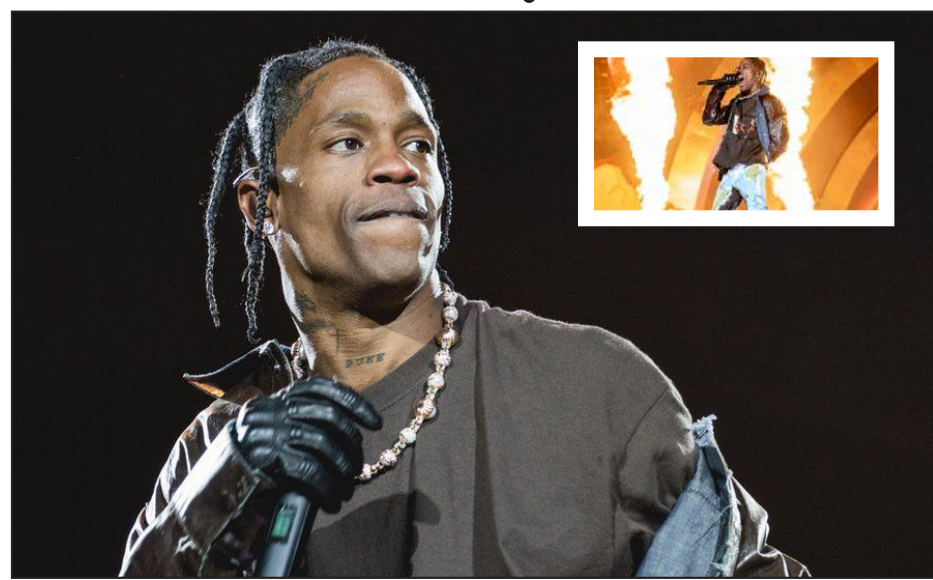
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Houston Astroworld Tragedy: Rapper Travis Scott Devastated By 8 Deaths



Rapper Travis Scott

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Emmy Nominated Divorce Court Host Creates Playbook for Modern Day Dating

BY BETTI HALSELL
Contributing Writer

Part of finding a significant other is peering through the mirror that one holds up in front of themselves. Judge Faith Jenkins provides the tools to see oneself with clarity, in order to have a healthy sense of attraction to someone else. In her new book, "SIS, DON'T SETTLE: How to Stay Smart in Matters of the Heart," Jenkins examines the price of self-value and how it affects ones dating experience.

Jenkins is a host of the Daytime Emmy-nominated TV show "Divorce Court," she has mediated different levels of conflict within relationships on a case-by-case basis. According to the press release, Divorce Court reaches 95 percent of American households, with a daily national average viewership of three million viewers per episode.

Jenkins oversaw many files where love was misplaced into pockets of rage and hurtful words. When she put down her gavel for the day, Jenkins had to seek balance within herself, as a self-empowered Black woman in the present dating scene. While balancing her personal endeavors, Jenkins did not build her legacy. She has appeared on ESPN SportsCenter, Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN), DishNation, and TV One.

Additionally, Judge Jenkins did the work within herself in order to see a clear path that led her to her

husband. She removed advice that did not serve her, silenced the peer pressure, and aligned herself with the internal clock that brought her to the next

The chapters in her new book outline the path she took in 256 pages, moving intentionally towards her elevation in life.

In many ways, time

her book, Jenkins tuned into a different discussion and started to focus on personal value. That's when she decided, "I. Will. Not. Settle."

really pulled from a number of sources. One, the advice that I give every day to couples on divorce court and from my dating experience. I dated for 15 years before I married my husband a year and eight months ago."

Over the span of 15 years, Jenkins has monitored cases that had extreme acts of passion and vulgar adolescent behavior transpire between adults. This included vandalism of cars, scandal, and public humiliation through social media.

On November 9, "SIS, DON'T SETTLE: How to Stay Smart in Matters of the Heart," became available to provide essential protection, for anyone to forge into their own armor against negative experiences that may come to past while looking for something real. Jenkins explained that this map was designed with women in mind, however the lessons found within the chapters are unisex.

Jenkins confirmed this book holds 15 years of personal experience in dating, "I pull from all of those experiences and resources and essentially wrote a book that I would have wanted to have when I was single in navigating love in relationships. I did not have a huge example of how to do love." She continued, "I've learned a lot of things through trial and error."

Within this hard cover read, Jenkins talks about the empowerment of women and its connection to their

love life. Tina Lifford, author of "The Little Book of Big Lies," was captured stating, "I was relieved that Sis, Don't Settle is not about 'catching' a man. This easy, wise, and often funny read is about recognizing your innate worth. Read this book. Love yourself. Then, expect more love to enter your life."

Men in similar career paths to Ms. Jenkins have spoken highly about this book as well. Legendary actor turned TV host Steve Harvey released a statement saying, "Listen to Faith. This book is great!" Harvey has been vetted in the matters of the heart after his New York Bestselling book, "Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man," which later inspired a feature film.

Jenkins waited for physical evidence to manifest in her own life. She is now prospering in Los Angeles as a happy newlywed, never losing sight of the self-empowered Black woman that she has always been. Jenkins explained that part of the book's design is to help women win.

She stated, "I knew it was time to share the lessons and the experience that I learned and how I feel like I manifested my husband." She continued, "I don't want to keep this to myself. Because I know if I share these principles, other women will win, and they will succeed and they will get the relationships they really deserve and desire."



COURTESY OF FAITH JENKINS

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chapter.

After allowing herself to elevate within her space, Jenkins is happily married and approaching an additional hosting position on the upcoming Oxygen series "Killer Relationship." She has found ways to unlock a new level of abundance within herself.

does not work in favor of women. After reaching a certain age, opinions of marriage, children, and the question of "when is it going to happen?" becomes a popular topic to discuss.

Even through reaching national prominence, Jenkins still felt the pressure of "when." As explained in

"This is a book that is a practical guide and a playbook, on how to be smart and make great decisions, and win in love in relationships," Jenkins explained. She elaborated on the reason why this book came into being.

Jenkins continued, "This is my first book-- I

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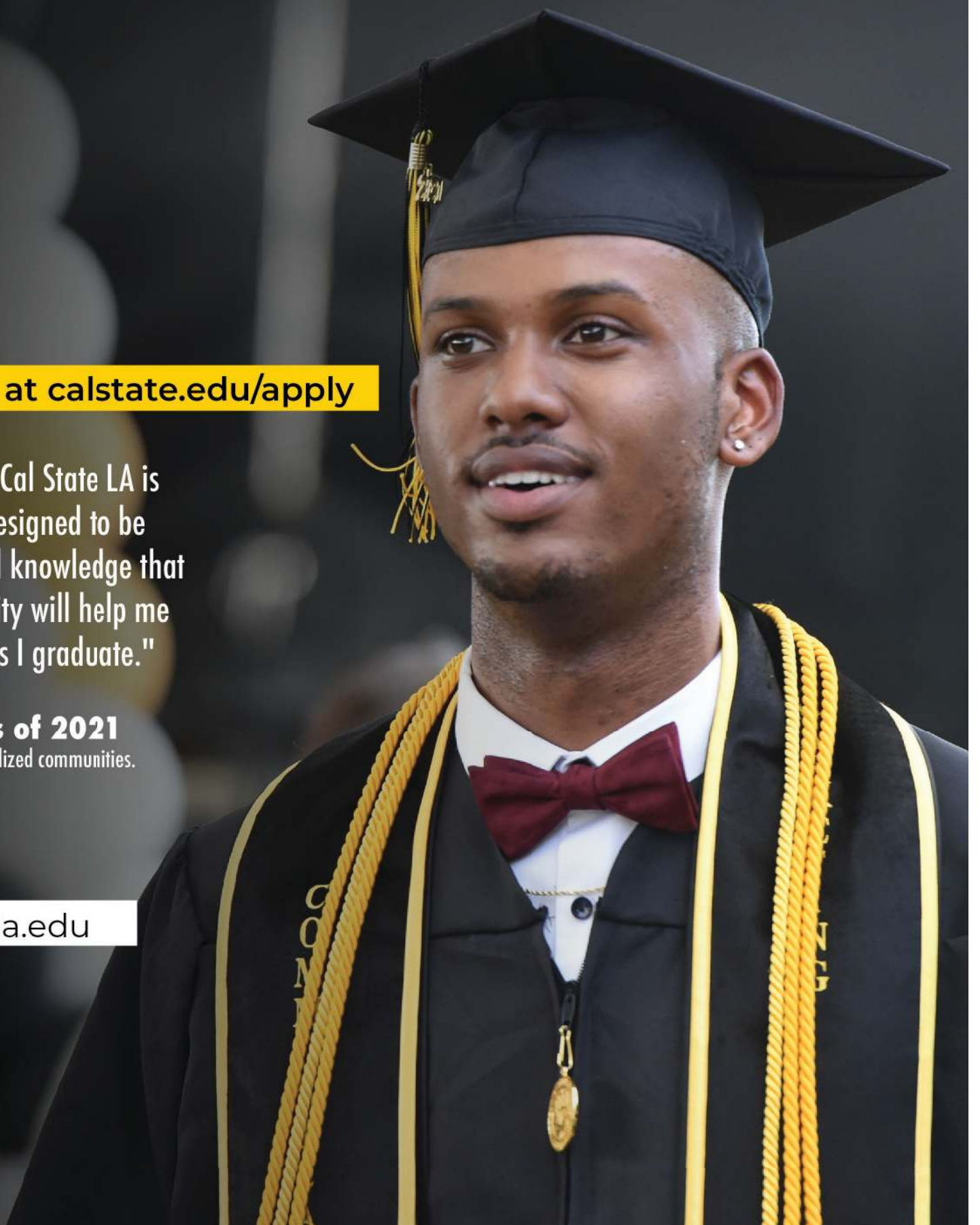
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INTERVIEW FOR QUALITY JOBS FROM LA'S TOP EMPLOYERS



Founders First CDC to provide \$100,000 in grants to diverse small businesses in Los Angeles

New program to create premium wage jobs and reward business resilience in underserved communities.

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Founders First CDC (Founders First), a 501(c)3 non-profit that specializes in helping to grow diverse-led small businesses, launches a new \$100,000 grant to support minority entrepreneurs in Los Angeles. The grant will be awarded to 30 small businesses as grant packages ranging from \$1,500 to \$10,000. Each grantee will also receive a full tuition scholarship to one of Founders First's business accelerator programs. The grant program will be known as the Job Creators Quest Grant.

The Job Creators Quest Grant will help diverse small businesses continue to create premium wage jobs and act as a recognition of the existing investments these organizations have already made themselves to retain and grow their workforce during the pandemic. Funding for this grant pro-

gram was facilitated in part by a \$1 million grant from the Rockefeller Foundation, in conjunction with



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Naleisha Webb, "Nay" owner of "Nay's Tacos Inc."

Founders First Capital Partners' recent \$9 million Series A financing. Additional partners include ADP, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Union Bank, and Small Business Majority.

"The labor market recovery continues to

exhibit progress, and small businesses are playing a vital role in adding jobs in the service-providing sec-

tor," says CT Mobley, Division Vice President, ADP. "ADP is proud to support initiatives like the Job Creators Quest Grant that help diverse businesses add premium wage jobs, invest in expansion and contribute to the economic growth of

communities throughout Southern California." Grant recipients will be diverse-led businesses that generate \$100,000 to \$3 million in annual revenue and have up to 20 employees. The grants will encourage small businesses to grow their employee-base by creating new premium wage job positions. Diverse founders may be Black, Indigenous, a Person of Color, LGBTQIA+, Military Veteran, Female, or located in a low to moderate-income area.

"A significant part of our mission is social and economic equity and we see a connection with full time premium wage jobs and increasing equality. Social Economic Equity is important and a connection to move the needle is to create full time roles that provide livable wages," said Shaylon Scott, Executive Director of Founders First CDC.

Funding for Founders First's business accelerator

programs is being supported in part by a \$1.3 million philanthropic investment from JPMorgan Chase. The commitment will fund three business acceleration programs for entrepreneurs of color across four regions: Southern California, Dallas, Chicagoland and New Jersey. "Structural barriers have created long standing inequities for underserved entrepreneurs across the country. The pandemic has

only further exposed the challenges they've faced for generations," said Sarah Bowles, Vice President and Program Officer, Global Philanthropy, JPMorgan Chase. "We're proud to partner with Founders First. We share many of the same goals to help diverse-led small businesses grow and expand their opportunities." Applications close November 30, 2021. To apply for the grant, visit: <https://foundersfirstcdc.org/social/>

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Nay's Tacos has been a long time vendor at the Taste of Family Festival and a loan recipient of Founder's First CDC.

HOMEOWNERS CAN APPLY FOR UP TO \$3,000 IN SEISMIC RETROFIT GRANTS

Earthquake Brace + Bolt Program Expands to 395 ZIP Codes Income-Eligible Homeowners May Also Qualify for Supplemental Grants to pay for up to 100% of retrofit. Registration Opens October 27 and Continues Through December 1

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More California homeowners will be eligible for up to \$3,000 in seismic retrofit grants through Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB), a program jointly administered by the California Earthquake Authority (CEA) and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. The grants

help offset the cost of seismic retrofits that brace the cripple walls of older homes, when present, and bolt houses to their foundations, making them less vulnerable to earthquake damage.

Eligible homeowners can apply online for grants during the registration period, October 27 through December 1, 2021. Thanks



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Thanks to additional funding from the FEMA, EBB grants will be available to homeowners in 395 ZIP Codes in more than 170 cities and communities.

to additional funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, EBB grants will be available to homeowners in 395 ZIP Codes in more than 170 cities and communities. The EBB program added ZIP Codes in new areas including, but not limited to, Inglewood, Long Beach, El Centro, Santa Clara and Vallejo. Income-eligible home-

owners may also qualify for newly available supplemental grants. The amounts vary depending on the region and type of retrofit completed. These supplemental grants, which are available for households with an income at or below \$72,080, may be able to provide up to 100% of the funds needed to cover

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Priscilla Wallace Named Head of Supplier Diversity for Wells Fargo

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Wells Fargo & Company (NYSE: WFC) today announced that Priscilla Wallace has been named head of supplier diversity for the company. Wallace joined Wells Fargo last month and will report to Barb Kubicki-Hicks, chief procurement officer, with a dotted line to Kelley Cornish, head of Diverse Segments, Representation and Inclusion Program Management Office and Enterprise Initiatives.

In her new role, Wallace leads a team of suppli-

er diversity professionals to build relationships within the communities Wells Fargo serves through the development, inclusion, and utilization of certified minority, women, LGBTQ, veteran, disability-owned and small business enterprises. Wallace will implement an integrated approach with strategic sourcing, procurement, and the company's lines of business to generate increased opportunities for certified diverse suppliers.

"Priscilla joins us at a crucial and transformational time for our brand," said

Cornish. "With her vast experience, she will focus on developing business strategies to ensure a diverse supplier base is represented that will ultimately promote innovation and provide a distinct competitive advantage for our business."

Wallace brings more than two decades of supply chain and diversity, equity, and inclusion experience to her new position. She joins Wells Fargo from Foodbuy - Compass Group, where she was vice president of supplier diversity since 2016, responsible for accel-

erating supplier growth across the organization. Prior to joining Compass, Wallace served as vice president of corporate development and executive director for Charlotte Minority Economic Development Initiative. She also spent 13 years in supply chain and diversity leadership roles at the American Red Cross.

Wallace has received numerous accolades during her career. She was recognized in 2020 and 2018 as one of the Top 25 Diversity Women in Power by Diversity Plus, Inc. and

on the Top 50 Omni awards for multicultural businesses in 2018 and 2019. She is a graduate of Delta State University.

Wells Fargo's supplier diversity program is a key part of the company's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion (DE&I). Since 2012, Wells Fargo has spent more than \$10 billion with diverse suppliers. Wells Fargo is on track for its eighth consecutive year of spending more than \$1 billion with certified diverse suppliers. Through the first half of 2021, the company is



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Priscilla Wallace has been named the head of supplier diversity for the company.

spending more than 13% of total controllable spend with diverse suppliers, surpassing the financial services industry average of 10%.

FEMA Changing Rules That Have Historically Deprived African Americans of Crucial Aid

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National Correspondent

As floodwaters and the after-effects of Hurricane Ida ravaged Louisiana, Mississippi, and eventually wreaked havoc in the northeast, FEMA officials announced that there will be significant changes in how they verify the ownership status of disaster relief applicants, noting that the objective in making the changes is to better assist applicants whose property was inherited without a will.

In the past, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - relied on deeds to prove that land belonged to disaster victims before sending relief funds.

However, those guidelines proved to deny aid to many African American applicants whose homes or land were inherited informally without written wills.

But, as first reported by NBC News, the rules quietly have changed.

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"What we're trying to do is make sure that we understand each individual situation is unique and that we need not have a one-size-fits-all approach," FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell told the news outlet.

"We're going to continue to try to improve our program and make additional changes. Some of them we can do right away, like this. Some of them will require some regulatory change," she said. "But we are really driving hard to make these changes."

African Americans, particularly those in southern states, have routinely had difficulty proving property ownership.

Even without a damaging natural disaster, the Gullah Geechee community of St. Helena Island told the Black Press last year that they were fighting to protect their lands and the legacy left by their ancestors, who toiled for lifetimes under the brutal oppression of slavery.

Local tax officials held an auction of some of the property on the island



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Updated guidelines will also expand the options for paperwork renters can submit to prove that they live at affected properties.

belonging to families, citing delinquent tax payments that have accumulated over the years.

The descendants who have lived in the Gullah

Geechee community, which extends the coastal areas of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, possessed deeds but lacked titles to

their properties.

Many in the community discovered that their ancestors left no wills and never possessed a title.

That was primarily

because of oppressive laws.

The freed slaves were deprived of an education and were at the mercy of White men who sold the land for as little as \$1.25 per acre and never provided appropriate sale documentation.

"The heirs don't have a title in their names," said Sará Reynolds Green, an activist, and farmer who raises produce on the St. Helena plot of land passed down throughout her family's generations.

While FEMA's new rules don't necessarily apply to St. Helena, they should provide a more level playing field for African Americans affected

by hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and other disasters.

"Updated guidelines will also expand the options for paperwork renters can submit to prove that they live at affected properties," the NBC News team reported.

