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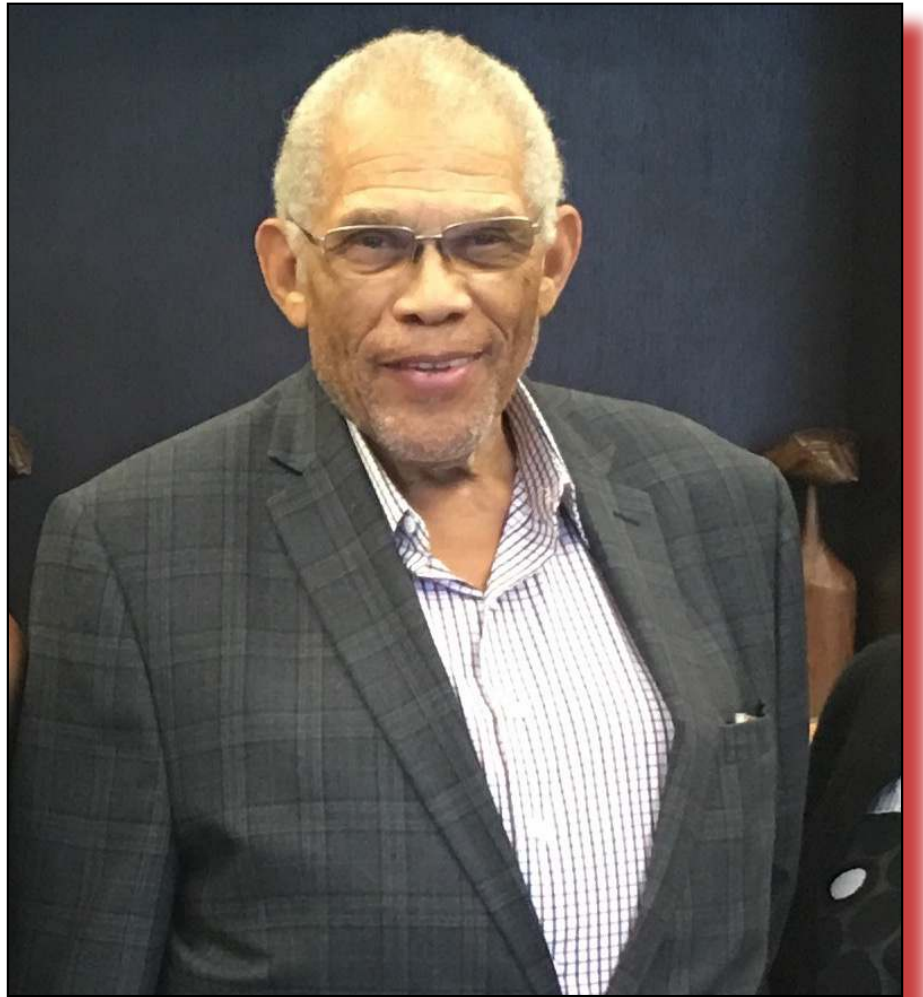


Rev. Jesse Jackson

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Dave S. Cunningham, Jr., A Community Giant Passes On



Former L.A. City Councilman and community activist, David S. Cunningham Jr.

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BIG ENDORSEMENT !!

Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson Endorses Antonio Villaraigosa for Governor

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Former California Assembly Speaker and current Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson recently announced his support for Antonio Villaraigosa for Governor. Wesson joins with three former California Assembly Speakers: Karen Bass, Fabian Nuñez and John Perez in backing Villaraigosa.

"Antonio is a man who leads with conviction," Wesson said.

"He says what he means and means what he

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COURTESY PHOTO

Former California Assembly Speaker and current Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson recently announced his support for Antonio Villaraigosa for Governor.

Brotherhood Crusade to Honor Jim Hill at 49th Pioneer of African American Achievement Award Dinner

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FILE PHOTO

Los Angeles Sportscaster Jim Hill.

Brotherhood Crusade officials said they are proud to announce their 2017 Pioneer of African American Achievement Award Dinner honoree, the iconic sports and broadcasting great, CBS2/KCAL9 Sports Director, Jim Hill. The award ceremony will be held Friday, December 8, at the Beverly Hilton For nearly half a century, the prestigious Pioneer of African American Achievement Award Dinner has honored indi-

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Black Press mourns a New York Beacon

Rags-to-riches story made publisher Walter "Ball" Smith Jr. a light for many

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The Black Press lost one of its most devoted



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Walter "Ball" Smith

freedom warriors, last week. Walter "Ball" Smith, the publisher of *New York's Beacon* and the *Philadelphia Observer* died on Friday, November 10. He was 83.

"The Black Press has lost a true giant in Black

America," said Dorothy R. Leavell, Chairman of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) and publisher of the *Chicago* and *Rags-to-riches* story made publisher Walter "Ball" Smith Jr. a light for

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South Bay Man Indicted by Federal Grand Jury for Making Death Threat Against United States Congresswoman Maxine Waters



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Congresswoman Maxine Waters

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A federal grand jury has charged a San Pedro man with threatening to

murder United States Representative Maxine Waters in a phone call to her Capitol Hill office last month. Anthony Scott Lloyd,

44, was charged with one count of threatening a United States official in an indictment filed Friday in United States District Court.