According to the report, "in addition to a written lease or rent receipts, renters will now be able to submit documents such as their car registration and letters from local schools or nonprofits. People in mobile homes will also have the flexibility to submit a letter from the property's owner."

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LA City Policy of Full Vax Proof at Many Indoor Spaces Begins Monday



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Monday, anyone going to a shopping mall, theater, gym or nail salon in Los Angeles must verify they are vaccinated. The mandate, among the strictest in the country, requires proof of shots for everyone entering a wide variety of businesses.

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of vaccination include:

Angelenos patronizing indoor restaurants, gyms, entertainment and recreational facilities, personal care establishments and some city buildings will technically need to show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 starting today -- though enforcement of the new law won't begin until Nov. 29.

The city's SafePassLA ordinance is one of the strictest mandates of its kind in the nation, and includes all individuals eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine.

Accepted forms of proof

- a vaccination card issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or similar documentation issued by another foreign governmental agency;

- photocopy of a vaccination card or a photograph stored on a phone or electronic device;

- a personal digital COVID-19 vaccination record issued by the State of California or similar documentation issued by another state, local or foreign government jurisdiction, or by a private company; and

- documentation of a COVID-19 vaccination from a healthcare provider.

People who appear over the age of 18 will also be required to show identification with their proof of vaccination.

On Monday, officials will begin city outreach and education of the new policy, but actual enforcement will not start until Nov. 29. Businesses violating the ordinance will be issued a \$1,000 fine for a second violation, \$2,000 fine for a third violation and a \$5,000 fine for a fourth and subsequent violations.

People can be exempted from the mandate if they have medical conditions that restrict their ability to get vaccinated or a "sincerely held religious belief," according to the ordinance. Those exemptions will have to be reviewed by the location the person is trying to enter.

People who are exempt will be able to use outdoor areas of the location, but if

unavailable, they may be allowed to enter the indoor area by providing proof of a negative COVID-19 test that was conducted within 72 hours.

The ordinance also requires people to show proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test to attend outdoor events with 5,000 or more people, which would be stricter than the Los Angeles County requirement, which applies to outdoor events with 10,000 or more people.

Los Angeles County's rules, which are less expansive than the city's, went into effect on Thursday, also requiring people patronizing or working in an indoor bar, winery, brewery, nightclub or lounge in the county to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

"We've spent too much time placing restrictions on people who did their part by getting vaccinated and wearing their masks. We need to both limit the transmission of the virus as well as make

it inconvenient for those who are unvaccinated to access indoor venues and put lives at jeopardy. The stakes are too high," Council President Nury Martinez said during the City Council's process approving the ordinance.

Final approval of the city's ordinance was given in an 11-2 vote by council members on Oct. 6.

"Vaccinating more Angelenos is our only way out of this pandemic, and we must do everything in our power to keep pushing those numbers up," Garcetti said in a statement after the council's vote.

"These new rules will encourage more people to get the shot, and make businesses safer for workers and customers -- so that we can save more lives, better protect the vulnerable and make our communities even safer as we fight this pandemic."

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer said Thursday that the county is

seeing a slight uptick in COVID-19 transmission, but other pandemic-tracking metrics, including the number of people hospitalized, have plateaued.

The average daily rate of people testing positive for the virus was 1.6% as of Thursday, up from 1.2% a week earlier. The county's vaccination rate remained largely unchanged last week compared to the week before, with 80% of eligible residents age 12 and over receiving at least one dose, and 72% fully vaccinated. Among all 10.3 million residents, including those not eligible for shots, 69% had received one dose, and 62% were fully vaccinated.

Children age 5-11 became eligible for shots last week, a group that includes about 900,000 kids in Los Angeles County.

For more information on the new city rules, go to <https://ewddlacity.com/index.php/recovery/safepassla>.

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LA Traffic, Gas Prices on the rise this Thanksgiving

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Pandemic-weary Angelenos will be hitting the roads and airways in large numbers this Thanksgiving, with about 4.4 million Southern California residents expected to travel for the holiday, according to estimates released today by the Auto Club.

The anticipated number of holiday travelers marks a 16% jump from last year. According to the Automob-



The Auto Club noted that the increase in travel will come at a time when Southern California residents are paying the highest gas prices ever on the Thanksgiving holiday, with an average price of about \$4.50 per gallon.

ile Club of Southern California, this year will be the second-busiest Thanksgiving travel volume on record for the region, just 3%

below the 4.5 million people who traveled for Thanksgiving in 2019.

"This is a remarkable comeback for travel, espe-

cially considering that cruises and some other modes of transportation have only recently restarted," Filomena Andre, the Auto Club's vice president for travel products and services, said in a statement. "To help meet consumer demand, AAA is hiring travel advisers. We are also strongly recommending that people not wait to book trips in 2022 because there are deals and availability that are being

offered now that will go fast."

According to the Auto Club, the top five destinations for Southern California Thanksgiving travelers will be San Diego, Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, Yosemite and Santa Barbara/Central Coast.

Nationally, Anaheim is expected to be the second-most popular holiday destination for travelers, thanks to Disneyland. Anaheim will be second only to

another Disney hub -- Orlando, Florida.

Nationwide, the Auto Club is predicting this Thanksgiving will be the third busiest on record, with 53.4 million travelers, trailing only behind the 56 million from 2019 and 53.7 million in 2018.

Of the 4.4 million anticipated Southern California travelers, 3.8 million are expected to travel by car,

{See THANKSGIVING TRAVEL on A-8}



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November 11, 2021

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Inglewood (City or Inglewood) has prepared a Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (Recirculated Draft EIR) for the Inglewood Transit Connector Project (ITC Project). The Recirculated Draft EIR is being distributed for public review. Pursuant to the California Public Resources Code and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, the City of Inglewood is the Lead Agency for the ITC Project.

PROJECT TITLE: Inglewood Transit Connector Project

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Inglewood Transit Connector Project (ITC Project) is a 1.6-mile, three-station, fully elevated, electrically powered light-rail transit system, including, among other things, an Automated Transit System (ATS) mass-transit line, proposed by the City to close the last-mile gap and connect passengers between the Metro K (Crenshaw/LAX) Line and Downtown Inglewood to major event and activity centers, including the Forum, the Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment District, including SoFi Stadium, and the Inglewood Basketball and Entertainment Center (Intuit Dome). Three stations are proposed: (1) The Market Street/Florence Avenue station generally located between Market Street and Locust Street; (2) The Prairie Avenue/Manchester Boulevard station located on the southwest corner of Prairie Avenue and Manchester Boulevard; and (3) The Prairie Avenue/Hardy Street station located on the northwest corner of Prairie Avenue and Hardy Street.

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed Project is located entirely in the central portion of the City, east of the San Diego Freeway (I-405) and north of the Glen Anderson Freeway (I-105) in Los Angeles County, California. The proposed alignment for the Project would be primarily located within the public right of way along Market Street, Manchester Boulevard, and Prairie Avenue, with limited encroachments on adjacent private property

Environmental Topics Evaluated/Potentially Significant Impacts: The Draft EIR examines the potential impacts that would be generated by the ITC Project for the following environmental topics: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Land Use and Planning, Noise and Vibration, Population, Employment, and Housing, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems. Less than significant impacts are identified for the following topics: Aesthetics, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Waste, Noise and Vibration, Land Use and Planning, Population, Employment, and Housing, and Transportation. Potentially significant impacts are identified related to the following topics: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems. Measures are identified to mitigate all potentially significant impacts to less than significant.

Alternatives Evaluated: (1) No Project, (2) Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System, (3) Market Street Pedestrian Promenade, (4) 4th Station Alternative, (5) Prairie Avenue Single Station Alternative and (6) Maintenance and Storage Facility Relocation Alternative.

A portion of the Project Site, the MSF site located at 500 Manchester Boulevard, is included on the following list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code: Historical Cortese list. The sites in this list are designated by the State Water Resource Control board [i.e., LUST sites], the Integrated WasteBoard [i.e., active, closed, and inactive landfills, SWF/LF], and the Department of Toxic Substances Control [i.e., sites contain potential or confirmed hazardous substance release, CALSITES]. This list is no longer updated by the state.

Public Meeting: A Public Meeting will be held to provide project information on November 22, 2021, at 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

Zoom Meeting Weblink: <https://trifiletticonsulting.zoom.us/j/86733559092?pwd=YWw3SFFSQUlZRHUeEU5Wml3U0tzQT09>

Meeting ID: 867 3355 9092 **Passcode:** 1970

Join By Phone: (253) 215-8782 or (346) 248-7799

Public Comment Period: November 12, 2021, through December 27, 2021.

The Draft EIR and technical appendices are available for review at the City of Inglewood website at: <https://www.cityofinglewood.org/1016/Environmental-Documents>.

All comments will be considered in the preparation of the Final EIR. Written comments on the Draft EIR and technical appendices must be received no later than 5:00 PM on December 27, 2021 at inglewoodtransitconnector@cityofinglewood.org or sent to the following address through mail at: City of Inglewood, Planning Division, One W. Manchester Boulevard – 4th Floor, Inglewood, CA 90301 by December 27, 2021.

Black Pediatricians Discuss Vaccinations for Children

Doctors look for vaccines to further protect children and their future

By JOSEPHINE REID
Contributing Writer

Whether a parent, teacher, or family friend, you have seen at least one effect that this pandemic has had on children, including developmental issues, the widening education gap, and fewer wellness visits. In the United States, more than 5 million children have gotten COVID-19 and more than 763 have died from the disease. Since Delta, 1 in 5 new COVID-19 cases have been in children.

Vaccinating children who are ages 5 and older can help protect kids and slow the spread of COVID-19 and is another step in getting this pandemic under control.

Parents, teachers, and friends play a crucial role in getting kids back on track and giving them a real chance to experience childhood in its true sense.

With all of these jarring numbers and heartbreaking stories on the toll the pandemic has taken on children, one may ask who to turn to as a medically sound voice that can provide factual, science-based information.

As COVID-19 vaccines are now available to kids

ages 5 and older, we spoke with Black pediatricians who serve as trusted advisors for their patients' parents, and as advocates for every child that steps into their offices.

We asked these local trusted messengers to comment on expected changes if all children who are eligible are vaccinated.

We spoke with Dr. Nina Ford Johnson, MD FAAP,



FILE PHOTO
Dr. Nina Ford Johnson, MD FAAP

who has worked in primary pediatrics for eight years and serves as the President of the Medical Society of Mobile County, Alabama.

"Some of the problems we're seeing in the unvaccinated children is that they're spreading the illness to parents and grandparents. We're seeing a lot of them miss school because of it. And not just the child, but their siblings

also miss out.

Children that [do become vaccinated], I think it's going to turn [things] around. We need to be able to keep kids in school. Our school system here in Mobile was already far behind.

Also, [vaccinations] will decrease the amount of infectivity among the adults and grandparents. It takes a village to raise our children, and this virus has become a village virus."

Dr. Johnson's words provide a window into the experiences of those who have been on the front lines of fighting COVID-19 in children.

Some parents also have concerns about COVID-19 vaccines that are often not addressed by trusted voices who have cared for our children from the beginning of their lives.

We spoke with pediatrician Dr. Felicia Wilson,



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Dr. Felicia Wilson

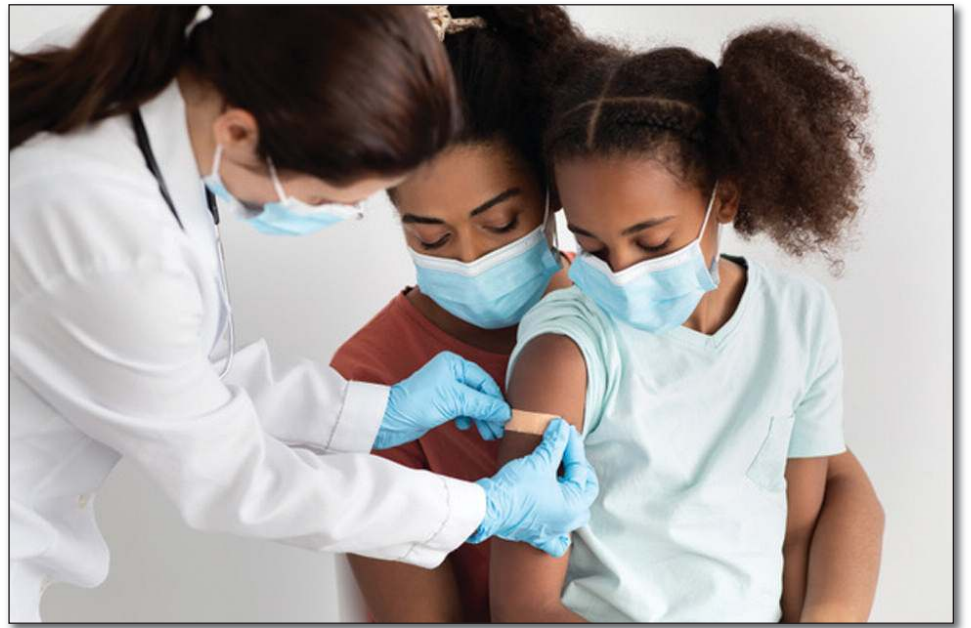
who shared impactful stories about patients she has truly cared for from birth to present day and described some of her young patients looking to her as another parental source.

"I have seen hesitancy in parents, in fact some of those parents are parents

that themselves got vaccinated. But they sort of felt like 'I lived a good life,

Dr. Wilson and others like her offer perspectives on highly vulnerable popu-

research that support getting the vaccine; without hesitation, when my chil-



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Doctors suggest children vaccinations will help slow the spread of COVID-19.

I've had my children, I don't plan to have anymore – but I'm worried about the fertility of my children or some unforeseen thing that may come up years later.' I've also seen parents that want to get their children vaccinated because they've been through COVID-19 themselves.

I take care of a fragile population of kids who have blood disorders and cancer, so many parts of this new way of life including masks and isolation is already a part of their lives. So, a number of those parents want to get their children vaccinated.

We already promote annual vaccinations with the flu, so we're saying this is no different, other than the fact that we're in a pandemic we're trying to get out of."

lations of children with major health issues, whose lives depend on themselves and others getting vaccinated when eligible.

We also spoke to Dr. Antwan Hogue, MD who



FILE PHOTO
Dr. Antwan Hogue, MD

gave his thoughts on vaccinations for children.

"I have seen some hesitancy – even in myself, I questioned whether or not I would vaccinate my own children. The more I dove into the studies and

dren are of age, and when the guidelines support my kids getting the vaccine, I won't hesitate to do so.

It's crucial that we get as many kids vaccinated as we possibly can to get this pandemic under control."

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on this generation can be lessened if we can protect our most at-risk populations and encourage everyone who is eligible to get vaccinated.

Talk to your child's doctor or nurse to learn more about COVID-19 vaccines or visit <https://www.vaccines.gov/>.

Josephine Reid is a member of the Public Relations Team at Creative Marketing Resources, a strategic marketing agency in Milwaukee and a partner of the COBB Institute.



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LOS ANGELES COUNTY REDISTRICTING 2021

The Time is Now to React to Map Options for Electing County Board of Supervisors.

In the past, the politicians decided what communities to include in their districts to enhance their chances of winning. This year, things are changing with the independent Los Angeles County Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Share your thoughts about the proposed maps for the supervisorial district boundaries at our November public hearings.



Help Draw LA County!

Public hearing info and free mapping software at: <https://redistricting.lacounty.gov>

Bishop Aims to Revive Woodlawn Memorial Park

Once abandoned and overrun with weeds, Compton's historic cemetery looks much better thanks to Celestina Bishop

BY CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT
Staff Writer

Last year, Celestina Bishop went to visit the burial sites of her mother, sisters and grandmother on Mother's Day. Her loved ones were interred at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Compton.

However, Bishop's adoring tribute never happened because the cemetery gates were chained shut. At first undeterred, she jumped the fence and landed in garbage, debris and discarded items filling the property.

Encountering such blatant disrespect of the final remains of her relatives was emotionally devastating for Bishop. But, instead of collapsing in tears, she sprung into action to rejuvenate the site and today, she heads the nonprofit that owns the cemetery and aims to refurbish other memorial parks that have fallen into disrepair.

"My organization, One Section At A Time, was registered on June 12, 2020, just six weeks after I came to Woodlawn Memorial Park to visit my mother, sisters and grandmother on May 10th," said Bishop, who outlined the group's mission as "restoring honor and dignity to Woodlawn" by keeping the gates open for family members and others to visit and promote the historical value and contributions of the cemetery.

that the owner had lost his license and closed Woodlawn. Also, despite evolving into an unsightly and

here and all kinds of aunts and uncles. I've been coming to Woodlawn for decades. After I retired I did-

Woodlawn, especially since it has been sabotaged for so many years. A lot of people are just realizing that it's open, so we want to make sure we give them comfort during their grieving because coming to visit the final resting place is part of the grieving process," Bishop said.

In addition to being a place of comfort during periods of sorrow, Woodlawn contains a lot of history, too. The oldest tombstone denotes the passing of Abigail Stockwell in 1871. The cemetery also contains the remains of many early settlers of Compton as well as prominent individuals from more recent eras.

"They include Assemblyman Carley V. Porter, called the 'father of water legislation' and an early fighter against water pollution," shared Bishop. "Also, Francis Townsend [is here], who created the Townsend Plan to address poverty among the elderly in the United States; and George Decker, known as 'Gentleman George' and considered one of the best first basemen of the 1890s."

Judy Washebeck, OSAAT volunteer and group historian, listed some of the notable African Americans interred at Woodlawn, which include Alprentice "Bunchy" Carter, a social activist and co-founder of the Southern California chapter of the Black Panther Party; Freeman Davis, a 1940s-50s whistling and bone playing recording artist known as 'Brother Bones,' whose playing of 'Sweet Georgia Brown' was adopt-

ed the Harlem Globetrotters' theme song; Theolic Smith, a Negro League baseball pitcher, who was nicknamed 'Fireball' for his sizzling fastball; and Paralee Coleman, a child actress who appeared in short films between 1926 and 1937 including playing the character Pleurisy in the "Our Gang" Little Rascals movies.

"Local companies like California Pest Management and RDO Equipment have contributed resources, services and equipment. Also, individual contributions through GoFundMe aided in paying the back taxes," she said. "But, we need to establish additional, stable funding sources through grants, corporate and sponsoring organizations."