Lloyd was arrested in this case on November 9, one day after federal prosecutors filed a criminal complaint that accused Lloyd of making the threatening phone call to Rep. Waters' office. According to the affidavit in support of the complaint, Lloyd called the Congresswoman's office on October 22, and left a voicemail laced with expletives and epithets that uses the words "dead" and "kill" a total of four times.

Lloyd, who was freed on a \$20,000 bond after his

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Shan BOODY Talks Sex

When it comes to career and sex, Shannon Boodram says that there is no one way to do it right.



Shannon Boodram

BY SHANNEN HILL
Contributing Writer

Shannon Boodram, 32, is making the topic of sex less taboo with her Shan BOODY YouTube channel. Her channel has nearly 300,000 subscribers and explores having a good sex life on an individual standard versus the societal standard.

Boodram grew up in Toronto, Canada in a strict Catholic household. She was always told to abstain from sex physically and verbally. The topic of sex being forbidden made Boodram want to explore it even more. For her, this

meant reading novels along with watching pornography and television shows to get an idea of what sex is.

"Growing up, I went to Catholic school where sex was extremely repressed. Then at home, my Barbies were even banned from being naked," said Boodram. "I was always sexually precocious and just naturally had an interest in physicality. When you have someone who has an interest in something and there's repression, they tend to find whatever they can."

Once Boodram started having a sex life of her own, she realized that the shows and videos that she

watched were not accurate. As a 19-year-old college student, she started doing more research on what a healthy sex life is and it led her to deciding to write her own book about how to get the best out of your sex life.

"When I started researching, I was just like, 'Oh my God, there needs to be somebody who makes this information as interesting and gripping as porn, TV and mass media does,'" said Boodram. "I wanted to make sex ed intriguing."

After graduating, Boodram published her book, *Laid: Young People's Experiences with Sex in an Easy-Access Culture*,

and started her YouTube channel where she goes by the name Shan BOODY. She also started booking gigs speaking at different events and television shows. Her idea is that sex does not have one way of being right. She views everyone as an individual and supports people tapping into their own mind and trying out different techniques to see what makes them happy.

"Because we don't talk about it a lot, people tend to have a mono culture that there is only one right way to do it. Just like there are millions of careers out there based on peoples'

two extremes that you see. You see the extreme from elders and authority figures saying, 'don't do it, it'll ruin your life,'" said Boodram. "Then you see media saying that it's going to make you better, more attractive and likeable. Finding balance and truth between the two extremes is what I do."

Along with her YouTube channel, Boodram



Shannon Boodram hosts uses her expert knowledge on sex and relationships to hosts Facebook's Make Up or Break Up Show.

interests, I think that it's the same way when it comes to sexuality," said Boodram. "There are millions of different ways to express yourself and to find a sex life that is happy and healthy."

Boodram landed a pilot for a talk show about sex with BET a few years ago that gave her the opportunity to come to Los Angeles, where she currently resides. The show didn't get picked up, but Boodram's ideas have got her television appearances on The View, TLC's Let's Talk About Sex, E! News and more.

"There are always these

currently hosts a Facebook show called Make up or Break up where a couple comes on and discusses their relationship problems. The 71,000 followers of the show then weigh in and let the couple know their opinions on if the couple should make up or break up. She also works with STD awareness with the YES Means TEST Organization.

For more information about Boodram, visit shanboody.com. You can also find her on all social media @shanboody.

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Shaka Senghor Shares Story of Redemption, Produces OWN's Groundbreaking Docuseries on Life After Prison

By Brittany K. Jackson
Contributing Writer

“Released” is the groundbreaking docuseries featured on the Oprah Winfrey Network (OWN) that’s been giving viewers first-hand insight into life after prison. While many docuseries on prison life focus on heinous crimes and ruthless interactions between inmates, staff and those connected outside of prison, “Released” provides a perspective that often goes without exploration, the breakdown of the family structure and the inmates’ transition back into society, particularly concerning people of color.

The show’s true identity, however, is wrapped in the life of its producer, Shaka Senghor, who spent more than 19 years behind bars, 7 years of which were spent in solitary confinement for a second degree murder conviction in 1991. Today, Senghor speaks to groups of people all over the world, sharing his testimony of redemption, and serving as a criminal justice reform advocate, author and mentor.

Recently, the *Sentinel* had the opportunity to interview Senghor about his tumultuous journey, his thoughts on the criminal justice system, how he chooses to raise his youngest son, and the reason he embraced a new name. For starters, we asked Senghor about the high profile Meek Mill probation violation case, considering the origin of the “crime” itself nearly 10 years ago.

“When you look at Meek Mill’s situation, it was such an egregious sentence for cases that were dismissed, that he’s done community service for, and yet he still ends up with 2-4 years,” Senghor said. “People can say well that doesn’t seem like that much time, but I always say like if you have children and you know what they’re growth spurt is like in two years, then you can really piece together what happens in our lives in two years.”

Senghor says that Meek Mill’s situation is “reflective of the 61,000 men and women who are imprisoned for technical or probation violations.” Senghor recently held a rally on Meek Mill’s behalf and says that “once the cameras go away and everybody’s got past the media part of it” the real work begins within collaborating with professionals who work in policy change to discover how certain policies negatively impact underserved communities.

As a native of Detroit, Michigan, which is known for having chart topping murder rates, Senghor stated that he’s happy he can now represent the people of Detroit in a positive way. “I always wear a D hat. It’s not about the team, it’s about those kids who really need to see somebody reflect back their possibilities,” Senghor said. “My community is incredibly supportive, I get so much love at home,” he added.

As it pertains to the docuseries, Senghor ex-



Shaka Senghor pictured with Oprah Winfrey following his interview on OWN’s ‘Super Soul Sunday’, which Winfrey describes as one of the best interviews of her life.

plained the importance of “Released” as a platform for criminal justice reform and one’s post-release transition back into the real world. “A lot of time people just take for granted that you just get out and go on with life, but in our society, unfortunately we’re very unforgiving,” Senghor stated. “There are 40,000 collateral consequences of having a felony on your record, and that includes lack of access to employment, lack of access to housing, but more importantly, we want to show the authentic way in which people succeed or they fail, whatever happens. We didn’t put into place anything to determine any of the outcomes, this is reality,” he continued.

Senghor says that part of his road to redemption began with his own identity, and that changing his name brought forth value and enlightenment. “I grew up with my legal name which

is James White, I never had an emotional connection to that name because nobody in family ever used it,” he said. “As I started to evolve in my own thinking and my transformation, I knew that I wanted to have a name that reflected something meaningful to me, something that spoke of our ancestral power and our historical legacy and I wanted to mirror that,” he continued.

As the father of three including a young son, we also asked Senghor about how he’s working to break the generational cycle of oppression within his own family or those within his sphere of influence. Senghor says he adopted a technique called “asset framing” from his friend Trabian Shorters, whose Black Male Engagement organization teaches the art of framing powerful personal narratives. “With my son what I do is every

night, I’m very intentional about one of our rituals, which is through affirmations. When he asks me why do I do that, I say my responsibility as a father is to tell you who you are, before the world tells you who you aren’t,” he said.

“I don’t have a fear about my son being a Black man in America because I’m raising him to understand his rights, understand who he is, understand his power, and to not shrink himself because of other people’s ignorance,” he declared.

Senghor says that the Black community in general must do a better job understanding our own value. “As a Black man in America, we’re constantly bombarded with these negative images of what we can’t be, the various impediments in our way, the policy brutality, the racism in the workforce, and a lot of times we focus so much on the defi-

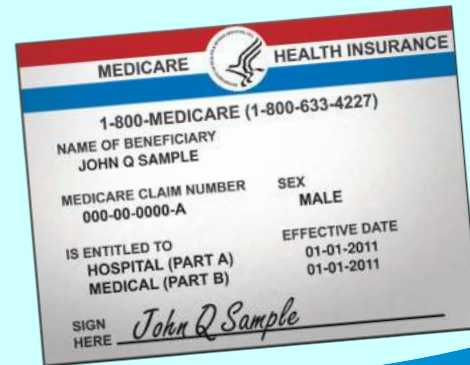
ciants, that we don’t really get an opportunity to focus on our assets,” Senghor said.

“We say, well there’s 1 out of 4 Black men who are going to end up incarcerated, well there’s also 3 out of the 4 who are not. So, we want to really start focusing our energy on what are our assets, how do we build them up, how do we support those structures and really build something meaningful,” Senghor affirmed.

Senghor says that there is now a “Released” Facebook group, where family members and prior institutionalized individuals can log on to share their journeys and support one another. “If you fall, there’s always an opportunity pick yourself up, but you’ve got to have the courage to do it,” Senghor stated.

Recently, Senghor was featured on Oprah Winfrey’s “Super Soul Sunday”, where the media mogul said that her interview with Senghor was not just one of the best she’s had in her career, but in her life. Senghor has received many awards and spoken on numerous platforms, including TED, CNN and Detroit Free Press. His book, “Writing My Wrongs” has been revered as a striking story of redemption and freedom to the mind of those who remain in the struggle. The season finale of “Released” premieres on OWN Saturday, November 18 at 10/9C. To see our exclusive interview with Shaka Senghor, visit www.lasentinel.net.

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SCAQMD Hosts Third Annual Environmental Justice Conference

"These people are so engrossed in the struggle for survival that they have nothing left to give. Their mindset is, 'I've got to put food on the table today,' rather than 'I'd better protect the environment for my children's tomorrow.' It usually takes a personal, immediate and urgent concern, such as a proposed waste incinerator or a family member's illness or death, to motivate low-income and minority

populations to become involved. It's all very well to embrace saving the rain forests and conserving endangered animal species, but such global initiatives don't even begin to impact communities inhabited by people of color."

- Hazel M. Johnson, 1935-2011, Chicago South Side activist known as "mother of environmental justice movement", From the Chicago Tribune

BY WILLIAM A. BURKE ED.D.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District will host our third annual environmental conference, titled A Conversation on Environmental Justice, on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in downtown Los Angeles.

Hosted by SCAQMD's Environmental Justice Community Partnership, the event will take place at The Center at Cathedral Plaza from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Los Angeles City Council President Herb J. Wesson, Jr. will deliver the keynote address.

We want environmental justice community members to learn new methods, gain new tools, and build new partnerships. The fight for clean air is a long battle that will require perseverance, optimism, and hope.

Southland residents living in close proximity to refineries, rail yards, ports, metal processing facilities,

rendering plants, or freeways, are considered part of environmental justice communities because they are disproportionately impacted by air pollution from such facilities.

This conference aims to strengthen SCAQMD's relationship with stakeholders in environmental justice communities by encouraging more residents to get involved and to be optimistic about the positive results that their activism can bring to their communities.