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Celestina Bishop at the grave site of Alprentice "Bunchy" Carter in Compton's Woodlawn Memorial Park.



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Celestina Bishop and Frank Wilson serve on the board of directors of One Section At A Time.

hazardous site, no local and state agency stepped up to clean the cemetery, which stopped accepting burials in 2011.

Clearly exacerbated, Bishop said, "The fact that the site was litter-filled, I had no recourse. As the saying goes, if you want some-

n't come for a while, but then I came out last year and saw how bad it was, so I started helping Celestina," said Wilson, who also serves on the OSAAT board of directors.

The volunteers removed all of the trash and junk cluttering the property and are working on leveling the ground, which became uneven due to lack of water and nourishing soil. On October 19, OSAAT paid off the back taxes on Woodlawn and the owner signed over the cemetery to the organization. With the deed in hand, the OSAAT team is now focused on organizing Woodlawn's official burial records, securing historical status for the cemetery and raising funds to maintain the property.

Woodlawn is full, so new interments are not possible, but the nonprofit wants to continue operating the site so people can visit the graves of loved ones or hold memorial ceremonies for relatives and friends. According to Wilson, a family from Las Vegas appeared last week and stayed for nearly three hours "singing and telling their kids about grandma." OSAAT will provide chairs, table and tents for gatherings of 10 or more.

"We want everyone to have a good experience at

While Bishop and the OSAAT team are deeply vested in revitalizing Woodlawn Memorial Park, the continued success of the project is tied to their volunteer efforts and ability to attract consistent funding to maintain the memorial park. Estimating that her family has invested about \$275,000 so far to cover cleaning, repairing and operating expenses, she hopes to implement community involvement and giveback programs for potential donors.

Despite the challenges, Bishop remains optimistic that the goals will be achieved. "We've been successful in bringing joy to family members by restoring and transforming Woodlawn," she said. To ensure future success, Bishop said that she'll be guided by the words of Winston Churchill: "Never give up. Never give in, except to convictions of honor and good sense."

To learn more or donate to One Section At A Time, visit onesectionatatime.org.



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Abigail Stockwell is the earliest burial in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Explaining the inspiration behind her actions, Bishop noted, "Initially, I was overwhelmed that my family's final resting place had become nothing more than an abandoned lot, overgrown with weeds, covered with trash, occupied by homeless encampments and dead and feral animals.

"I struggled to understand how a sacred place meant to honor the memory and lives of our loved ones could fall into such despair," she recalled. Seeking answers, Bishop investigated the property and learned

thing done, do it yourself."

And she got to work cleaning up the space along with recruiting other people to join the volunteer effort. Bishop hosted "Justice to Woodlawn" where she invited those with family members buried at Woodlawn and the community at large to help spruce up the property. Frank Wilson, a Compton native, was among the people who lent a hand.

"My ancestors were some of the first [residents] in Compton and some of the first to be buried here. I have great-great-grandparents

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while 494,000 will travel by air, and 79,000 will use some other means, such as a bus or cruise ship.

The Auto Club noted that the increase in travel will come at a time when Southern California residents are paying the highest

gas prices ever on the Thanksgiving holiday, with an average price of about \$4.50 per gallon.

According to the Auto Club, analysts from the transportation firm INRIX have determined that the afternoon and evening of Wednesday,

Nov. 24, will be the busiest times for Southland freeways. The stretch of the Golden State (5) Freeway between Colorado Street and Florence Avenue is predicted to see the heaviest congestion, with traffic volume at 385% above normal levels.

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a seismic retrofit. Grants are contingent upon meeting eligibility requirements and available funds.

"EBB's growth is helping more California homeowners prepare for the next big earthquake by offsetting the cost of completing a seismic retrofit," said Janiele Maffei, chief mitigation officer of CEA and executive director of EBB. "The EBB program can help Californians protect their families, their homes and their investments, and we encourage homeowners in EBB ZIP Codes to apply for funding during the registration period this fall."

According to CEA, more than 1.2 million homes in high-hazard areas are particularly vulnerable to earthquakes because of the way they were constructed. These homes are typically built before 1980, are wood framed with a raised foundation and may have a cripple wall in the crawl space under the house. Since 2014 when the first EBB retrofit was completed, EBB grants have helped more than 15,500 homeowners retrofit their houses.

"Older homes are particularly vulnerable to earthquake damage, so it's important that homeowners in high-seismic-hazard areas take proactive steps to reduce the risk of their home slipping off its foundation,"

said CEA CEO Glenn Pomeroy. "CEA is committed to supporting California homeowners through education, mitigation and insurance, and we're particularly proud to offer supplemental grants to help income-eligible Californians complete seismic retrofits."

Beginning October 27 through December 1, 2021, eligible homeowners can apply for retrofit funding at EarthquakeBraceBolt.com, where they can also find detailed program information, select a FEMA-trained, California-licensed general contractor and view the full list of eligible ZIP Codes and program areas. Once registration closes, participating homeowners will be selected through a random drawing and notified via email if they have been selected or if they have been placed on the wait list.

This year, EBB retrofit grants will be available in 395 ZIP Codes. EBB ZIP Codes are selected using the following criteria weighted equally between two categories:

1. Earthquake Hazard: Higher-hazard areas were identified using the United States Geological Survey (USGS) earthquake-hazard map for California.

2. Seismic Vulnerability of Houses: The seismic vulnerability of houses located

in California's higher-hazard ZIP Codes was represented by the percentage of pre-1940 houses in each of those ZIP Codes—older houses are more likely to require seismically resistant bracing and bolting.

About Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB)

Established by the California Residential Mitigation Program, EBB offers up to \$3,000 to help California homeowners retrofit their house to reduce potential damage from earthquakes. A residential seismic retrofit makes a house more resistant to earthquake activity, such as ground shaking and soil failure, by bolting the house to its foundation and adding bracing around the perimeter of the crawl space. For more information, please visit <http://www.EarthquakeBraceBolt.com>.

About the California Residential Mitigation Program (CRMP)

CRMP was established in 2011 to help Californians strengthen their homes against damage from earthquakes. CRMP is a joint powers authority created by the California Earthquake Authority and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. For more information, please visit <http://www.CaliforniaResidentialMitigationProgram.com>.



Project: ON-CALL GEOTECHNICAL PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR FEDERALLY-FUNDED PROJECTS

Agency: Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Bid Date/Time: November 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

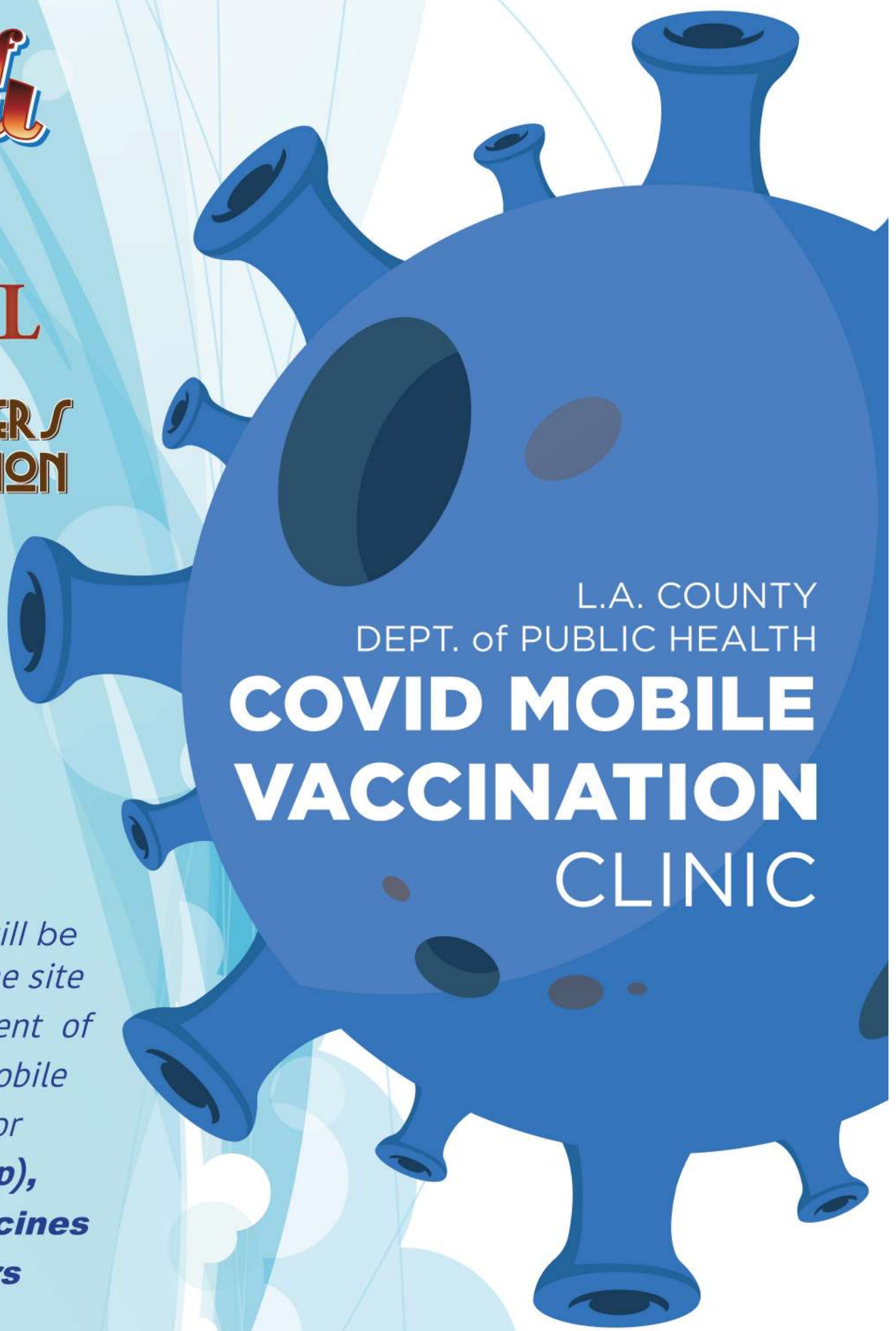
Kleinfelder is seeking interested Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms, for portions of work for the above listed Request for Proposals (RFP), which includes but not limited to the following: Geotechnical and geologic exploration including drilling, downhole logging (as-needed) of bucket auger borings and trenches, Cone Penetration Testing, geologic mapping, geophysical surveys, and infiltration testing for design of foundations for various types of structures, Laboratory testing (geotechnical and environmental), Geotechnical reports, analysis, conclusions, interpretations, and recommendations, inspection services including geotechnical and geologic activities that support design and construction (e.g., grading inspection and compaction testing, soil nail/tie-back/rock anchor installation and testing, infiltration galleries, etc.).

Kleinfelder will advise and make an effort in assisting interested firms in obtaining bonds, lines of credits and/or insurance required by the contract documents should it be needed. RFP can be reviewed at Kleinfelder, 707 Wilshire Blvd #1450, Los Angeles, CA 90017. Interested firms should provide a letter of interest, statement of qualifications, published fee schedules, "CURRENT" DBE certification form to: Eric Noel, 707 Wilshire Blvd #1450, Los Angeles, CA 90017, Phone: (213) 622-3706, cell: (951) 453-4576 or e-mail: enoel@kleinfelder.com.

ALL SOQ INFORMATION FOR THIS RFQ IS DUE TO KLEINFELDER NO LATER THAN November 18, 2021 BY 5:00 P.M.

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TO VACCINATE OR NOT TO VACCINATE

The challenge facing Black businesses and the people who work there

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responsibility leaves businesses open to negligence claims and workers' compensation claims relating to workplace COVID-19 transmission. Most employers want to protect their employees while at the same time weighing potential liability concerns if vaccines are not required. The owner's desire for balance is not callous—a single lawsuit arising from an employee's death after COVID-19 exposure could literally bankrupt many small or medium-sized businesses.

According to an online source, the City of Los Angeles will require proof of vaccination at indoor restaurants, bars, gyms, shopping centers, entertainment venues and personal care establishments within the city beginning on Monday, Nov. 8. The mandate was initially expected to go into effect on Nov. 4, but because the ordinance did not receive 12 votes from the city council on Oct. 6, the ordinance was unable to go into effect until one month after its publication.

Vaccines have been readily available since December 2020; yet, approximately 1,500 Americans are still dying of COVID-19 each day. To ignore this fact is not only detrimental to the health of everyone but puts those businesses not adapt-

ing or applying some sort of preventative COVID measures in place puts their business at risk.

To Vaccinate

In a community where so many people are hesi-



tant to get vaccinated due to their distrust of mandated vaccinations, American government has earned the trust of most Americans. Health officials suggest that this choice, while difficult for some, is the only option. Initially, most employers have been hesitant to implement a mandatory vaccination policy, but as time progresses and as the virus lingers, businesses are finding themselves in a "no choice" position.

The EEOC has approved mandatory employee vaccinations as an acceptable path in the fight against COVID-19. And, although this option may seem risky and/or heavy handed, there are a plethora of reasons employers would consider

implementing this policy; they are required to protect everyone within the workplace as well as protect community health. It's presumed that ensuring employees are vaccinated would ideally re-

duce absences and a loss of productivity while avoiding potential liability. Although implementing a mandatory policy does have many risks (considering some medical issues or religious beliefs prevent some employees from being vaccinated), under applicable laws, an employer's duty and responsibility for the safety of its customers, employees, and community, outweighs any personal anti-vaccination beliefs aside from religious or medical objections.

In an article written by the Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC), in December 2020, the EEOC issued guidance related to this dichotomy. First, the EEOC announced that a vaccine is not a medical exam. Accord-

ing EEOC updated guidelines on thompsonhine.org, "the EEOC squarely concludes that COVID-19 vaccines are not "medical examinations" under the ADA. The EEOC reasons that an

employer who administers the vaccine is not seeking information about an employee's current health status or impairments. Accordingly, administering a COVID-19 vaccine is not prohibited or limited by the ADA."

With the guidance updates, one legal pitfall is therefore avoided - an employer does not have to justify a mandated vaccination policy. However, although the vaccination itself is not a "medical exam," pre-vaccination screening questionnaires may implicate the ADA's prohibition on disability-related inquiries or Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA), and employers must craft such inquiries to not run afoul of those laws.

For example, employers must demonstrate the disability-related screening inquiries such as any prior allergic reactions are "job-related and consistent with business necessity" to not conflict with the ADA's prohibitions on gathering medical information. Further, an employer can meet this showing only if it can demonstrate the employee is a direct threat to the health or safety to him or herself or others. This multi-step analysis can feel like navigating land mines to an employer trying to keep its employees safe.

One way to avoid this problem and still maintain a mandatory vaccination policy is to require employees to receive their vaccinations from a third party with whom the employer does not have contract with (e.g., a pharmacy or private healthcare provider).

Not To Vaccinate

The other option employers have is to do nothing and ignore the issue altogether. An employer/business that chooses to do nothing or remain silent, while this may be the most comfortable, has the most risk. Certainly, this approach would avoid the difficulties in navigating through ADA, GINA,

Title VII, and other complicated restrictions. Further, this option would avoid potential clashes with those employees who simply do not want to be vaccinated - not for a religious or medical reason, but based on personal beliefs.

However, while employers can circumvent these hurdles by turning an eye, other risks grow exponentially. OSHA is hardening its approach to enforcement of safety measures relating to COVID and California which is a pro-vaccination state. They are coming down even harder than other states on those business which elect to do nothing.

Whether to vaccinate or not is not an easy question, and the answers are just as complex. But it is a choice that businesses and business owners must deal with. Employees also have to deal with this issue, and some have elected to walk away from their position in a need to stand up for their beliefs.

This is not an attempt to pass judgement on those who elect to go either way. It is however a look at the reality of choice facing those within our community for the very survival of our community businesses and those who reside within it.

Three Black New Staffers on Cal Atty Gen Bonta's Exec Team

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roles in the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office, with the City of Oakland, and at the California Department of Justice.

She recently served as Chief Assistant District Attorney for District Attorney Diana Becton, where she managed the overall administration of the Contra Costa District Attorney's office. Her duties included overseeing the general operations, budget, and personnel decisions of all units within the office and serving as the District Attorney in her absence.

Venus also served as Associate Attorney General in the executive office of Attorney General Kamala D. Harris where she oversaw Harris' executive team and operated as a senior legal and policy advisor.

"Venus is a dedicated public servant who is committed to the fair and equal administration of justice," said U.S. Vice President Harris said after selecting Johnson for the Attorney

General's cabinet in 2013.

Prior to this role, Johnson was Deputy Attorney General/Legislative Advocate for California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris and Deputy District Attorney for Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley. Johnson earned a Juris Doctor from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law, and her Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Loyola Marymount University.

Brown will serve as a legal and policy advisor on civil rights. He has over 15 years of experience working with some of the most prestigious private law firms in California where he represented a diverse client base of public agencies and private businesses in a range of civil matters, including labor and employment, class action litigation, and constitutional and civil rights litigation.

Recently, Brown served as the City Attorney for the City of Compton where, as the chief legal officer for



Venus D. Johnson now serves as Chief Deputy Attorney General, Damon M. Brown was named Special Assistant Attorney General, and Amy C. Alley is the Policy Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs COURTESY PHOTO

the city, he led an office of attorneys and staff responsible for advising Compton City officials on matters pertaining to their offices.

"I resigned as City Attorney on Oct. 15, 2021. Serving the residents of the great City of Compton has been a tremendous honor and I am proud of the accomplishments I was able to achieve during my tenure to protect the City's interests, improve the structure

and judges, and the California Association of Black Lawyers.

Brown earned a Juris Doctor from Vanderbilt University Law School and he holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and African American studies from the University of California Berkeley.

Alley will be a high-level policy advisor in the development and advocacy of legislation. She joins the Attorney General's Office with 20 years of experience working in the public sector. She was a principal consultant to California Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins (D-San Diego), working on legislation and issues involving public safety, policing, criminal justice, and gender and racial equity.

Prior to that, Alley was a Deputy Attorney General in the Office of Legislative Affairs for former Attorneys General Xavier Becerra and Kamala D. Harris. There, she assisted in the development of legislative priorities for the At-

torney General, represented the department before the Legislature, and provided technical assistance and consultation to legislators and staff, committee consultants, and program staff.