The following breakout sessions are planned to provide participants with tools to take back to their communities:

- Clean Air Innovation: Exploring zero- and near-zero emission technologies;
- Cooperative Engagement: How community groups, public agencies, and businesses can work together to champion environmental justice;
- Right on the Money: Techniques for effective



JACK CHIN, SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PHOTO

Dr. William Burke seen with his wife, Mrs. Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, (center left) and friends at the Taste of Soul in the Crenshaw District.

grant writing; and

- Air Pollution, EJ and Health.

SCAQMD will also provide participants with an overview of how legislation such as the Chemical Safety Act, Clean Air Act, and the Cap and Trade program will affect California and discuss how community groups are responding to legislative activities in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

More than ever we need to build alliances between organizations to protect and build upon the progress we have achieved thus far. The sharing of ideas, successes, and challenges will help keep our fight for

clean air strong.

Our history of SCAQMD's EJ program began in 1997. As the newly elected Chairman to SCAQMD, I saw a need for the agency to be more active in communities of color. For far too long our communities were neglected when it came to environmental justice. Yet we were the ones most impacted from air pollution. We started with the Ethnic Advisory group which was later renamed as the Environmental Justice Advisory Group. The programs and initiatives we instituted have been continually updated to keep the EJ movement growing.

The Environmental Justice Advisory Group (EJAG) is an advisory group to the SCAQMD Governing Board. The mission of EJAG is to advise and assist SCAQMD in protecting and improving public health in SCAQMD's most impacted communities through the reduction and prevention of air pollution.

To build on the work of the EJAG, I established the Environmental Justice Community Partnership in February 2015. Through this grassroots partnership, SCAQMD will host a series of events with a special EJ focus. These forums, training sessions, and other engaging outreach activi-

ties help broaden mutual awareness of EJ topics, and keep SCAQMD connected to the residents whom the agency serves.

We have accomplished a great deal of progress over the past few decades, but we also have an enormous challenge ahead of us if we are to succeed in cleaning up air pollution in environmental justice communities.

The conference is free but registration is required at <https://ejconference2017.eventbrite.com>. For more information call (909) 396-3511 or email ejcp@aqmd.gov.

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How Athletes and Entertainers Should Draft a Financial Advisor

By Charles Frazier
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Professional athletes and entertainers are among the highest paid employees in the world. Signing a big contract or getting a huge payoff on a movie or record deal can seem like a dream come true - and the financial reward for years of hard work.

But these professionals often find they are disproportionately affected by financial woes when the money stops flowing.

Just two years after leaving football, for instance, 78 percent of retired NFL players went bankrupt or experienced financial stress, according to a Sports Illustrated report. And within five years of retiring, 60 percent of former NBA players were broke as well.

Both athletes and entertainers tend to experience what experts call "sudden wealth syndrome," meaning they come into a lot of money all at once.

Making the adjustment from penny pinching to privilege is not always easy: It can lead to overspending and result in someone being worse-off financially at the end of the day than they were

before they hit the big payday.

When the initial "windfall" contracts and deals are being negotiated, that's the time when athletes and entertainers must look to the future. It's only through careful planning that those payouts will last for years to come rather than drying up after a short time of mindless spending and uninformed investing.

What's important is "not how much you make, but how much you keep," said Boris Gluzberg, a senior vice president at City National Bank who works with professional athletes.

"I preach the value of saving and of surrounding yourself with the right advisors and the right talent. I also start talking about 'post-career' on day one."

Rather than basking in sudden financial success—which is rarely sustainable—and then finding themselves unprepared for the future, athletes and entertainers can take steps to "draft" the advisors that can help make their success last.

Don't Give in to Peer Pressure

Paul DeLauro, senior vice president and manager of wealth



Charles Frazier
Team Lead Entertainment Banking
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planning for City National Bank, calls it "the Entourage effect," referencing the HBO TV show about four buddies navigating the life of Hollywood's rich and famous.

Rather than feeling like they have to purchase expensive cars, homes and flashy clothing, DeLauro believes celebrities should enjoy their newfound wealth while also saving and investing for the future. That means allowing themselves to buy a few toys, like a flashy sports car or a yacht, but keeping purchases within reason.

"They should retain some play money," said DeLauro. "They will ben-

efit from the emotional outlet that comes from buying some fun stuff. It's true for all of us" within our own financial means.

Watch Out for Predators

Pro athletes and celebrities need to be on alert for what DeLauro calls "creditors, predators and thieves" who are looking to take advantage of their new financial status. Many celebrities have lost huge sums of money they entrusted to people or investment schemes they believed were legitimate - and that in some cases made them feel like they belonged to a special class of investor.

"Be highly skeptical

of everything. Question everything," DeLauro said. "Surround yourself with a team of professionals with different incentives, all working for your best interest. Build a plan to protect your wealth if you want to be successful."

Find a Trustworthy "Off-Field Coach"

An athlete's or entertainer's agent or business manager is an integral part of the decision-making process. People who have large sums of money newly at their disposal need someone who can help them negotiate contracts as well as plan for a life after sports or entertainment dollars stop rolling in.

For instance, the transition between a sports career and a life post-sports is most critical, as personal relationships, cash flow and even the athlete's identity changes. Productively and honestly working through transitions with "off-field coaches" is crucial.

Expand Your Team

"One individual can't know everything. Professional athletes and entertainers need to have bankers and advisors right there in the mix," Gluzberg said. "The banker needs to have a relationship with

the agent, the business manager and the family. Everyone needs to be focused on getting into the end zone. That means helping the athlete succeed not only while playing, but after the playing days are over."

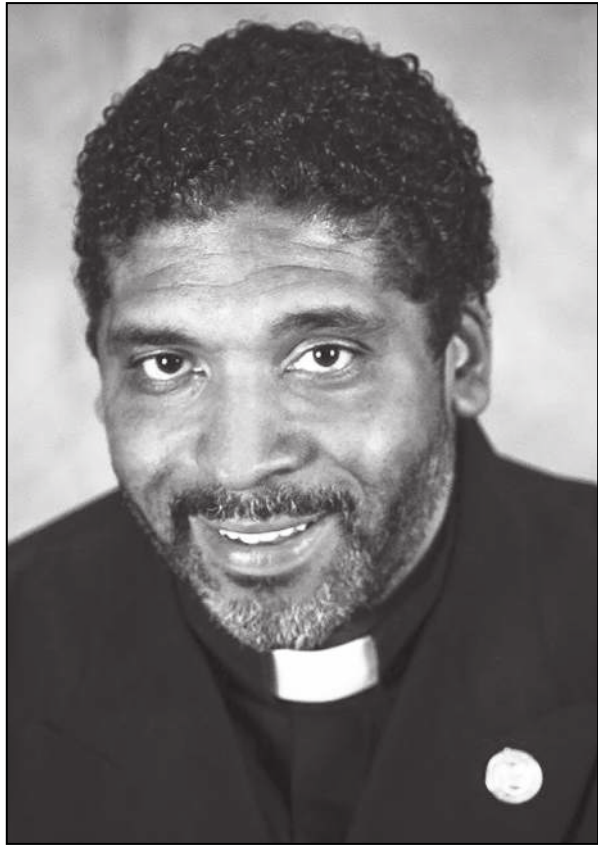
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Bishop William J. Barber II to Meet Pope Francis at the Vatican on Thanksgiving Day



Dr. William J. Barber, II, the president of Repairers of the Breach will meet with Pope Francis at the Vatican on Thanksgiving Day. (Courtesy/Wilmington Journal)

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In an exclusive interview with The Wilmington Journal, Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II, the president of Repairers of the Breach, a nonpartisan, nonprofit social advocacy group, has confirmed that he and a delegation of "moral, workers' rights, anti-poverty and ecological justice advocates..." will be meeting with Pope Francis at the Vatican on Thanksgiving Day.

Dr. Barber, who was consecrated as a bishop over the summer, received the invitation from the

Vatican last September, along with invitations to visit England and Africa to join other labor and workers' rights advocates.

"[The Pope] wants to bless this movement and meet with other activists from around the world who are fighting against poverty," Dr. Barber said.

Dr. Barber, who officially stepped down from his post as the president of North Carolina's branch of the NAACP in October after serving 12 years, will be part of a two-day conference attended by social justice advocates from countries like Canada, Senegal, Italy, Ireland, Tunisia, Ghana, Bra-

zil, and the United States, among others.

It's no doubt that Dr. Barber's involvement in the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's 1968 Poor People's Campaign caught the attention of, not only national, but international, social justice leadership, like Pope Francis, who is world-renowned for his personal and official advocacy for the poor.

Just last Sunday in St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, Pope Francis, the leader of the Catholic Church, celebrated a special mass for poor people on the first World Day of the Poor, eating with 1500 from Italy, Poland and France.

The pope also denounced those who express indifference to the plight of the poor, calling such behavior "a great sin."

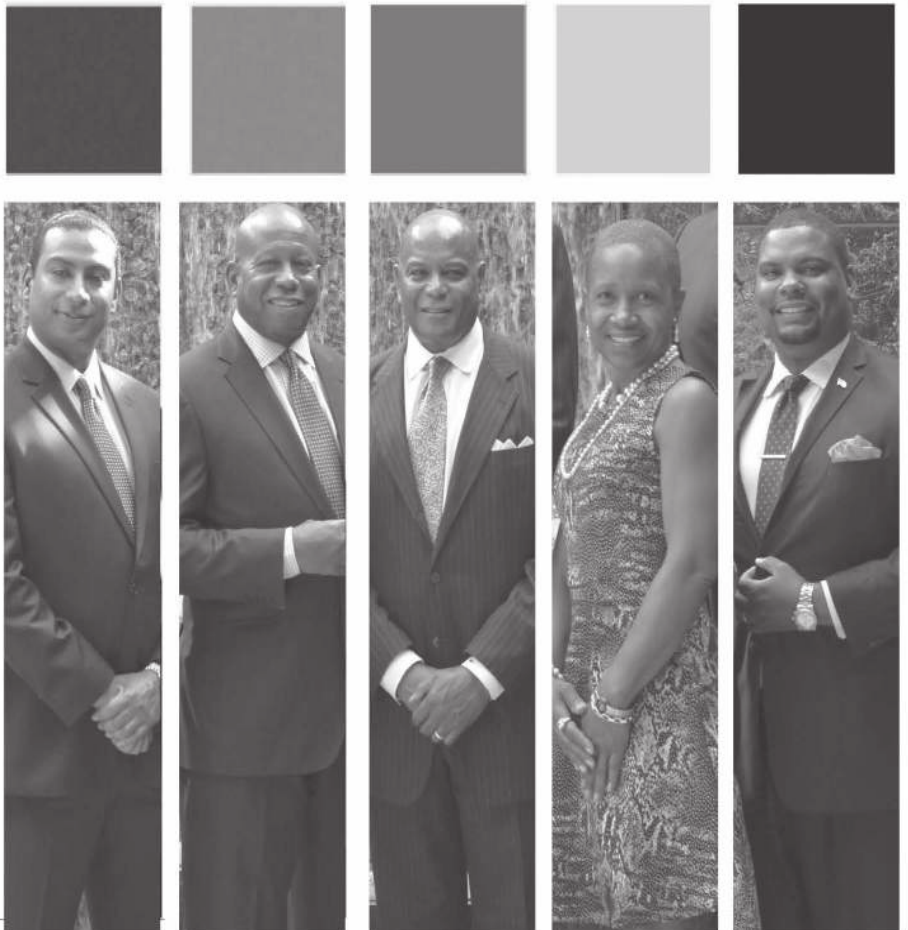
"It is when we turn away from a brother or sister in need, when we change channels as soon as a disturbing question comes up, when we grow indignant at evil, but do nothing about it," Pope Francis said. "God will not ask us, if we felt righteous indignation, but whether we did some good."