Alley also was a Legislative and Communications Director for former Assemblymembers Rob Bonta and Sandre Swanson, after spending several years as a deputy with the Office of Legislative Counsel. She earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of California Davis, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and journalism from California State University Sacramento.

The DOJ has over 4,500 employees who are engaged in a variety of law enforcement and legal services. The department's main offices are in Sacramento, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Oakland, and Fresno.

Here's a full list of the new appointees on Bonta's newly appointed executive team.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in the Spotlight This Veterans Day

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Up to 500,000 Veterans Who Served in Iraq and Afghanistan Have Been Diagnosed With PTSD

On Nov. 11, we will honor the men and women who served our country, and acknowledge their heroism and sacrifices that have helped protect our freedoms since our nation's birth.

However, their patriotism and service comes at a very high price, especially for those who have been involved in military conflicts. Many of these heroes struggle long after they have been discharged with the real and daunting effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Because of PTSD, many veterans a experience nightmares and flashbacks as they relive traumatic events they experienced on the battlefield, which have become seared in their memories and are adversely affecting their mental health.

In one major study of 60,000 Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, 13.5% screened positive for PTSD, while other studies show the rate to be as high as 20% to 30%. As many as 500,000 U.S. troops who served in Iraq and Afghanistan may have been diagnosed with PTSD, according to the study.

And, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, a National Vietnam Veterans Readjustment Study found differences among African American and white Vietnam theater Veterans in terms of readjustment after military service. Black male Vietnam Veterans had higher rates of PTSD than whites. Rates of current PTSD in the study were 21% among African



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Americans, and 14% among Whites.

"For those veterans who are struggling with PTSD, they are often affected in many different ways," said Dr. Luis Sandoval, a psychiatrist with Kaiser Permanente Southern California. "They all have one thing in common, however. They often experience significant challenges when it comes to handling daily activi-

ties such as work, going to school or having healthy relationships with their spouse, children, friends and loved ones. That can often lead to shame, anxiety, social withdrawal, sleep disorders, or even suicide."

Dr. Sandoval noted the simplest triggers can make someone with PTSD feel like their nervous system becomes hijacked by a panic reaction, and that can cause you to fight (get angry), flight (avoid) or freeze (feel numb).

Certain factors increase the chances of someone

developing PTSD, Dr. Sandoval added. They include having directly witnessed or repeatedly experienced the aftermath of a very intense or long-lasting traumatic event, which is common among many veterans.

According to Dr. Sandoval, doing the following may improve a person's path to recovery from PTSD: Always attend scheduled counseling sessions and doctor's appointments.

In times of anxiety, reassure and comfort yourself.

Avoid alcohol, caffeine, nicotine and illegal drug use, as they can raise your anxiety level and cause problems with sleeping.

Make sure you get sufficient rest.

Exercise.
Use proven relaxation

techniques.

Get involved in your community.

Dr. Sandoval emphasized the importance of knowing when to seek help. That's because there are times when PTSD can cause severe anxiety and other challenges that require medical attention to ensure good mental health.

"If you have thoughts of hurting or injuring yourself or others, then call 911 right away," he stressed. "Also, if you feel your state of mental health isn't improving, or if your symptoms get worse, then you should contact your health care provider. Remember, there's no shame in seeking help."

Kaiser Permanente offers valuable care instructions for those with PTSD.

Iconic Singer Jody Watley Releases Surprise New Dance/Club Remix Album Now Available! ‘A Must-Have In Your Playlist’

This month (November), Jody Watley celebrates 35th anniversary of the release of her solo debut blockbuster single, “Looking For A New Love”. The platinum selling single was nominated for American Music Awards, NAACP Image Awards to name a few.



Jody Watley COURTESY PHOTO

Her debut album produced three top-ten singles on the US Billboard Hot 100: “Some Kind of Lover”, “large GRAMMY Nominated “Looking for a New Love” and “Don’t You Want Me” 4 Top 10 R&B Singles including “Still A Thrill”: All Top 10 Hot Club Play Singles countless nominations and subsequently garnering the Best New Artist Grammy and becoming an instant influential style template for many.

Jody just released her latest EP entitled, Renderings, remixed by internationally renowned DJ/Producer Alex Di Cio’.

ABOUT JODY WATLEY

Jody Watley is iconic not only because of the magnitude of brilliance she has to her credit, but also a trendsetting pioneer in music, video, fashion and style.

Her list of accomplishments and achievements is beyond impressive. Over time she has taken her legacy to infinity and beyond. Here are some facts about her: received Billboard Magazine’s “Lifetime Achievement Award”, nominations for the MTV VMA’s (where she remains

one of MTV’s most nominated artists), NAACP Image Awards, American Music Awards, and appearing on Broadway as Rizzo in the hit musical Grease!. She’s been featured in Vogue, Italian Vogue (including the Historic “The Black Issue), Harper’s Bazaar, Rolling Stone, Essence and has been named one of America’s Most Beautiful People by People Magazine. The first black woman to appear on a Japanese fashion magazine cover (specifically Japan’s most elite, SPUR).

More Fun Facts about Jody Watley

- Grammy Winning Artist.

- The First Rap Song Collaboration.
- Billboard Top 60 Hot 100 Female Artist Of All Time.
- Crossover Top 10 On

- Lifetime Achievement Dance Artist.

- Coined The Pop Culture Phrase “Hasta La Vista Ba-By.”

- 13 Number 1 Billboard Dance Singles.

- People Magazine’s 50 Most Beautiful People.

- 6 Top 10 Hot 100 Singles.

- Fashion and Style Icon And Trendsetter.

- 3 Number 1 R&B Singles.

- First Black Woman on Cover Of Japanese Fashion Magazine.

- Harper’s Bazaar Most Beautiful Women.

- BMI Award Winning Songwriter.

- Founder of Avitone Recordings – An Independent Record Label formed by Ms. Watley in 1995 as a vehicle to support her own musical evolution outside the major label system.

- Featured prominently as singer Selena Quintanilla (Queen of Tejano Music) prime influences in Netflix Selena: The Series



- 15 Top 40 Singles.
- Crossover Music Icon, Pioneer in Music, Video, Fashion and Style.
- Black Music Honors “Friends” featuring Eric B. and Rakim.

- Multiple Charts.
- Top 25 Dance Artist Of All Time.

- Million Selling Fitness Video.

- Billboard Magazine.

Los Angeles Unified Board of Education Approves Resolution in Response to Noxious Odor Near Dominguez Channel

The Los Angeles Unified Board of Education passed the “Keeping Schools and Communities Safe and Supported in Response to Noxious Odor Near Dominguez Channel” resolution, authored by Board Member Tanya Ortiz Franklin.

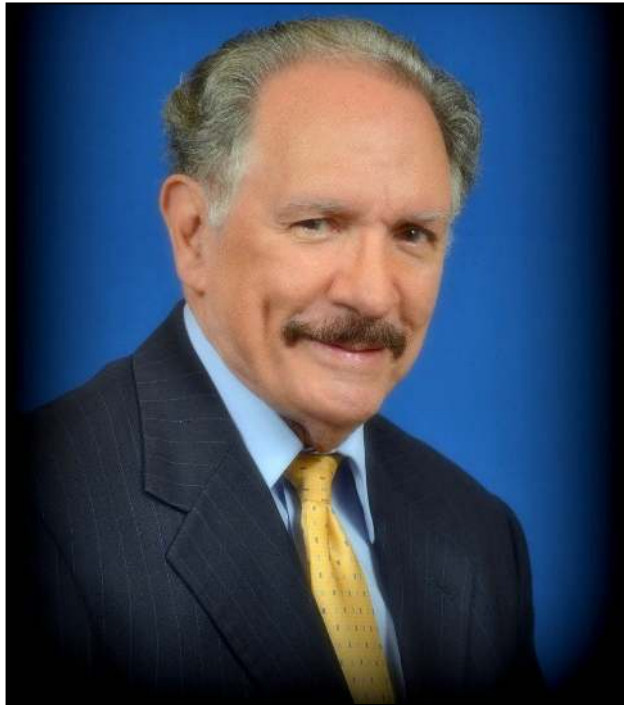
The resolution commits Los Angeles Unified to take all necessary steps to maintain the safety, health and wellness for all students, staff and schools in the Carson Community of Schools and surrounding Communities of Schools, including assessing and responding to the impact of this event on students and staff who may have relocated or may have missed school.

The resolution also affirms that the Board of Education stands in agreement with the decision of the City of Carson and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to declare a local emergency and call on the Governor to do the same in response to the odorous nuisance near the Dominguez Channel.

“For a month, our schools and communities have been dealing with an odorous nuisance, which has impacted our health and quality of life. This is a stark reminder that our most vulnerable communities continue to be negatively impacted by environmental injustices,” Board Member Ortiz Franklin said. “I invite our local and state government agencies to work collaboratively alongside us to develop a proactive and equitable approach to address climate change, starting with restoring the Dominguez Channel.”

“I stand with the Los Angeles Unified School Board and other local leaders in seeking a more urgent response regarding the Dominguez Channel odor that continues to disrupt school activities in the Carson area,” Interim Superintendent Megan K. Reilly said.

“All of our students and families deserve safe, clean air to breathe—and for far too long, our low-income communities of color have had to endure the effects of



Dr. George J. McKenna III COURTESY PHOTO

environmental injustice,” Board Vice President Nick Melvoin said. “We are proud to stand with the kids, families and residents of Carson and demand action to protect the health and safety of their community.”

“The lack of urgency in addressing the foul stench in Carson is more than a smelly distraction for our students, employees and the greater community,” Board Member Dr. George J. McKenna III said. “This environmental emergency deserves the same urgency as wildfires, earthquakes and natural gas leaks. I join the call for all levels of government agencies to speed up corrective actions and ask that Governor Gavin Newsom declare a state of emergency. The health of our students cannot wait any longer.”

“We must call out environmental justice each and every time,” Board Member Mónica García said. “I support Board Member Tanya Ortiz Franklin and community partners working hard to address this local emergency.”

“Carson and surrounding communities, that are home to mostly low income, people of color who have historically had to cope with the effects of giant, nearby refineries and other polluting industrial sites should not be having to suffer through the sickening and health impacting foul odors from the Domin-

guez Channel,” Board Member Scott M. Schmerelson said. “Local government has clearly failed the families living in this area. The one bright light in this sad story has been the Los Angeles Unified Office of Environmental Health and Safety that continues to monitor the situation and work with Los Angeles County and the South Coast Air Quality Management District to measure air quality every day, in both the community and at schools, and take proactive steps to ensure the safety of students and school staff, including keeping students indoors when most impacted by the smell.”

“When community health is jeopardized there must be a sense of great urgency, no matter where it occurs. Keeping kids indoors or having them stay away from school is not any part of a good solution, even in the short term,” Board Member Jackie Goldberg said. “Aggressive, proactive steps are necessary to ensure school safety in Carson and we support the decision to declare a local emergency. Governor Newsom should be quick to follow suit.”

Ortiz Franklin is the newest member of the Los Angeles Unified Board of Education representing Board District 7, where

she was previously a student, teacher, teacher-educator and advocate. She is committed to ensuring all students graduate fully prepared to thrive in the college, career and life of their choice. Los Angeles Unified Board District 7 includes the diverse communities of South LA, Watts, Gardena, Carson, Lomita, Harbor City, Wilmington and San Pedro.

To read the full resolution, visit boe.lausd.net/11-09-21RegBdCS. If you would like more information about this topic, please contact Stephanie Salazar at 626-758-7748 or s.salazar@lausd.net.

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Community Build & PlayLA Partner to Launch City's Youth and Adaptive Program

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Community Build, Inc. partnered with PlayLA on Saturday, Nov. 6 in Algin Sutton Park to launch the City's Youth and Adaptive Sports Program. Children and young adults enjoyed a day of sports adapted fun to meet varying mental and physical abilities and had the opportunity to meet some of L.A.'s Olympic and

sports expo was presented by the Mayor's Office City of Los Angeles, LA 28, LA Parks, Shane's Inspiration, and Angel City Sports.

"Partnering with the Mayor's office, the Department of Recreation and Parks and other youth organizations like Shane's Inspiration to eliminate barriers for all children, aligning with Community Build's mission to invest in hu-



L - R CBI staff members Earnest Williams and Albert E. Lord, LAPD Officer Girides, Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Corrine Taylor (LA 2028) and Community Build President Robert Sausedo

ics range from Swimming to Baseball to Football, and adaptive youth sports clinics will include swimming, skateboarding, and more.

PlayLA's classes and leagues area available at recreation centers throughout Los Angeles for \$10 and will continue through Sept. 2022. Visit www.laparks.org/discover-activities for a list of activities.

Community Build administers a number intervention and prevention programs for at-risk youth and young



Community Build provided 100 boxes of food for attendees at the launch of PlayLA



Olympic and Paralympic Games



"Hooligans" coaches and team members participated in friendly competition

Paralympic athletes. Community Build donated 100 food boxes and sponsored swimwear for Inclusion Matters' aquatics programs. The day-long free

man capital," said Community Build President Robert Sausedo. "We need to invest in our youth and provide the tools - including sports activities - for them to

live up to their full potential."

In 2028, Los Angeles will host the Summer Olympic & Paralympic Games for the third time in world history - 1932, 1984 and 2028. This will

be the first time in a generation that the games will take place in Los Angeles. As the 2028 Games inspires fans across the world, this program was designed to include children of all abilities to participate in the excitement of the Olym-

pics Games.

Through the PlayLA program, youngsters will have the opportunity to access to quality sports available through their local neighborhood recreation center and join the Olympic movement. Youth sports clin-

adults. Visit www.communitybuildinc.org for more information. For Information on Community Build's weekly food distribution locations visit www.crslla.org or call (323) 290-6560.

Young, Black adults had a higher risk of heart disease, worse hospital outcomes

American Heart Association

During a decade of study between 2007 and 2017, young, Black adults in the U.S. (mean age of 31 years) experienced increased cardiovascular disease risk factors and worsened hospital outcomes, according to preliminary research to be presented at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions 2021. The meeting will be fully virtual, Saturday, November 13 through Monday, November 15, 2021, and is a premier global exchange of the latest scientific advancements, research and evidence-based clinical practice updates in cardiovascular science for health care professionals worldwide.

The study included a national sample of hospital

inpatient records of more than 2.9 million young, Black adults ages 18 to 44 years (mean age of 31 years; 70.3% female). Researchers assessed contributing factors for heart disease among this group by using the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Agency of Healthcare Quality and Research National Inpatient Sample, large, publicly available, longitudinal hospital inpatient databases. They compared the records of more than 1.3 million Black adults hospitalized in 2007 to the records of nearly 1.6 million Black adults hospitalized a decade later, in 2017.

Compared to 2007, the 2017 data revealed a rising burden of traditional cardiometabolic conditions, congestive heart failure, chronic pulmonary disease (lung or

respiratory system), coagulopathy (bleeding disorder), depression and notable reductions in abuse of alcohol and drugs. These risk factors tended to occur more fre-



quently and at a younger age in the 2017 data, compared to the 2007 data. Compared to the 2007 cohort, the 2017 group were:

Younger (mean age of 30 years vs. 31 years in 2007), male (30.4% vs. 28.8% in 2007) patients with higher non-elective/emergency hospital admissions (76.8% vs. 75% in

2007); Three times more likely to have type 2 diabetes with chronic complications (5.4% in 2017, compared to 1.7% in 2007); More than twice as likely to have obesity (16.6% in 2017, compared to 8.1% in 2007); and Two times more likely to be tobacco smokers (27.4% in 2017, compared to 13.3% in 2007).

"Many potential factors seem to be responsible for these findings, including less frequent annual wellness visits; absent or insufficient screening measures at a younger age; genetics; stress; an unhealthy diet; a lack of awareness or insight into a healthy lifestyle; and even financial constraints," said Ankit Vyas, M.B.B.S., M.D., the study's senior author and an internal medicine resident at the Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas in Beaumont, Texas.

Researchers also examined outcomes of hospitalizations in the two data sets that included death, hospital discharge status, and major adverse heart and brain conditions such as heart attack, heart rhythm disturbances, sudden cardiac death and stroke. Despite advancements in medications and improved screening and diagnostic

techniques in the last decade, in-hospital outcomes worsened over the course of the 10-year study period.

Researchers found a nearly 20% increase in the risk of major adverse cardiac events among young, Black adults from 2007 to 2017, including:

- a 30% increased risk of heart attack and heart rhythm disturbances;
- a 90% increased risk of a blood clot in one of the big arteries (pulmonary) of the heart;
- a 150% increased risk of out-of-hospital cardiac arrest;
- a 200% increased risk of cardiogenic shock; and
- a 50% increased risk of stroke.

"Young, Black adults should be encouraged to have regular primary care visits and get annual wellness checkups so any health abnormalities may be noticed at earlier stages, before there are serious health consequences such as a heart attack or stroke," noted Vyas. "Young people must also be aware of factors that can cause heart disease and understand that heart disease can lead to disability and premature death. Prevention is an important first step."

Vyas noted that incorporating regular physical exercise, sports participation and healthy food options such as fruits and vegetables into the daily lifestyle can help to prevent or control of hypertension, type 2 diabetes and obesity, while meditation and yoga may help reduce depression. Abstinence from alcohol and tobacco use should be encouraged among young people.

"There should be more public awareness about the existence and availability of health counseling, health campaigns and health fairs that can be accessed through nonprofit

organizations, charitable community service and the physician" he said. "Young people should be encouraged to work with case managers, social workers, physicians, nurses, pharmacists or other health care professionals to learn more about affordable options that may be available to them."

Limitations of the study include that it was based on data from a population at a specific time and did not include follow-up on data, medication history or lab findings. In addition, information about the burden and impact of electronic cigarettes and vaping or the use of recreational cannabis (marijuana) on the cardiovascular health of young adults was not included in the analysis.

"Future research is needed to evaluate factors responsible for increased prevalence in smoking, depression and obesity," Vyas said. "We should also explore the impact of substance abuse, sedentary lifestyle and uncontrolled cardiac risk factors on health outcomes among young, Black adults, including all age groups starting in adolescence. It's important to develop effective strategies to manage risk factors, especially as studies are reporting an increase in unhealthy lifestyle behaviors during the COVID-19 pandemic."