According to the group's website, Repairers of the Breach, "...seeks to build a moral agenda rooted in the framework that uplifts our deepest moral and constitutional values to redeem the heart and soul of our country. Our deepest moral traditions point to equal protection under the law, and the desire for peace within and among nations, the dignity of all people, and the responsibility to care for our common home."

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Rethinking Thanksgiving: Beyond Big Turkeys and Small Talk

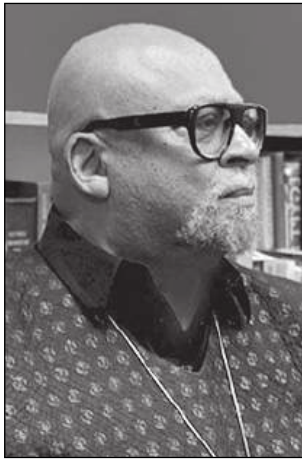
This is my standard column on celebrating Thanksgiving which asks for us to consider making a distinction between our thanksgiving as a principle and practice and the day the colonizers of this country set aside to celebrate triumph over the Native Americans and called the "Day of Mourning" by many Native Americans. As I've said elsewhere, "as African people, we cannot deny the ethical and spiritual value and obligation of giving thanks and being thankful. But we cannot in good faith, participate in the official forgetfulness of the established order, the cold and acute denial of the decimation of Native Americans and pretend it's just about gathering together in joy."

The histories and holidays of the oppressed, colonized and enslaved are, of necessity, different from the history and holidays of the oppressor, the colonizer and the enslaver. Likewise, their interpretations of those histories and holidays also differ, for they are lived and learned from different standpoints. Thus, the Palestinians call the conquest and colonization of Palestine, the Nakba—the Great Catastrophe, and the Israelis call it the war of independence. The Native Americans call the conquest and colonization of their land and the decimation of their people genocide and Holocaust. The Europeans call it "discovery," "the move westward," "reaching the promised land," and other

self-sanitizing words and phrases.

During the Holocaust of enslavement, Frederick Douglass, asked to speak on the meaning of the 4th of July, seen as Independence Day for Whites, told his White audience, "This Fourth of July is yours not mine. You may rejoice. I must mourn." For it is for the enslaved African "a day which reveals to him more than any other day of the year the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is a constant victim." Indeed, he goes on to say that for the enslaved African, "Your celebration is a sham," and a repulsive mixture of vanity, heartlessness, mockery and hypocrisy. And "your prayers and hymns, your sermons and thanksgivings with all your religious parade and solemnity are, to him, mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety and hypocrisy—a thin veil to cover up crimes which would disgrace a nation of savages." And finally, descendants of the Wampanoag in Massachusetts who first welcomed their White visitors and invaders, call what Whites call "Thanksgiving Day" the "Day of Mourning", mourning for the millions killed and the memories erased and falsified about this great Holocaust.

We live in a country and world of brutal realities and comforting illusions, carefully crafted to mask and diminish the truth and tragedy of these realities. Certainly, one of the most comforting illusions we have in this country is the origins



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and meaning of the holiday of Thanksgiving with its big turkeys, small talk, scream-filled televised football games, and its revel and rampage of corporate-designed consumption. Through both official and personal pretension, we approach Thanksgiving without its history of horrors and the uncomfortable calling to mind that more than turkeys were killed for the celebration of that first day and that its roots lie in the victory celebrations of European genocidal wars against the Native Americans.

So, as we sit down in celebration of the sanitized version of Thanksgiving, let us, as African people, honor our ethical obligation found in the Husia to "not turn a blind eye to injustice or a deaf ear to truth." Instead, let us remember the lives, cultures and whole peoples lost, and honor and share in the Native American Day of Mourning as they did our mourning and quest for

freedom when we first met, joined and struggled with them against our common oppression and oppressor.

Indeed, over the centuries our histories and lives intersected and intertwined in various ways: in liberation struggles; in nation-building such as the Seminole nation; in shared asylum, establishing defense communities in Mexico against "Yankee" encroachment; shared lineage and communal living throughout the Americas; and in our common quest to defend our dignity, reaffirm our rights and make our own unique contribution to a new history of humankind. The need, then, as Malcolm reminds us, is to think in ways that liberate rather than limit us and free us from false and deficient ways of viewing and engaging the world. Thus, if we rethink the practice of thanksgiving and separate it from the official celebration, we see that giving thanks is not a problem, but celebrating genocide and/or oppression and the triumph of evil clearly is. Surely, it is an evil irony that the pilgrims who held the first White thanksgiving celebration in this country, did so to celebrate victory over those who welcomed and saved them; those who gave them food and shelter, those who taught them how to grow crops and offered them peaceful co-existence in their own land.

Moreover, it is worth noting that these people

who came here running away from religious intolerance and persecution in their own country established a similar, if not more severe religious tyranny. They self-righteously saw themselves as "puritans", pure and chosen by God; and in God's name, they condemned and burned their women as witches with repulsive regularity, brutally suppressed all dissent and created a White god and White religion in their own image and interest. It is with this false interpretation and inspiration from their racialized god that they went about they're devilish work of genocide, justifying it with biblical injunctions like, "slay the heathen hip and thigh, and make them hewers of wood and drawers of water." This racist ranting posing as religion was used also for Africans and other peoples of color.

Advancing conquest, occupation and imperial savagery as salvation or self-defense, they posed their plunder as the will and promise of God. Like their modern-day descendants, they turned god into a chooser of an elect and superior people, a ruthless real estate agent promising other peoples' land and resources, and an ally in the genocidal wars they waged to seize them. And they now, as then, pretend shock and outrage when the oppressed people rightfully and righteously rise up in resistance.

We might reason that celebrating the European Thanksgiving Day is all right because we're giving thanks to God not to the oppressor; reaffirming bonds between us; and it's convenient to do this. Surely, it is always good to gather together to reaffirm the bonds between us. But do we have to do it on this day? And do we have to eat turkey, make small talk and act as if the official sanitized version of Thanksgiving Day is real, and the Native Americans are not our brothers and sisters in life and struggle and their Holocaust, like our own, merits no place in our memory, hearts and homes?

Thanksgiving is a good and life-affirming practice and we should always practice it. But let us give thanks in our own way and on our own day and throughout the year. Let us give thanks for the good in and of the world, the good of life and love, of sisterhood, brotherhood, friendship, family and community, and the awesome beauty and good of the world. And let us turn our prayers of thanksgiving into the practice of good, especially for the vulnerable among us, i.e., the poor, the disabled, ill, aged and infant, the stranger, refugee, immigrant and captive (prisoner). And in this way, we honor the best of our moral heritage and open the way through struggle to a new history, a new world and a new way

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• A BLACK PERSPECTIVE • LARRY AUBRY

BLACK STUDENTS HOME LANGUAGE MUST BE HONORED

In June of 2015, the Los Angeles Board of Education unanimously approved a Resolution supporting Standard English Learners (SELs) and requiring that implementation include targeted resources to support SELs in all schools. Although this was actually a landmark decision, to my knowledge, the Resolution received little, if any, local media coverage. However, the Resolution is extremely important; it's the first time the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) officially addressed the language needs of Black students. These students have been ostracized and demeaned simply because their home language differs from standard or academic English. (The Resolution joins existing English Language (EL) programs, including to Latino and other students whose primary language is other than English. It is critically important that there be a concerted, sustainable campaign by Black parents and Black leadership working together to ensure the Resolution is properly implemented.

Those groups and individuals interested in improving educational outcomes for Black children should understand the devastating impact of the neglect and degradation Black students have always suffered, and often simply because of the way they speak. Helping them means validating their home language as foundational for their learning standard/academic English.

The failure of public schools to properly educate Black students is indisputable; they have long languished at the bottom of



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virtually every measure of effective schooling. Yet, the Black community too has remained largely on the sidelines; its dominant response, has been silence.

Contributing to a lack of support for SELs is the chasm between middle-class and poorer Blacks; the former has virtually opted out of the continuing struggle for civil rights and the fight to improve the quality of education for Black students in traditional public schools. Many middle-class parents, especially, seek alternatives in private and charter schools which is understandable. But taking their children out of traditional schools contributes to failing traditional schools by draining funds and other resources, thereby weakening the political leverage of the remaining parents, many of whom are less sophisticated and less lightly to effectively challenge or hold schools accountable. The problem is middle-class and poorer parent participation together is indispensable for holding local schools and school districts accountable. And if Black parents continue to pull their children out of traditional schools, the downward spiral of Black students in traditional

schools will continue at the expense of those most in need. Reversing this trend requires the support of the broader Black community.

Blacks are among the world's most resilient people, but also reflect a paradox: They have internalized the white majority's values without full access to its benefits. This means Therefore, challenging the educational system is tantamount to challenging themselves because they do not have alternative values. They must return to ethical and moral values as opposed to prevailing individualism and materialism -the latter are contrary to Blacks own best interests. Unity necessary for forward progress also means developing common ground. This means parents and Black leadership must agree on what does, or does not benefit Black children.

As the foundation of culture and heritage, language is arguably most important in effectively educating SELs whose home language is aptly termed "unacceptable language" by Dr. Sharoky Hollie, author of "Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Teaching and Learning."

The 1996 Oakland California Board of Education's misunderstood and mislabeled "Ebonics Resolution" stressed the importance of language acquisition for Black students and offered a comprehensive solution to the institutional neglect they have suffered.

An excerpt from the Oakland School Board Resolution: "The superintendent shall immediately devise and implement the best possible academic program for imparting instruction to African American

students in their primary language for the combined purposes of maintaining the legitimacy and richness of such language, whether it is known as "Ebonics," "African Language Systems" or other descriptions, and to facilitate their acquisition and mastery of English language skills."