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Orlean Cleveland (100 years old on November 28, 2021)



Orlean Cleveland, November 28, 1921. She will be celebrating her 100th birthday

- From Cotton Plant, AR
- Moved to L.A. in 1942
- Worked at Lockheed Martin during WWII on the wing of a fighter plane the Lockheed P-38 on the assembly line as a

- Rosie The Riveter.
- Active Member of the 10th District Women's Steering Committee for 40 years, Worked on politics in the community. She worked with Tom Bradley, Nate Holden, and Herb Wesson.
- Helped work on voter registration in the community for over 30 years
- 1 of 6 children. 5 girls 1 boy. She and her youngest sister who is 92, are the only living siblings alive.
- Her and her sisters formed a singing group called the Beason Sister's
- All sisters ended up living in Los Angeles.
- She went on to be a cafeteria manager at 3 Community Colleges, East L.A. Community College, West LA Community College and Los Angeles City College (where she retired)

- She started a daycare center in her home, while her 4 children were young.
- Lately she enjoys her children and 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.
- She enjoys watching politics on the news daily. She can talk politics with the best of them. She is one of the oldest Lakers fans in Los Angeles and enjoys meeting and talking to any and everyone. "She meets no strangers"
- She is proud of all her family and that she was able to live to see the first African American President and African American female Vice President.
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Faith Leaders Learn to Build Communities of Wealth

USC Cecil Murray Center sponsors session for clergy and lay to outline steps to teach congregations to be financially secure

By CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT
Religion Editor

Faith leaders can play a decisive role in helping African Americans and other minorities become financially secure and the USC Cecil Murray Center for Community Engagement is preparing clergy and lay to achieve that goal.

Through online interactive sessions, the Murray Center outlines the steps that pastors and faith-based influencers can take to educate their members. The series kicked-off on November 3 with a webinar entitled, "Building Back Wealth in Communities of Color" and scores of people tuned in for the class.

The Rev. Dr. D. Najuma Smith-Pollard, CMCCE program manager and pastor of Word of Encouragement Community Church in L.A., moderated the 90-minute event, which was co-sponsored by CIT-One West Bank.

The program also included the Rev. Frank Jackson, CEO of The Group of Village Companies in Irvine and a corporate financial executive with 20-years of experience; and the Rev. Donald Cook II, pastor of Harvest Tabernacle Bible Church in L.A. who holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in business and management.

As part of CMCCE's ongoing effort to equip faith leaders to transform underserved areas, Smith-Pollard explained that the session would focus on "elevating your commu-



Rev. Frank Jackson



Rev. Dr. D. Najuma Smith-Pollard



Rev. Donald Cook II

nity" through strategies on economic recovery and wealth building. The panelists also shared practical actions that could yield significant results for churches and organizations.

"Last year, the Murray Center hosted sessions around how to financially maintain [ministries] during the pandemic. Now, we want to begin to talk about building back wealth and how the faith community can take lead in teaching communities of color how to prepare for the future," she said in her introductory remarks.

"We also want to encourage you to think critically how this information can be shared with your congregation or the people you serve," added Smith-Pollard, acknowledging that nonprofit and faith-based groups could impart the strategies to their constituents as well.

"Remember, your people are your number one asset. When they are strong, the church or organization

is strong," she insisted. Following her comments, the Rev. Dr. Cecil L. "Chip" Murray delivered a brief welcome address.

Next, Jackson opened the first section of the program by discussing the state of wealth across demographic groups and the definition of wealth as perceived by different age groups and ethnicities. Emphasizing that his goal was to persuade people to be responsible stewards, he then proceeded to cite the facts and principles that assist with wealth building.

"The difference between your assets minus your liabilities equals wealth. You may want to create a survey to find out how your congregation or the people you serve and work with see wealth," said Jackson, who is also an associate minister at New Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church in Inglewood.

Noting that generational wealth often evolves from inherited property

such as houses or land, he said that minority groups fall often behind since they have a lower number of homeowners and less income, which leads to the disparity.

"According to the 2020 U.S. Census, the poverty rate is 23-to-25% in the Black and Hispanic/Latino communities and 9% in the White community. Highlighting this issue of concern within your congregations and then pulling resources from within your congregation [can] help you establish your wealth building ministry," he said.

Education also aids in building wealth, said Jackson, who cited that a four-year college graduate makes about \$30,000 more than a high school graduate in entry-level positions. Also, he recommended increasing finances by reducing credit card debt because "the more debt a person has, the less opportunity."

Another fact he brought up was that the nation's 48 million Black Ameri-

cans have \$1.3 trillion in spending power, yet Jackson still urged, "We want our congregations or those that we're servicing to be better stewards over their resources."

Cook stressed the importance of generating income to build wealth. The added funds may be the result of employment salary, financial investments or other business activities. He also explained the distinction between bad debt and good debt.

"Bad debt is that which does not increase wealth and or is used to purchase goods and services that have no lasting value.

"Good debt is that which increases your network or helps you generate a value that allows you to manage your finances more effectively, to leverage your wealth to buy things you need and to handle unforeseen emergencies," expressed Cook.

He went on to urge attendees to consider their debt to income ratio, which

will aid in securing credit worthiness. Two other acts he recommended was saving half of your income and maintaining a credit score between 742-to-799.

"Lenders determine insurance rates and set premiums for auto and home loans depending on your credit score," he said. "There are even landlords out there [who] want to know where is your job, what position you have, how much you make and what's your credit score because they want to make sure that you can afford the rent or price."

Cook advised the audience to visit creditkarma.com or freecreditreport.com to obtain credit scores. He also listed some of the pathways to wealth and named entrepreneurship or starting your own business as the first way to add income.

"The scripture says your gift will make room for you. Find out from your congregation what gifts they may have, then show them how to go into this entrepreneurial opportunity, how to properly set it up, how to get the business licenses, etc.," Cook said, adding that investments and real estate are also optional ways to increase wealth.

The session and other resources are available at crcc.usc.edu/events-and-training/murraycenter/. "Building Back Wealth in Communities of Color" will be presented online again on Friday, December 3, at 10 a.m.

Biddy Mason Charitable Foundation Supports Foster Youth

By CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT
Religion Editor

Supporting foster children guides the mission of the Biddy Mason Charitable Foundation. The nonprofit, founded in 2013, develops a range of programs, services and initiatives to ensure the success of young people in the L.A. County system.

Mainly comprised of First AME Church of Los Angeles congregants, the organization's volunteer team also includes members of other denominations as well. Binding them together is a deep love and concern for the well-being of foster children.

"Los Angeles County is home to the largest foster care population in the nation. We felt we were losing too many talented young people to the dreadful statistics of foster care, so we wanted to find ways to support these young people," said Executive Director Jackie Braxton, who shared some of those "dreadful statistics."

Some of the most glaring



These foster youth received scholarships from the Biddy Mason Charitable Foundation.

ing numbers are 50% of foster youth never complete high school, 15% enroll in college but only 3% graduate, and 25% suffer from PTSD – post traumatic stress disease – and experience high rates of depression and extremely low self-esteem.

The Foundation strives to counter those figures by offering access to higher education and providing mentoring support. Braxton said, "We began a scholarship program in

2018 that has exceeded over \$200,000 in scholarship awards to current and former foster youth. The scholarships are for academic as well as vocational training."

The organization aims to establish a legal clinic tailored to handle issues faced by foster youth and once the COVID-19 pandemic subsides, they will resume hosting outings and events for the children. Also, the Foundation is working to open a one-stop,

walk-in center that caters to the physical, mental, emotional, and social needs of current, former and emancipated foster youth.

Although the number of foster children is large, the Foundation has chalked up some success stories in aiding youth, noted Braxton. "Recently, one of our scholarship recipients who was a senior at Cal State was faced with a car problem. She needed transportation to take her young son to school and then drive a dis-

tribute to Cal State.

"We were able to work with the Department of Children and Family Services to identify funding to repair her car and ensure her on-time graduation. This is a clear example of our ability to collaborate with an agency to provide support," she recalled.

In another instance, the Foundation assisted a young lady attending college out-of-state, said Braxton.

"She was experiencing challenges in getting housing and meeting her expenses. We were able to work with the university to resolve her housing issues and provide gift cards to meet her other needs."

The Foundation operates in a similar manner as its namesake, Bridget "Biddy" Mason. A former slave, Mason was a nurse, philanthropist and real estate entrepreneur. She accumulated close to \$300,000 (the equivalent of \$9 million today) that she shared with charities and the poor.

Mason also opened a traveler's center, operated



Bridget "Biddy" Mason

an elementary school for Black children and was one of the first African Americans to purchase land in the city. In 1872, she donated the land to establish FAME, the oldest church in L.A. founded by Blacks. Biddy Mason Park, located at 3rd and Spring Streets, features an artistic illustration of her life.

The Biddy Mason Charitable Foundation welcomes volunteers and contributions. As Braxton vowed, "We're going the distance to make a difference for foster youth."

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•DR. MAULANA KARENGA•

‘Rethinking Reparations: A Collective Solution, Not Separate Settlements’

Even though it no longer appears as a major item of interest on the nightly news, the issue and pursuit of reparations remains a critical and urgent concern for African peoples throughout the world African community. For reparations is an ethical and social issue of justice for a people, accountability from the oppressor, and an essential part of our unfinished fight for freedom. Thus, we are compelled to re-think carefully and continuously how we conceive and approach this critical issue and struggle.

The reparations struggle and, thus our people, are at a critical juncture of decision-making and moving forward. It is always at such critical junctures in a people's history, especially at the unfolding moment of expanding victory, that a people and its liberation movement must make a decisive choice. They must decide to firmly and fearlessly forge ahead with their original goals or seek instead lesser and more attainable goals within the established order of things.

And it is at this time of both impending victory and heightened vulnerability, that the established order comes bearing strategically offered gifts of monies, artificial honor, symbolic inclusion and place and well-worded confessions of wrong done and guilt felt. But these confessions are crafted to benefit those in power, to frame and define the issues and discourse, to divert attention away from the major crimes and the more demanding requirements of reparations and to foment fracture and fragmentation and encourage separate settlements. Thus, we have almost everyone but the federal government offering monies and means,

not only to repair the still debated injury, but also to reconcile with white folks, an open-end process which throughout history asks more from us, the injured, than from the injurers.

In such a system salvaging arrangement, we lack a united front and unified approach and agenda, common demands, and we find ourselves making separate settlements with cities, states churches, synagogues, universities, corporations, foundations and goodwill liberal ambassadors who thrive on reconciliation and Black declarations of forgiveness and love. This separate settlement process and practice, on one hand, is understandable, given the economic urgencies, and the current absence of a structure for the united front approach advocated here. But with a more critical look, we can see that this piece-meal approach is inadequate, deceptive and more symbolic than substantive. For the monies are mere small millions, not the trillions estimated due, and they go to groups, not to the masses of our people who need it most. And also important, the masses of our people are not participating, as they should, in the critical decisions about definitions, what's due and modes of delivery.

There is in this struggle for reparations a need, as Haji Malcolm taught us, to place this in historical context. For all real thinking requires remembering. It is here we see the larger picture, the larger struggle, the struggle not only for compensation for injuries done and continuing, but also for racial justice in a larger sense and to finish the unfinished fight for freedom. The struggle for reparations is raised and pursued soon



DR. MAULANA KARENGA

after the Holocaust of enslavement by Nana Callie House and her co-worker and co-combatant, Nana Isaiah Dickerson, with the founding of the Ex-Slave Mutual Relief, Bounty & Pension Association (1898). For it was and remains a burning issue of needed justice and an unfinished freedom for our people.

Thus, from its inception, reparations has been an emancipatory, a liberational project, not only a compensatory one. In other words, it is a larger project than one of money and wealth, although money and wealth are indispensable elements of it. Again, it is about justice and finishing the liberation project of our people, achieving a freedom that is real in every realm, including economics. And this is why it must not be separated from our larger struggle to free ourselves and be ourselves without penalty, prohibitions, or any form of oppression.

Reparations re-emerged as a central focus for several reasons. First, it was because of the long term and consistent organizing work and political education of the community, organizations and persons committed to it, especially the Black nationalist or-

ganizations. Among these are: the Nation of Islam-Messenger Muhammad and Haji Min. Malcolm X; N'COBRA - Dr. Imari Obadele and Queen Mother Dorothy Lewis; and the Reparations Committee For United Slaves Descendants founded and led by the Venerable Queen Mother Audrey Moore.

Of course, in the 60s, reparations discourse and initiatives were widespread and our organization Us participated in these initiatives. At a symposium on "Black Studies in the University" at Yale University, 1967, I had put forth three things that White people who wanted to contribute to the struggle against systemic racism could do: non-intervention—ending interference and oppression in the Black community, considered an internal colony, and conceding its self-determination; foreign aid - financial and technical aid and a civilizing committee to deal with the racist savagery believed and practiced by their fellow community and family members.

Certainly, we cannot forget or underestimate the groundwork laid by the Hon. John Conyers whose reparations bill, HR 40, put reparations on the congressional agenda since 1987 and was finally moved out of committee by Sheila Jackson Lee in 2019. Also, Atty. Randall Robinson, longtime leader of TransAfrica, offered a groundbreaking conversation on reparations in his work *The Debt: What America Owes To Blacks*. It served as a key work by a professional introducing this topic on a wide scale to the middle

class of which he is a member.

Also, building on work and discourse already in place and in motion, the reparations discussion and movement is further expanded by the entry of a larger number and key members of the middle class - academics, writers, lawyers, legislators and influencers. The signature conversation for the entry of a larger number of the middle class is an article on reparations by the writer, Ta-Nehesi Coates, in the Atlantic, titled "The Case for Reparations." Also, important here are Atty. Charles Ogletree and economist, Dr. William Darity and others. But it is important to realize, that the rise in this reparations discourse is rooted in the development and sustaining work and struggle before it.

Finally, the discourse and activities are expanded, building on the original base, by the rising tide of anti-racist struggles, marked especially by the Ferguson Revolt and increased initiatives against police violence; the rise of Black Lives Matter during and after this; and the public murder of George Floyd and the combined and related murders of Breonna Taylor, Ahmad Arbery, Eric Garner, Amadou Diallo and numerous others and increased resistance.

As a new and expanded round of reparations discussions and discourse take place, it is vital for us to maintain control of how we define and pursue this world historical project. Indeed, it is important to look back, remember and reflect and continuously rethink our ideas and efforts and the manipulative and suppress-

sive moves of the system which acts at all costs to salvage and save itself and to get us to join in saving the abstract "soul" of America at the expense of the people of America, especially the most vulnerable and oppressed.

Reparations, in its most essential meaning, is an ethical act, repairing an injury, making right a wrong and ultimately doing justice to the injured and the world. For in our world-encompassing concept of reparation, we are to practice in our lives, work and struggle *serudj ta*, the ancient African Maatian ethical imperative to heal, repair, renew and remake ourselves in the process and practice of repairing, renewing and remaking the world. This means maintaining the emancipatory and liberational foundation and focus of the reparations struggle, linking it to our overall struggle to free ourselves and be ourselves, and to ensure ongoing African and human good and the well-being of the world.

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•JESSE JACKSON•

Our criminal justice system needs dramatic reform

Three current cases illustrate the need: Jelani Day in Peru, Illinois; Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisconsin; and Ahmaud Arbery in Brunswick, Georgia.

In the civil rights movement we were constantly reminded to keep our eyes on the prize. What's the prize? Equality of opportunity and results, which requires equity in every facet of our lives — education, housing, home ownership, job training, employment, political access and especially in the criminal justice system.

Our criminal justice system needs dramatic reform. Blacks make up more than 40% of the prison population, but only 13% of the nation's population. The geographic numerator changes — north or south — but the denominator remains the same — an unjust criminal justice system nationwide. Three current incidents illustrate: Jelani Day in Peru, Illinois; Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wisconsin; and Ahmaud Arbery in Brunswick, Georgia.

Jelani Day, a 25-year-old Black medical student at Illinois State University, was a "bright light" in his family; he and his sister were competing to become doctors. He disappeared on Aug. 24. The family and a professor reported him missing on Aug. 25. His car was found two days later in a wooded area near where his body was later discovered in Peru, Illinois, miles from where he was last seen.

LaSalle County law enforcement officials discovered his body on Sept. 4 "floating near the south bank of the Illinois River approximately a quarter-of-a-mile east of the Illinois Route 251 Bridge."



The parents continue to be critical of the investigation because little focus was initially put on his disappearance. It occurred in the context of the vanished and subsequent death of Gabby Petito, which was receiving national coverage.

There are inconsistencies, a high degree of incompetence and a lack of collaboration between various law enforcement agencies surrounding the case. There is still no closure

about what happened to Jelani Day.

Rusten Sheskey, accompanied by two other white police officers responding to a domestic complaint by the fiancée of Jacob Blake — a Black man — shot Blake seven times in the back, with his children

obey the officers, so they opened his car door and reached inside. Blake was left partially paralyzed by the incident. Racial violence followed in Kenosha. Officer Sheskey was not charged with a crime.

As disturbances continued, a white 17-year-old



Ahmaud Arbery's mother, Wanda Cooper, reacts next to her attorney, Lee Merritt, at the Gwynn County Superior Court, in Brunswick, Ga., during the trial of William "Roddie" Bryan, Travis McMichael and Gregory McMichael, who are charged with the February 2020 death of 25-year-old Arbery. OCTAVIO JONES/POOL PHOTO VIA AP

looking on in the back seat. Blake, they say, refused to

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•TONY WAFFORD•

Fade Out HIV: New Program Helps Barbers and Health Care Providers Tackle HIV in the Black Community

DKBmed, LLC a medical education company; HIV expert William D. King, MD; Tony Wafford of I Choose Life Foundation; and Tyrik Jackson, an award-winning barber, teacher, and social media influencer are coming together to fight HIV in the Los Angeles Black community with Fade Out HIV: Barber and Clinician Outreach.

Launching at BarberCon LA, Fade Out HIV will be featured at this day-long convention designed for barbers from Los Angeles and beyond to network and learn more about their trade. BarberCon is a leading resource of information for barbers, particularly those who work in communities of color. The event will take place on November 14, 2021, at City Market Social House in Los Angeles, CA.

Tyrik Jackson, whose father died from AIDS, understands the importance of HIV education. “We’re coming together from all

over the country to build a comprehensive educational program that encourages barbers to talk to their clients in the Black community about the urgent need for HIV testing, prevention, treatment, and care,” said Jackson.

Black/African Americans account for 13% of the US population yet they also account for 42% of new HIV diagnoses in the United States. Forty years into the HIV pandemic, Black/African American men are eight times more likely to have HIV than White men, and Black/African American women are seven times more likely to acquire HIV than White women. Black/African American men are also less likely to know their HIV status, putting their own health at risk and potentially transmitting HIV to others.

Fade Out HIV aims to address these disparities by educating Los Angeles County and other barbers attending BarberCon LA, who have a high percentage



TONY WAFFORD of Black patrons. BarberCon has always been an essential staple in the Black community; the Black barbershop is a safe space where the barber serves as not only a stylist, but also as a counselor. The long and trusted relationships between barbers and their clients makes barbers ideal partners for education and linking their clients to HIV testing and care.

“Giving African-American men the opportunity to address sensitive health issues with community members they trust - such as their barbers - is vitally important and when linked

with trusted physicians, has been shown to improve health care outcomes.” said William D. King, MD, Founder of the W. King Health Care Group and an expert advisor and faculty member for Fade Out HIV. “There is well-documented mistrust of medical professionals in the Black community, so clinician education alone is insufficient to address this issue,” stated Oni Blackstock, MD, founder of Health Justice and a faculty member for Fade Out HIV.

Barbers attending BarberCon will take part in several educational initiatives featured at a special VIP session, a main stage presentation, and a specially designed booth. The education will focus on HIV in the Black population and will cover topics including racial disparities of HIV and the importance of HIV testing, HIV prevention, and treatment. The education will also cover how barbers can discuss the sensitive subject of HIV with

their clients. Following the BarberCon program, we will fan out in the community to provide individual education to local barbers along with patient education materials.

“We see BarberCon LA as a unique opportunity to launch Fade Out HIV in the Black community. This is not just an episodic moment but an opportunity to create a major movement in the Black community to end the spread of HIV once and for all,” said Tony Wafford of I Choose Life Foundation

DKBmed has also created an educational program for clinicians in Los Angeles who work in the Black community and for others across the country. This educational webcast will launch in December 2021 and address issues including testing for HIV, using pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to prevent HIV, and initiating treatment for people with HIV. “We will place a special emphasis on educating Los Angeles area

clinicians in order to provide a referral network for barbers,” said Dean Beals, President and CEO of DKBmed. After completing the clinician education, Los Angeles area clinicians will be encouraged to join a referral network so that clients referred by barbers can find an educated and qualified clinician for testing, prevention, and/or treatment and care.

Barbers who attend the educational programs at Barbercon will be provided with a list of these clinicians so that they can more effectively connect their clients to clinicians who are prepared to discuss and address their specific health needs.

To incentivize the client to visit the clinician, clients who see their health care provider will be rewarded with a coupon for a future haircut.

More information for barbers can be found at Barbers.DKBmed.com.

•KENNETH MILLER•

Would You Pressure Your Kid’s Coach to Apologize for Winning by 106-0?

Coaches push the athletes they train to put their all into mastering the mental and physical aspects of their sport, preparing them to edge out competitors and perform at the height of their abilities.

But there are real-life situations, it seems, when attaining excellence proves to be too much – or maybe just not good enough.

This seems to have been the case Oct. 29 when an impressive shutout victory for Inglewood High School in Los Angeles County ended up turning into a bitter crosstown game of guilt, blame and grievances. That day, Inglewood High football coach and former Cleveland Browns defensive back Mil’Von James led his team to a 106-0 victory over rivals Morningside high.

Since that shellacking, education authorities have blasted James and Inglewood High for being too focused on winning that they failed to exhibit a spirit of

compassion and sportsmanship.

The California Interscholastic Federation -Southern Section (CIFSS), the governing body of high school athletics in the state, released a scathing statement regarding the wide margin of the game’s final score.

“The CIF Southern Section expects that all athletic contests are to be conducted under the strictest code of good sportsmanship. “We expect coaches, players, officials, administrators and students to adhere to the Six Pillars of Character – Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship,” CIF-SS fired off in a statement.

“A score of 106-0 does not represent these ideals,” the statement continued. “The CIF-SS condemns, in the strongest terms, results such as these. It is our expectation that the Inglewood administration will work towards putting in

place an action plan so that an event such as this does not repeat itself.”

James, 38, said it was not his intention to degrade or demoralize the Morningside High team.

“I apologized for the way things turned out,” James said even though, during the game, he benched his defensive starters after the second quarter and most of his other frontline players in the second half.

But Inglewood continued to run up the score on its hapless opponent.

Anyone who knows James personally would know – and can attest to the fact -- that his intent was never to bring shame to the game that he loves.

Coaches like James who have played college and pro-football understand the fierce competitiveness it requires for young people to succeed when pursuing careers as professional athletes. They train their students to be warriors, to dominate their opponents.

Varsity sports is the highest level of competition in high school. Today, the advancement of training techniques and year-round coaching and development increases the likelihood that schools with the resources will outperform schools with sports programs that are underfunded or under-supported.

Since he became coach at Inglewood High three seasons ago, James has taken the team from a losing streak to being nearly undefeated. During that time, the team has moved from CIF-SS Division 13 to Division 2.

Inglewood student athletes have advantages in coaching and preparation that Morningside and many other schools do not.

James was a star on the football squad at Fremont High School in Los Angeles where he graduated in 2003. In college, he first played for the UNLV Rebels where he led the nation in passes; before transferring to UCLA and playing

for the Bruins from 2003-2005.

After brief stints in the NFL and the Canadian Football League on the roster for the Cleveland Browns and the Vancouver Lions respectively, James began coaching high school football.

He is the founder and director of one of most successful 7 on 7 leagues in the nation, responsible for scores of future and current high school, collegiate and professional players.

Chances are, if you have observed any top football program in California, you have witnessed his impact on young players, their development and their unmatched leadership skills – on the field and off it.

The Inglewood Unified School District also blasted James and Inglewood High.

“Regarding Inglewood H.S. vs. Morningside H.S. Friday night 10/29 game, we at the Inglewood Unified School District (IUSD) are saddened beyond words

by the events that transpired at the football game Friday between Inglewood and Morningside high schools,” the IUSD stamen read. “We will conduct a full investigation and take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that a similar outcome never happens again under an IUSD athletic program.”

High school sports, in many schools, is a training ground for college and pro athletes. Schools that have better resources will always have an edge.

It is unfortunate that this incident has placed a dark cloud over a high school sports program. Inglewood High’s football program should be celebrated for its league championship and undefeated record in a school district that is still in state receivership.

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•LOUIS WILSON•

Different Summit, Same Story for the Polluters, Politicians, Privileged and Poor at Global Climate Mtg

Global negotiations kicked off this week in Glasgow, Scotland in what John Kerry, President Biden’s climate envoy, described as our ‘last best chance’ to avoid environmental disaster. These talks matter to California – so much so that a delegation of elected and government officials led by Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis made the 5,000-mile trip.

The goal is simple: agree to a plan to reduce the emissions that cause dangerous heating. To do that, governments need to end our reliance on fossil fuels, and support less-wealthy nations and communities in their decarbonization process.

We’ve been here 25 times before. The 26th UN Climate Change Conference COP26 is a gathering of over 100 nations in search of a solution to the climate crisis. Sadly, since

the first meeting in Berlin in 1995, global emissions have increased. By almost every measure, the climate crisis is getting worse. That’s visible to Californians in the record wildfires, drought, and extreme weather that has intensified in the past two years.

The science is clear – something needs to change right now, otherwise the climate will change it for us. The current business-as-usual trajectory is set to make the world somewhere between 4.5 degrees F to 5.4 degrees F hotter than it was before we started burning fossil fuels. That would mean more droughts, fire, hurricanes, famines, climate refugees, and the list goes on.

So far, Glasgow has heard a lot of talk. President Biden and other world leaders touted two ‘major’ agreements earlier this week. One commits to ending

deforestation by 2030, and the other to cut planet-heating methane emissions by 30%. But these aren’t binding. They are promises, an invitation to take leaders at their word. Many of these leaders promised to halve deforestation by 2020 back at a New York summit in 2014, a promise that was quietly broken.

Despite the looming catastrophe, a tour of the COP26 premises makes it very clear that at these talks, nothing has changed. The same old faces are here – the politicians, the polluters, the big companies, and people representing privileged and largely White interests.

Companies sponsoring the talks for a seat at the centre of the action include one of the world’s largest plastic polluters (Unilever), a bank (NatWest) that has financed billions of dollars’ worth of fossil fuel projects

since 2015, and a consumer goods company (Reckitt) whose suppliers included, until very recently, companies tearing down one of the world’s last remaining tropical rainforests in Papua New Guinea.

One of these sponsors, SSE, is currently building a new fossil gas plant, even while hosting a friendly stall touting unproven future technologies that might eventually help reduce emissions. Reckitt, meanwhile, are organizing an official side-event titled ‘Changing Consumer Behaviour’, which appears aimed at deflecting responsibility onto individuals. Presumably, the main recommendation will be to steer clear of their products until they can remove deforestation from their supply chain.

While companies that have had a hand in causing the crisis are overrep-

resented, notably under-represented are Indigenous and BIPOC communities, or representatives from the worst affected countries. It is, as many have called it, the richest, Whitest COP ever.

That’s a problem ethically, but it’s also a big problem because clearly, business as usual hasn’t worked. If we want to prevent the worst of what is to come, we need to focus on the interests of people on the frontlines: those who lost their homes in wildfires this year, or who were forced off their land by agribusinesses, or whose air is being polluted by mining projects. We can no longer prioritize the narrow interests of a very noisy but destructive business community.

This matters for California – the state which has long been a leader in the U.S. on climate action

but is suffering the most immediate impacts of the climate crisis right now. If Californians want this state to be liveable for future generations, we need to see through ambitious

action at home – but we also need these global negotiations to be a success.

Right now, we’re on track for more warm words, more bold, unmet promises, and more degrees of global heating. Unless this COP and all future climate summits put the worst affected, most vulnerable communities first, we will continue on this disastrous path which will see California and many other parts of the globe become inhospitable for our descendants within generations.

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Forgiving for Living



Do You Have the Bug to Travel?

Being couped up inside for the past couple of years many of us have been experiencing cabin fever and we cannot wait to get out. With the holidays knocking at our door, traveling is something that many of us are contemplating. For some traveling may be packing up the family car, or taking a quick plane or train trip, but then for oth-

ers it is considering international travel. If you are one of these people and you have the bug to travel, then make sure you know what to do so you do not catch a "bug" of some kind. It is still important for us to be careful and safe.

We are still living in uncertain times and some authorities feel like we should delay traveling,

if possible, but if you are going to travel there are safety measures and precautions we should follow. We already know the obvious such as be aware of the status of the virus wherever you are traveling, wear a mask, wash your hands frequently, use sanitary wipes, and avoid crowds whenever possible. Get vaccinated and if you

refuse to get vaccinated, then get tested for COVID-19 regularly and often. If you do test positive, then abort your plans. When we do not follow protocol, we can jeopardize the life and safety of not only ourselves, but also those we love. We cannot be selfish where we do not consider others.

There are a few other things we should consider when we are traveling to help us be safe in other ways other than just our health. As you travel know your surroundings, try not to look like a tourist, it can make you a mark for robbery or something even worse. Make sure all your paperwork is in order and make copies of your important documents such as your passport, license, etcetera and put in a safe space. Make sure someone in your family knows about your travels (but you do not have to tell the world) so they can keep an

eye out for you and your home. Oh, and by the way, check-in with them to let them know you are okay. Safeguard your belongings and be careful of your critical information when using public Wi-Fi's. Bottom line, use good judgment.

You may think okay I had a great trip and now I am back home safe and sound. But if you have been around a lot of people and in not familiar territory it is best to be cautious. If you feel sick in any way, get tested as soon as you return home, even if you are vaccinated. It might be a good idea to get tested even if you do not feel anything because we can become infected and be carriers and not even know it. You might say, Wendy I am vaccinated, and I do not feel anything is wrong and I do not think I have to get tested, well I say, at least self-quarantine for a full seven days after you return from your travels.

I understand the desire to get out and have some fun. Remember, I am the one who has spent much of her life involved with events and traveling. However, we must understand we are in a new day and as we try to resume some of the things, we used to do, we may have to make a few minor adjustments. There is a way we can resume regular activities by practicing a little caution. So if you have the bug to get out and about, just follow a few simple suggestions so you do not bring back a bug that was not welcome.

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'A Sword Shall Pierce The Earth' Part 1

'Magi Follow The Messiah's Star' Part 2

Priests, elders, scribes, Pharisees and other elitist religious ones and magicians, sorcerers, star-gazers had been looking expectantly for the coming of the Messiah. God's chosen people might be placed at the top of the list as the eager ones looking, praying and waiting, having studied the oracles entrusted to them (The Book of Moses: Genesis, Exodus,

Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy) which predict, along with other Bible texts the coming Messiah. They couldn't pinpoint His time of arrival. Furthermore, they were looking for a political/military leader to free them from oppression of the Romans. And just like God Almighty who knows the end from the beginning had already been operating over time in

the background and begun to fulfill His unalterable word. God had already pronounced through Simeon and Anna [a widow for 84 years] was there too (she comes in that instant) having served in the temple for decades praying and fasting night and day. This "sword" [Luke 2:35] which would pierce the soul of Mary (mother of Christ Jesus), is a long, broad sword

[romphaia] associated with great injury and pain. When the time comes, the Magi search for the location of Jesus: here He was born and where they could find Him. These Magi were critical, diligent watchers and researchers of "the stars." They were "scholars studying astrology and other technical subjects, like medicine, math and sciences. There seemed to be about during that time an alignment of Jupiter and Saturn in the constellation of Pices around 6 B.C. This usually happens only once every eight hundred years (May, October and December) near the time of Jesus' birth." Point here is the difficulty and precision the Magi had been watching and looking for "The Messiah!" So around 4 B.C., we have sufficient history to investigate what happened around that time in pronouncing the reality that "The Messiah has come." The Magi (wise men) play a pivotal role in researching His coming. The Magi were determined to know when and where was this King of the Jews born, when did His birth take place and where was

He then at that time. They decided to go where they could receive more guidance. They went to Jerusalem. They asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw His star in the east (they had been in the east) and we have come to worship Him"[Matthew 2:7-8] Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time "the star" had appeared. Mentally distraught Herod had a secret plan to find out where the king of the Jews was and to destroy Him. He was mentally and physically sick. No wonder he had a bad reputation because he was very sick, consumed with fear. He had killed his own sons and mother-in-law thinking they would take over his position. He was insanely jealous and near his deathbed. Being suspect that this infant king would replace him, he thought to kill the infants who were around 2 years old! Clearly, he was a madman! Almighty God was prepared to debunk Herod's evil plan to destroy the "Messiah." Of course, by kill-

ing all those babies, this assault was only one of many assaults led by "the adversary, the evil one" to destroy God's plans for His people. Almighty God had much more work to do. For example, He lives up to His prophesied word that the Gentiles must also come into His kingdom and, of course, His ultimate plan is LOVE and to bring all His precious people into His heavenly abode. Thanks for reading! Jeanette Grattan Parker is Founder-Superintendent Today's Fresh Start Charter School 4514 Crenshaw Boulevard, LA 90043 323-293-9826 www.todaysfreshstart.org (Ask Dr. Jeanette TM) Inquiring Minds Want To Know-All articles are copyright. All rights reserved © Askdrjeanetteparker.successtheway@gmail.com www.todaysfreshstart.org 323-293-9826. 4514 Crenshaw BL, LA 90043 reference: Reference: Bible: Matthew chapter 2 [The Chronological Life of Christ Vol.1 Mark Moore] (Hopefully, I have not made errors. Tell me if you think I did.)

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 21STCP03500
Superior Court of California,
County of Los Angeles

Petitioner of: Debra Jinx Fisher
for Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS:

Petitioner Debra Jinx Fisher
filed a petition with this court
for a decree changing names
as follows:

Debra Jinx Fisher to Debra
Jinx Barrett

The Court orders that all
persons interested in this
matter appear before this
court at the hearing indicated
below to show cause, if any,
why the petition for change
of name should not be granted.

Any person objecting to the
name changes described
above must file a written
objection that includes the
reasons for the objection
at least two court days before
the matter is scheduled to
be heard and must appear
at the hearing to show cause
why the petition should not
be granted. If no written
objection is timely filed, the
court may grant the petition
without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing:
Date: 11/29/2021, Time: 9:30
AM, Dept.: 26, Room: 316

The address of the court is
111 North Hill Street, Los
Angeles, CA 90012

A copy of this Order to Show
Cause shall be published at
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date set for hearing on the
petition in the following
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Judge of the Superior Court
11/4, 11/11, 11/18, 11/25/21
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. 21BBCP00419
Superior Court of California,
County of Los Angeles

Petitioner of: Isis Jacqueline
Martinez for Change of Name

TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS:

Petitioner Isis Jacqueline
Martinez filed a petition with
this court for a decree
changing names as follows:

Isis Jacqueline Martinez to
Jacqueline Iris Martinez

The Court orders that all
persons interested in this
matter appear before this
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why the petition for change
of name should not be granted.

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without a hearing.

Notice of Hearing:
Date: December 3, 2021,
Time: 8:30 am, Dept.: NCB-13
The address of the court is
Burbank Courthouse, 300
East Olive Avenue, Burbank,
CA 91502

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Darrell Mavis

Judge of the Superior Court
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SUMMONS
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CASE NUMBER (Número del
Caso):

56-2020-00539322-CU-BC-
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(AVISO AL DEMANDADO):

ELDON GRUMBO, an
individual; SPECIALTY
TRUCKS, INC. dba REUSE
TRUCKS, INC.; and DEFUSE 1

through 10, inclusive,
YOU ARE BEING SUED
BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ
DEMANDANDO): DAVID M
KAREN dba DK LAW GROUP

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form if you want the court
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FLORENCE AVE, LOS
ANGELES, CA 90043 County
of LOS ANGELES

Registered owner(s):
HIRAM SIMS, 1932 W.76TH
STREET, LOS ANGELES, CA
90047

This business is conducted by
an individual

The registrant(s) started doing
business on 07/2021.

I declare that all information
in this statement is true and
correct. (A registrant who
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matter pursuant to Section
17913 of the Business and
Professions code that the
registrant knows to be false
is guilty of a misdemeanor
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S/ HIRAM SIMS, OWNER

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2021233289

The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:
Golden Kush, 3707 W 3rd
St, Los Angeles, CA 90020
County of LOS ANGELES

Mailing Address: 1425 N
Cahuenga Blvd, Los Angeles,
CA 90028

Registered owner(s):
THIRD & KENMORE LLC,
1425 N Cahuenga Blvd, Los
Angeles, CA 90028; State of
Incorporation: CA

This business is conducted by
a limited liability company

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

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S/ JTE BUSINESS SERVICES,
6703 4TH AVE, LOS
ANGELES, CA 90043 County
of LOS ANGELES

Registered owner(s):
JOSEPH THEODORE
ESCOTT JR, Owner

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NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2021233289

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Golden Kush, 3707 W 3rd
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County of LOS ANGELES

Mailing Address: 1425 N
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CA 90028

Registered owner(s):
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The registrant(s) started doing
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S/ JOSEPH THEODORE
ESCOTT JR, Owner

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2021229932

The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:
JTE BUSINESS SERVICES,
6703 4TH AVE, LOS
ANGELES, CA 90043 County
of LOS ANGELES

Registered owner(s):
JOSEPH THEODORE
ESCOTT JR, Owner

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2021231353

The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:
Person First LA, 1909 W
81st Street, Los Angeles,
CA 90047 County of LOS
ANGELES

Mailing Address: P.O. Box
470812, Los Angeles, CA
90047

Registered owner(s):
Sleep Easy, LLC, 1909 W
81st Street, Los Angeles, CA
90047; State of Incorporation:
NV

This business is conducted by
a limited liability company

The registrant(s) started doing
business on 10/2021.

I declare that all information
in this statement is true and
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S/ Sleep Easy, LLC
S/ Kyra Sanchez, Managing
Member

This statement was filed
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2021219787

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

The registrant(s) started doing
business on 09/2021.

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S/ Albertoni St. #200, Carson,
CA 90746 County of LOS
ANGELES

Registered owner(s):
Calvin Brister, 37861 Old
Adobe CT, Palmdale, CA
93552

Damon Phillips, 1908 W Piru
St, Compton, CA 90222

This business is conducted by
Co-Partners

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CA 90746 County of LOS
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Registered owner(s):
Calvin Brister, 37861 Old
Adobe CT, Palmdale, CA
93552

Damon Phillips, 1908 W Piru
St, Compton, CA 90222

This business is conducted by
Co-Partners

The registrant(s) started doing
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2021233196

The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:
G.A.P. Services, 3515
Atlantic Ave., PMB 1039,
Long Beach, CA 90807,
County of Los Angeles;

Registered owner(s):
Tor-Ree Jones-Freeman,
2620 E. 129th St., Compton,
CA 90222

This business is conducted by
an individual

The registrant commenced
to transact business under
the fictitious business name
or names listed above on
10/2021

I declare that all information
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Professions code that the
registrant knows to be false
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(\$1,000).
S/ Tor-Ree Jones-Freeman,
Owner

This statement was filed
with the County Clerk of
Los Angeles County on
10/26/2021.

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Subdivision (a) of Section
17920, a Fictitious Name
Statement generally expires
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address of a registered owner.
A new Fictitious Business
Name Statement must be
filed before the expiration.
Effective January 1, 2014,
the Fictitious Business Name
Statement must be
accompanied by the Affidavit
of Identity form.

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT

File No.

Celebration of Life

Dr. James V. Brown, Local Community Leader Passes Away

BY CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT
Staff Writer

South Los Angeles and Inglewood lost a heralded advocate in the person of Dr. James Vernon Brown, who passed away on October 15. He was 74-years-old.

Highly regarded for his business acumen, James played a leading role in developing shopping centers in L.A.'s Crenshaw and Vermont-Slauson districts. He also donated his time and talents to uplifting the small business community in Inglewood.

The life of Dr. Brown will be celebrated on Saturday, November 27, at 11 a.m., at Academy Cathedral, located at 3141 W. Manchester Blvd. in Inglewood. COVID-19 protocols will be observed.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, James was born on

July 4, 1947, to James and Ossa Brown. Educated in the Columbus public school system, he earned a Bachelor's degree in sociology and Spanish literature from Ohio State University and both Master's and PhD in urban affairs and economics from the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Professionally, he excelled in all facets of banking and finance and applied his knowledge to help establish the Revolving Loan Program under Mayor Tom Bradley. He also worked as an accountant and tax preparer in Inglewood for more than 26 years.

James possessed strong faith in God and shared his gifts with several ministries. At Guidance Church of Religious Science, he served as a trustee and on the board of directors. He also enjoyed the worship at St. Paul Evangelical Lu-



Dr. James Vernon Brown COURTESY PHOTO

theran Church and First Lutheran Church of Venice. In 1992, he united with Academy Cathedral and faithfully attended services, contrib-

uted to church activities and cheerfully shared his tithes and offerings.

Also in 1992, James met the love of his life. Ac-

ording to family members, "James was driving down the street in December of that year when he saw this beautiful woman carrying packages. He noticed that she dropped a box, and asked if she needed help." Carol replied, "If you would like to."

James parked his car and they exchanged similar stories of helping people. Carol shared that her mother was ill in the hospital in Detroit at Christmas time. James immediately said, "Let's pray." Carol thought, "Wow! A man that knows how to pray," and she thanked God. These two beautiful vessels joined in holy matrimony in 1993.

Cherishing the memory of James are his beloved wife, Giselle Carol Raines-Brown; his sons, Dan Raines, Anthony Raines, Emanuel Tian Raines, Aaron Brown and Christopher

Brown; sister, Diane Elder of Columbus Ohio; grandchildren, Sierra Raines, Maniya Raines, Heaven Raines, Laylah Raines, Amir Raines, Kaitlyn Raines and Italy Raines.

His godchildren include Shronda Walker, Chantel Heath, Kaiya Farmer, Britney Lane, Letesha Miller, Shalita Williams, Tasha Jones, Cameron Washington, Nakiesha Grier, Falyn Kingi, Rickisha James, Charlotte Taylor, Ivory Bolton, Jamar Beasley, Kelvin Perry, Larry Johnson, DeMarcus Johnson, Lakeisha Johnson and Joshua Ford.

Condolences and donations may be submitted via Zelle at 310-256-6801 or mailed to P.O. Box 2424, Inglewood CA 90305. Flowers may be sent to Academy Cathedral, 3141 W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90305.

Black and Latina women less likely to take sick days for fear of retribution



In a new survey of 2,000 working Americans that took a close look at the perceptions and racial disparities surrounding taking sick time. While the COVID-19 pandemic has Americans taking their health more seriously than ever, half of respondents feel discouraged by their workplace to call

out to take care of themselves when feeling under the weather. This stress is felt even more so by Black and Latina women polled, who are 10% more likely than White women to say they avoid sick days for fear of being reprimanded.

Further, Black and Latina women polled re-

ported they're often likely to avoid taking time to rest and recover because of the financial strain. The results found Black women are 14% more likely and Latina women are 8% more likely than White women to say taking an unpaid sick day causes financial strain for her family.

Public Notices

registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ Damion Phillips, General Partner
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021219363
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. Monarch Estates, 2. Monarch Realty Group, 3. Monarch Real Estate Partners, 4. Monarch is Real Estate, 5. Monarch RE, 6. Monarch Mortgage, 6080 Center Drive 6th Floor 612, Los Angeles, CA 90045 County of LOS ANGELES Mailing Address: 5702 South Wilton Place, Los Angeles, CA 90062
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: LLC/AI No 4730548
Registered owner(s): Monarch Real Estate Services & Mortgage Loans Corp., 5702 S Wilton Place, Los Angeles, CA 90062; State of Incorporation: CA
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) started doing business on N/A.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ Kimberley Baker Guillemet, President
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CNS-3522868#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021213379
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
PURE QUEEN, 713 WEST ROSECRANS AVE, GARDENA, CA 90247 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s): ASHLEY RENEE JOHNSON, 713 WEST ROSECRANS AVE, GARDENA, CA 90247
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/ ASHLEY RENEE JOHNSON, Owner
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Original Filing 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11/21
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021213226
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. BREEZE THROUGH DESIGNS, 2. BT DESIGNS, 1811 S MANSFIELD AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90019 County of LOS ANGELES Mailing Address: 1811 S MANSFIELD AVE, Los Angeles, CA 90019 - 5451
Registered owner(s): NICOLE REYNOLDS, 1811 S MANSFIELD AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90019
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) started doing business on 03/2017.
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/ NICOLE REYNOLDS, Owner
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

GOVERNMENT

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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11/11/21
CNS-3526978#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) INVITATION FOR BID

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CNS-3526957# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY IFB NO. MS306-22 Crane Maintenance Services

The Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRRA) is seeking Bids for (Contract Title). Bid documents may be downloaded at SCRRRA's website at <http://www.metroinktrains.com/contracts>. Select Vendor Portal. Bids are due on December 3, 2021. For further information contact: Dorothea Cantero, Contract Administrator, at canterod@scrrra.net.
11/11/21
CNS-3525040#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (LACMTA) INVITATION FOR BID

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11/11/21
CNS-3522264#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

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: 12/06/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 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. Attorney for Petitioner WILLIE L. GRANT SBN 143299 LAW OFFICES OF WILLIE L. GRANT & ASSOCIATES 2701 E. CHAPMAN AVE. #110 FULLERTON CA 92831 11/11, 11/18, 11/25/21 CNS-3528473# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021225748
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Ransom & Baker Publishing House, 3894 Crenshaw Blvd 56543, Los Angeles, CA 90056 County of LOS ANGELES
Registered owner(s): Kimberley Baker Guillemet, 3894 Crenshaw Blvd 56543, Los Angeles, CA 90056
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/ Kimberley Baker Guillemet, Owner
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 2021218657
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
GARCOA LABORATORIES, 26135 MUREAU ROAD, CALABASAS, CA 91302 County of LOS ANGELES
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: LLC/AI No 1746394
Registered owner(s): GARCOA, INC., 26135 MUREAU ROAD, CALABASAS, CA 91302; State of Incorporation: OH
This business is conducted by a Corporation
The registrant(s) started doing business on 06/2011.
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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

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LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

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11/11/21
CNS-3525040#
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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: 12/06/21 at 8:30AM in Dept. 11 located at 111 N. HILL ST., LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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Houston Astroworld Tragedy: Rapper Travis Scott Devastated By 8 Deaths

By DR. VALERIE WARDLAW
Contributing Writer

Fans of the multiplatinum rapper, Travis Scott (born Jacques Berman Webster II), will immediately tell you that you must experience his live show. Scott who is also aptly called by many - the master conductor and crowned king of crowd surfers, stage divers, and chief encourager of the chaotic, is reportedly devastated by the deaths of eight people and injuries to hundreds of fans who attended the latest installment of his "Astroworld" music festival at NRG Park in Houston, TX.

to breathe, but you can't." Local authorities stated that during the performance, attendees struggled to breathe, collapsed, and got trampled as the crowd surged toward the front of the stage.

Houston Fire Chief Sam Peña said officials started receiving reports of injured people falling unconscious shortly after the crowd surge and victims were being transported as early as 9:38 p.m. "It seemed like it happened over the course of just a few minutes," said Peña. "Suddenly, we had several people down on the ground experiencing some type of cardiac arrest

event" with the victims ranging in ages from 14 to 27; John Hilgert (14yrs), Brianna Rodriguez (16yrs), Franco Patino (21yrs), Danish Baig (27yrs), Ja-

liner Scott also took to Instagram to express his emotions, "I've spent the last few days trying to wrap my mind around this devastating tragedy. My heart is broken

expressing good feelings is something that I plan on doing and spreading across the globe," Scott said. "We don't like people that just stand — whether you're

a 15-year-old girl. Scott pleaded guilty to reckless conduct and was put under court supervision for a year. In Arkansas, at another 2017 concert, Scott was again arrested where he was charged with inciting a riot for encouraging fans to rush the stage. He pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor for disorderly conduct.

In the summer of 2018, Scott released his third album, "Astroworld," that featured his first Billboard No. 1 single, "Sicko Mode," with the artist Drake. He would go on to receive eight Grammy nominations. Scott described the album as "One of the best albums of all times." He launched his Astroworld festival named for a defunct theme park near Houston that featured a roller coaster that shot out over the audience. Astroworld ran successfully for two years but did not take place in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Ever the masterful marketer, Scott, performed instead inside the video game Fortnite with 28 million viewers watching.

Houston officials are continuing to determine the cause of death for the victims and multiple narratives, including the crowd surge, people being trampled, and the injection of others with drugs are being investigated. Houston Police Chief Troy Finner has



Travis Scott

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Rapper Travis Scott posted on Instagram Stories His Feelings of Devastation about the Astroworld Festival Tragedy CREDIT: INSTAGRAM.COM/TRAVISSCOTT

On Friday, November 5, 45 minutes after performer, SZA, ended the final set on Astroworld's second stage, a massive countdown clock heralding the arrival of Scott, a native Houstonian appeared, and as the clock moved closer to zero, according to several concert goers, - the hype, the rush, the excitement, and the chaos began. "All of sudden, people compressed up against each other and were pushing forward and backward. As the timer got closer to coming down to zero, it just - it got worse and worse," according to ICU nurse and festival attendee, Madeline Eskins. Another concert goer, Niaara Goods, told the Associated Press that "as soon as he jumped out on the stage, it was like an energy took over and everything went haywire. All of a sudden, your ribs are being crushed. You have someone's arm in your neck. You're trying

or medical episodes. And so, we immediately started doing CPR and moving people." Scott reportedly stopped the concert a few times, first to acknowledge an ambulance in the crowd asking, "what is this?" He later expressed concern as a few concert goers seemed unwell.

"Last night was tragic on many different levels, and this is a very, very active investigation," Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner said. "And we'll probably be at it for quite some time to determine what exactly happened." Turner said the concert was officially stopped just after 10PM. According to city officials, eight people died, 300 people were treated at a field hospital onsite at Astroworld, 25 people were hospitalized, and as of Saturday afternoon, 13 concertgoers remained hospitalized. The festival is now being called a "mass casu-

cob Jurinek (20yrs), Axel Acosta (21yrs), Rodolfo Pena (23yrs), and Madison Dubiski (23yrs).

In a video statement on Instagram, Scott said he did

for the families and friends of those who lost their lives and for anyone who is suffering. I will continue to pray for all of them and will be of service in any way I

Black, White, Brown, green, purple, yellow, blue, we don't want you standing around."

In 2017, one concertgoer was partially paralyzed after Scott encouraged people to jump from a third-floor balcony and then had him hoisted onstage. It was commonplace to find footage of fans in wheelchairs, on stretchers, and crutches across social media platforms after attending an Astroworld event. Fans reveled in Scott's bold stunts - the more dangerous, the better, with one fan declaring "coming to Astroworld saved my life, we are family."



not realize the extent of the emergency. "I am absolutely devastated by what took place last night. My prayers go out to the families and all those impacted by what happened at Astroworld Festival. The Houston PD has my total support as they continue to look into the tragic loss of life. I could just never imagine the severity of the situation." Representatives for Scott said he would cover all funeral costs for those who died at Astroworld and all concert attendees who bought tickets would receive refunds. Scott has canceled his upcoming appearance on Saturday at the Day N Vegas festival.

The rapper, Drake, who performed alongside head-

can. May God be with you all."

A bona fide showman, Scott is no stranger to mayhem at his concerts; in fact, he envisions his concerts as experiences where no standing around is allowed. In the 2015 Netflix documentary, "Travis Scott: Look Mom I Can Fly," the rapper said, "I have been working on this since I was about six years old. I feel like at some points in life, you have to be extreme ... all matters to the extreme."

In a 2015 GQ interview, Scott discussed his childhood fantasy of becoming a professional wrestler and his desire to make his concerts "feel like it was the WWE." "Raging and, you know, having fun and



Houston police chief Troy Finner and Mayor Sylvester Turner speak at press conference following Travis Scott Astroworld Tragedy AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

At a Chicago Lollapalooza festival, the rapper's set was cut short after he told fans to rush the barricades, flip off security and chant, "We want rage," resulting in the injury of

asked that "officers are allowed to investigate before a rush to judgment." As of this writing, the FBI has joined what is now being called a criminal investigation.

Family Thanksgiving' Premieres on Select Streaming Services

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When the dysfunctional Walden family decides to get together for Thanksgiving for the first time in five years, one can only expect that mayhem, familial clashes and truths will emerge. "Family Thanksgiving," premiered exclusively on Roku followed by Amazon, VUDU and Hoopla is a classic comedic tale of love, self-realizations and family acceptance. It was written and directed by feature film newcomer, Jeanelle Warren. and distributed by Maverick Entertainment.

Says Warren, "I wanted to capture all the emotions of a Black family Thanksgiving gathering—the chaos and drama as well as the joy when they come together after five years. The Waldens are a reflection of my own experiences and stories within my family. It was on a family Thanks-



Jeanelle Warren

giving cruise when I began writing the script and the process was so authentic that the first draft was finished in two weeks. Because the story is based on my family, along with my family and members of the production staff being involved in its development, it only made sense to take helm of the production. It was challenging to assume the roles of both producer and director on set, but I

knew that I could do it and be proud of the finished product," he said.

The film follows the Walden clan as the new family matriarch, Great Aunt Edna, feels that it's finally time for the family to get together for the holidays after the death of her sister. Edna's niece and nephews, Delle, Brian, and Claudia, have been missing the family get-togethers, but the feeling is not the same without their mother. Claudia's

son, Elliott, is the oldest of her four children and has been experiencing financial hardships due to a gold-digging girlfriend. He sees salvation in the last-minute holiday invitation from his rich great-aunt as he believes she is dying. Ellie, the only girl of the four, makes her way back home with the best intentions and is on the verge of her big break into the entertainment

industry—but runs into an old high-school crush and faces unresolved confrontations with her mother which make her feel like an adolescent again. Byron, Brian's son, is excited to come home and introduce his... friend, Patrick, to the family for the first time.

The Family Thanksgiving cast includes among

its stars Coco Brown (Claudia), Anika McFall (Monica), Austin Freeman (Michael), Imani Monae (Delle), Prince Oliver (Byron), Terrell Majette (Brian), Jacob Jenkins (Jaylin), and Valerie Burgos (Roseline). The movie introduces actors, Tracy Mazyck (Elliott), Jokella Herbert (Ella), and Loretta Foster (Aunt Edna).

Concludes Warren, "I'm hoping that all families, not just Black families, can see themselves in "Family Thanksgiving" as the dynamics and challenges presented transcend race. I'm also excited to join the burgeoning group

of Black and female film directors. As I continue to hone my craft, I look to these women for inspiration and reflecting their excellence."

According to Warren, she was born in San Diego and has been writing since age six. A graduate of Alcorn State University with a degree in Business Administration, she moved to California in 2016 to pursue a career in the entertainment industry. After writing, directing and self-funding several short films and producing numerous others, she began to focus on screenwriting and directing her first feature film.

Executive Producers for Family Thanksgiving include Nikki D. Pope and Ronald Van Pope and Jeanelle Warren, Derrick Hammond, and Angela Burris serve as producers. The film is distributed by Maverick Entertainment.



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Student Athlete of the Week: LeTroy Pruitt, Jr.

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK
Sports writer

LeTroy Pruitt, Jr. was excited to be able to compete during his senior year after the pandemic ruined his chances of competing as a junior. This was his first year playing for the Los Angeles Romans football team, he played offensive right guard and defensive nose tackle.

"This is my last year, I got to make it count," Pruitt, Jr. said. "I couldn't wait until the first day of practice just to get pads and practice and games ... the home crowds cheering you on, I was really excited to experience that again."

He began practicing with the team in the late spring and built a strong

bonds with his teammates, being an upperclassman, he works to encourage his younger teammates.

"It is a good feeling knowing that you have an influence, and you can uplift people," Pruitt, Jr. said. "I always push them to try their best, even when they're feeling down, they're feeling tired."

One of his favorite moments was the Romans' 68-0 win over West Adams. Pruitt, Jr. noted how his teammates believed they could execute their game plan.

"We had a level of confidence that we never had before," he said. "[L.A. High head coach Anthony Jackson], his pep talks really clicked in our head and we soaked that in like a



Los Angeles High School senior LeTroy Pruitt, Jr. enjoys learning science and English.

sponge and we got the job done."

To get his homework done, Pruitt, Jr. relies on

time management. He enjoys learning science and English.

"Biology, chemistry,

physics, those are really interesting to me," he said. "I love English too. I love writing essays, writing stories."

Pruitt, Jr. began playing varsity football in the 10th grade, he had to get adjusted to the rapid gameplay of varsity football. During the pandemic, he had to regain his motivation.

"My uncle would take me to Del Amo park in Carson," Pruitt, Jr. said. "We would do some footwork drills, some D-linemen drills."

Pruitt, Jr.'s father also played football and turned down a college football scholarship in order to raise him. Pruitt, Jr. plays football to continue his father's legacy. The best piece of advice he received was to

play hard every chance he gets.

"Always try your hardest, every play, because you never know what play can be your last play," Pruitt, Jr. said. "I've got a lot of great advice from all my coaches I had."

Pruitt, Jr. loves being social and being involved with his community. He helps his church feed the homeless during Thanksgiving and Christmas; he aspires to give back more when he is older. Pruitt, Jr. also enjoys reading, drawing, and painting.

"When I draw, I draw cartoon characters," Pruitt, Jr. said. "When I paint, I close my eyes and I imagine what I see in my head and naturally, I start painting away."

Titans Roll in 28-16 Road Win Over Rams

BY JARRED DAVIS
Contributing Writer

The Tennessee Titans took the field without the NFL's leading rusher in Derrick Henry and proved they belonged, displaying a stout defensive performance in route to beating the Los Angeles Rams 28-16 on Sunday evening at SoFi stadium.

The Titans improved to 7-2 and kept its AFC South lead with the win, while the

"Tonight, was not the reflection of who we are," Rams coach Sean McVay said.

Los Angeles was sacked five times as play caller Matthew Stafford struggled to find a rhythm, throwing two interceptions on the night.

"Those guys played fantastic," Titans coach Mike Vrabel said of his defense. "It was fun to watch them play. ... We really think that group is playing with a lot of

confidence right now. They would be able to come in here and play the way they did and hold them to field goals, and we played great

in red zone." Titans linebacker David Long Jr. picked off Stafford in the second quarter and returned it to the Rams 2-yard line. Ryan Tannehill connected with tight end Geoff Swaim for a two-yard touchdown pass moments later.

On the first play of the

"I basically spotted them 14 points," said Stafford, who threw his 24th pick-6 of his career. "Just wasn't good enough early in the game. The turnovers are on me. Our defense played good. If we don't turn over the ball tonight, we've got a chance."

Los Angeles committed

want to see what we learn from our response. The last time we had a setback, I liked how we responded. ... A lot of things happened tonight that are uncharacteristic of us."

Peterson recorded his 119th career rushing score and 125th total touchdown, proving his value remains steady in his 15th NFL season.



Titans celebrate a score in the second half against the Rams at Sofi Stadium in Inglewood, CA.

Rams fell into second in the NFC West behind the Arizona Cardinals, snapping their four-game winning streak with the loss.

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The Ram's Ron Woods (2) gets a first down against the Titans.

very next drive, defensive back Kevin Byard intercepted Stafford's second consecutive bad pass and returned it 24 yards for a touchdown to extend the Titans lead to 14-3. Tannehill then converted a one-yard rushing score with 2:10 left in the second to complete 21 unanswered points for Tennessee.

12 penalties for 115 yards, none more crushing than the one called on their defensive anchor in Aaron Donald.

Donald was called for roughing the passer while Tannehill threw the ball away on third down with five minutes remaining to play in the fourth.

"We have to play cleaner football," McVay said. "I



Tennessee Titans quarterback, Ryan Tannehill (17), runs into the endzone for a TD against the Rams at Sofi Stadium.

"I felt like we knew what to expect," Donald said. "They stuck with their game plan, with running and play-action. Just a different back in there."

The penalty extended the drive, allowing Tennessee to score again after newly acquired running back Adrian Peterson found the endzone two minutes later, giving the Titans its largest lead of the game with a commanding 28-9 advan-

"I thought he brought an energy and a professionalism," Vrabel said.

Sony Michel caught a 3-yard touchdown pass with 24 seconds left for the Rams, but it was the Titans who left with the dominant 28-16 victory after nearly holding Los Angeles scoreless from the endzone.

The Rams will next travel to take on the San Francisco 49ers (3-5) on Monday night at 5:15 p.m.

Halle Berry Headlines at Women and Sports Summit

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK
Sports Writer

The ESPNW: Women + Sports Summit featured several Black women who are breaking barriers in the sports and entertainment industry. Academy Award-winning actress Halle Berry was the keynote speaker of the conference.

Berry talked about her directorial debut and starring roll in the movie "Bruised" that is set to premiere on Netflix on November 24. She plays Jackie Justice, an MMA fighter and mother who is working to redeem herself. Bruised provided a classic underdog story, this is what attracted Berry to the project.

"Like all great fight stories are, there is an underdog who's trying to overcome some obstacle to get redemption to realize their whole potential," Berry

said. "I know audiences love those stories because they see themselves reflected. We all had to fight our way through something."

Initially, the main character was to be an Irish woman in her 20s, but Berry wanted to add something unique to the lexicon of fight movies. She then reimaged the leading role to be a middle-aged African American woman.

"Having a chance and then another chance is one thing, having a last chance is something all the way different and I thought a more compelling story to see someone fighting for their life," Berry said.

Berry is also a fan of boxing and UFC fighting. Growing up, she became a fan of Muhammad Ali, Marvelous Marvin Hagler and Thomas Hearns. Seeing women like Rhonda Rousey battle in the UFC also piqued her interest.

To train for the movie, Berry learned Jujitsu, Judo, Taekwondo, wrestling, and Muay Thai. She ultimately trained for three years for this role.

"Towards the last year and a half, it was probably five days a week, four hours a day and really learning all these Martial arts that I've never knew," Berry said. "The training was pretty intense, I knew when I started that we can't just all of a sudden pretend to be a world class athlete."

Next year marks the fiftieth anniversary of Title IX, a law that ended sex discrimination in academic settings. NAACP Image Award-winning documentarian Dawn Porter is a co-director and executive producer of the docuseries "Fifty/50: Title IX at Fifty Years." Porter noted how Title IX is misunderstood.

"We're following Angel City as they start

their new professional soccer club," Porter said. "We are following the Berkeley

at Klutch Sports talked about how she became the first Black woman to repre-

one player in college football," Lynn said. "[He] said 'I know I'm going to go



Journalist Malika Andrews (left) interviewed Halle Berry (right) during the 2021 ESPNW: Women + Sports Summit

high school girls as they have sued their school under Title IX for equal opportunity and education."

Nicole Lynn, the president of Football operations

sent a top three NFL Draft pick when defensive back Quinnen Williams was drafted in 2019.

"I had a 21-year-old young man take a chance on me, he was the number

number one, or number two or number three no matter who I sign with, why don't I give a shot to a woman and change the trajectory for women's sports forever."

Vanessa Bryant Asks Court to Punish County for 'Destroying' Crash Photos

BY FRED SHUSTER
CITY NEWS SERVICE

Attorneys for Kobe Bryant's widow today asked a judge to punish Los Angeles County for the alleged destruction of almost all evidence that sheriff's deputies snapped and shared photos taken at the site of the helicopter crash last year that killed the NBA legend, the couple's 13-year-old daughter and seven others.

According to Vanessa Bryant's pretrial motion for sanctions, members of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department who were among first responders at the crash on Jan. 26, 2020, improperly destroyed cell-phone photos at the direction of Los Angeles County Sheriff Alex Villanueva, who knew he was required to preserve such potential evidence.

"Yet that is exactly what Sheriff Villanueva himself ordered department personnel to do after the department received a citizen's complaint that a sheriff's deputy was showing

photos of the crash site at a bar in Norwalk. That order was highly irregular -- unprecedented in deputies' experience -- and out of the chain of command. When a captain complained, the sheriff demoted him."

Skip Miller, outside counsel for Los Angeles County, responded that the plaintiff's request for non-monetary sanctions is a strategic move.

"While the county continues to have the deepest sympathy for the grief Ms. Bryant has suffered, the request by her lawyers for sanctions is an attempt to distract attention from the fact that none of the routine investigative photos taken by county employees have ever been publicly disseminated," he said in a statement provided to City News Service.

Calling the alleged destruction of the photos part of a county "cover-up," Bryant's lawyers allege that, after Bryant's lawsuit was filed, nine deputies "discarded or wiped devices that they used to take, share or view"

crash scene photos, including human remains.

"By doing so, those



Vanessa Bryant

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public officials deprived this court, the jury, and the community they have promised to protect the ability to learn who they texted pictures to, whether photos were uploaded to the cloud, downloaded to other devices, shared by Airdrop, sent by instant messaging, or transferred by any of the many other ways photos can be shared," the motions alleges.

"And those actions broke the investigative chain, making it impossible

to determine who else may have received and then forwarded those photos."

The plaintiffs want the judge overseeing the lawsuit to rule in Bryant's favor at summary judgment or issue an order precluding the county from presenting any theory denying that the photos were shared or disputing that the photos depicted the crash victims.

The county's response,

included in the motion, lists the personnel who had access to crash scene photos that were taken as part of the investigation and denies there was any public dissemination.

"County personnel worked tirelessly to secure a massive crash site, identify the victims, and notify the families -- and, as Bryant herself requested, to make sure none of their photos ever became public," county lawyers wrote. "And none have."

The response says that the sheriff's department was shocked when, on Jan. 29, 2020, a citizen reported that he heard a deputy trainee had shown crash site photos on his phone to someone in a bar. Sheriff Villanueva thereupon directed his personnel to begin an immediate inquiry and make sure no photos got outside the department.

"Sheriff Villanueva was keeping his promise to Bryant by making sure no photos got out. The deputies, on and before Jan. 30, 2020, deleted the photos from their phones --

months before this dispute."

The sheriff's department quickly opened an investigation and within days had interviewed 28 deputies, reserve deputies, sergeants and civilian volunteers, the county said.

"The department determined that all personnel who had taken, shared, or received crash site photos had, in fact, deleted them," according to county attorneys. "No one had sent a photo to anyone outside LASD. To this day, and despite media hyperbole about 'leaked' photos, no County crash site photos have ever been publicly disseminated."

Bryant's widow alleges she and her family suffered severe emotional distress after discovering that sheriff's deputies allegedly snapped and shared gruesome photos of the helicopter crash scene, and is seeking substantial damages.

The motion is expected to be discussed at an evidentiary hearing on Nov. 29 in Los Angeles federal court.

President Biden hails Milwaukee Bucks for NBA championship, activism

ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Joe Biden welcomed the NBA champion Milwaukee Bucks to the White House on Monday, praising team members not just for their achievements on the court, but also for their efforts to promote coronavirus vaccinations and for speaking out after the 2020 police shooting of Jacob Blake sparked protests in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

The Bucks were the first NBA champions to visit the White House in nearly five years, ending a Donald Trump-era hiatus.

"You took a stand for justice and peace in the wake of the Jacob Blake shooting in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and you've gotten people engaged," Biden said. The NBA postponed games in 2020 after the Bucks announced they would not participate in Game 5 of a first-round playoff series as they sought to shed light on what they said were racial injustices facing African-American communities.

The Bucks, led by Giannis Antetokounmpo, seemed genuinely excited to get back to the tradition of NBA champs visiting the White House. Antetokounmpo even posted a video on social media of him practicing his greeting for the president.

Antetokounmpo helped the Bucks end a 50-year drought, bringing home an NBA championship for the first time since Lew Alcindor



AP PHOTO/SUSAN WALSH

President Joe Biden holds a jersey presented to him by owner Marc Lasry during an event to welcome the Milwaukee Bucks basketball team to the White House to celebrate their 2021 NBA Championship, on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, Monday, Nov. 8, 2021. In the center is Giannis Antetokounmpo.

(the Hall of Famer who later changed his name to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar after converting to Islam) and Oscar Robertson led the team.

Biden spoke of Antetokounmpo's humble upbringing before he came to fame in the NBA. Antetokounmpo, who was born in Greece to Nigerian immigrants, said after the ceremony he became emotional hearing Biden tell his story. He was also proud that the president highlighted his and his teammates' activism.

"What we did had never happened in sport," he said. "I'm proud of my teammates that we were able to stay in the locker room, talk

about it, voice our opinion. ... I was able to take a stand for something I believe in."

The sitting president, regardless of party, often

honors major league and some college sports champions with a White House ceremony, typically nonpartisan affairs in which the commander in chief pays tribute to the champs' prowess, poses for photos and comes away with a team jersey.

But the celebratory visits became highly charged during the Trump presidency as many athletes took issue with Trump's policies and rhetoric on policing, immigration and more. Trump, for his part, didn't take kindly to the criticism from athletes or their on-field expressions of political opinion.

Bucks co-owner Marc

Lasry, a billionaire hedge fund manager, is a prominent Democratic donor.

His son and the team's senior vice president, Alex Lasry, is on leave as he competes in a crowded race for the Democratic nomination for one of Wisconsin's U.S. Senate seats, vying for the chance to take on Republican Sen. Ron Johnson.

Biden didn't make any direct mention of the Lasrys' Democratic ties. But the president at the start of his remarks paid tribute to Ted Kellner, a Wisconsin businessman and philanthropist who served as an honorary chairman of the 2020 Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee, and former Bucks owner Herb Kohl, a former Democratic U.S. senator from Wisconsin.

Lasry slyly suggested he hopes that the team keeps coming back to celebrate championships as long as Biden is president.

"What the hell, why don't we come back for the next four years?" Lasry said. "Let's do it for eight years."

The last NBA team to visit the White House was the Cleveland Cavaliers, just days after Trump was elected president and while Barack Obama was still in office.

Trump preemptively disinvited the Golden State Warriors in 2017 after team's biggest star, Steph Curry, told reporters he

planned to vote no when the players came together to decide whether to visit the

championship won by the Los Angeles Lakers, also led by James, occurred when



AP PHOTO/SUSAN WALSH

President Joe Biden listens as Giannis Antetokounmpo speaks during an event to welcome the Milwaukee Bucks basketball team to the White House to celebrate their 2021 NBA Championship, on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, Monday, Nov. 8, 2021.

White House.

The next year Trump said no invitation was coming to the NBA champs before the playoffs even ended as the finals pitted Curry's Warriors against the LeBron James-led Cleveland Cavaliers. James was an outspoken critic of Trump.

The Toronto Raptors visited Canada's parliament after winning the 2019 NBA finals but players made clear they were not interested in a White House visit. The 2020

the White House had paused such visits because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Trump also disinvited the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles, the 2018 Super Bowl champs, after several players said they would not attend a White House celebration with Trump.

Trump was fiercely critical of NFL players who kneeled during the National Anthem as part of an effort to spotlight the issue of police brutality impacting Black men and women.

City Section Football Playoff Update



E. MESIYAH MCGINNIS / L.A./SENTINEL

Dorsey High School lead by Head Coach Stafon Johnson is #1 seed in the L.A. City Football Division I Playoff Bracket.

BY E. MESIYAH MCGINNIS
Staff Writer

The quarter finals of the L.A. City Football Division I Playoff Bracket is set for Friday, November 12. The 1st seeded Dorsey High

Dons (9-3) will face off against 9th seeded Cleveland High Cavaliers (7-2), at Jackie Robinson Stadium. The 12th ranked Arleta High Mustangs (10-2) host the 13th ranked Canoga Park Hunters (5-5)

at Engilman Stadium. The 2nd seeded Venice High Gondoliers (5-3) host the 10th ranked South East Jaguars (7-4). The 3rd seeded Reseda High Regents (9-2) take on the 6th seeded Eagle Rock

Eagles (7-3) at Roy Jae Stadium/Joel Schaeffer Field in Reseda.

All games start at 4:00 p.m. (PST). Winning teams will advance to the semi-final round on Friday, November 19.

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