Within days, the Resolution garnered national attention. Many argued that such attention represented tensions about race rather than the potential technical and educational merits of the Resolution itself. And much of the public debate focused on the absurd claim that Oakland USD intended to "teach Ebonics." The basic issue is really about the legitimacy of Black cultural expression.

Common understanding and agreement on the validity of Black students' "unaccepted language", particularly among Black educators and linguists, is essential for getting school boards to adopt policy that affirms that principle. (LAUSD is currently working in that direction, primarily through its Access Equity and Acceleration Unit.) This is encouraging but Black students in general, continue to be denied focus and resources commensurate with their specific needs. Only sustained parent and community education, organizing and mobilization will generate sufficient pressure to force school boards to adopt policy that addresses the needs of students who speak "unacceptable languages."

Efforts are underway to monitor the implementation of LAUSD's SEL Resolution. For example, the Education Committee

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The Trump Tax Plan Trumps Californians!

The Republicans' "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" will be devastating to California's poor to middle-income families because they pay the highest income and sales taxes in the nation (in proportion to their income), the second highest gas tax, and their property tax assessments have doubled – and none of these will be deductible.

The over eight million individuals who live below the poverty line in California, which has the highest poverty rate in the nation, will initially benefit from the Republican tax plan, which doubles the standard deduction, maintains the federal and state "Earned Income Tax Credits," and reduces the tax rate from 15% to 12% for those who earn under \$77,400. However, if you take into consideration the Republicans' proposed cuts in health care, the cost of living tax adjustments, and the fact that these proposed tax benefits are temporary (expiring in 2025), by 2027 most Californians earn-

ing \$75,000 a year or less will pay more taxes. On the other hand, California's ultra-rich, who earn \$480,050 to \$1 million and over, will benefit from the plan because it lowers their tax rate and maintains the majority of their tax-reducing loopholes.

California's middle-class taxpayers who itemize their deductions will continue to be the proverbial turnip from whom President Trump seeks to squeeze tax blood. This is especially troubling because the Republican tax plans proposed by the Senate and/or House would eliminate deductions for dependents, state and local taxes (including property taxes), medical expenses, unreimbursed employee expenses, and tax preparation fees, as well as California's personal casualty losses, such as losses resulting from California's wildfires.

Families considering purchasing a home or an equity loan should note that California is propos-



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ing an increase in home financing fees from \$75 - \$255 per transaction and the Senate Republicans' tax plan limits mortgage interest deductions (MID) for interest paid on new home mortgages greater than \$1 million and denies mortgage interest deductions on home equity loans. Sen-

iors looking to sell their homes and relocate out of California or downsize will face new limits on the capital gain tax exemption of \$250,000 for single filers or \$500,000 for married filers on the sale of their personal residence. Given that inflation is out of control in California, with an aver-

age home listing price in Los Angeles of \$745,000, these combined proposals will make affordable housing nearly unaffordable for middle-income families.

The benefits in the proposed tax plan include maintaining the earned income tax credits and deductions for medical expenses and interest on student loans, protecting 401(k) retirement investments, and increasing the child tax credit from \$1,000 to \$1,650. It also provides for a \$300 "Family Flexibility" credit allowed for each spouse and an increase on the income limits on Child Care Tax credits from \$75,000 to \$115,000 for single taxpayers and \$110,000 to \$230,000 for married taxpayers, and doubling the standard deduction to \$24,000 for married couples and \$12,000 for singles. However, the positive benefits are not enough to offset the negatives in this tax plan.

California has over 772,555 millionaires and more billionaires than any

state in the nation, who will disproportionately benefit from the Republican tax plan. President Trump's surrogates and economists espouse that, based on "trickle-down economics," helping the rich will increase salaries and create jobs, but history proves otherwise – profits that result from tax savings generally benefit the shareholders and do little to add new jobs or generate an increase in employee compensation.

If the president wants to help working families prosper and stimulate our economy, it's simple: lower their taxes, eliminate unwarranted loopholes, and incentivize California's millionaires and billionaires to invest in education, innovation, environmental justice, and affordable housing, and hire 1.5 people each at \$50,000 a year. This plan would end unemployment in California and stimulate over \$57.9 billion in new salaries and corresponding state and federal taxes.

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Charity and Philanthropy Imperiled by Republican Tax Plan

The federal Republican tax plan would create a system detrimental to non-profit charities.

Their proposal increases the standard deduction, thereby reducing the number of filers who itemize.

In other words, it limits tax benefits for many of the small to mid-size donors for charities.

According to the most recent analysis by the Tax Policy Center, the number of taxpayers that would itemize compared with current law would fall by 75 percent in 2018.

So why is this reform of the tax code so bad for charities? Existing law encourages individuals to make charitable contributions by providing a deduction for amounts contributed, but the deduction is only available to individuals who itemize.

If estimates are correct and 75 percent of tax filers would no longer itemize, the charitable deduction would be rendered useless to all but a small percentage of filers. In addition to eliminating the benefit to those that take the standard deduction, itemizers would also receive less of a benefit when making charitable contributions.

The value of a tax deduction varies depending on one's marginal tax rate and because the Republican tax proposal lowers the tax rate on the first \$1 million to 35 percent, individuals who continue to itemize will see less of a benefit when making charitable contributions under this plan.

We know that people donate to charities because they want to support worthwhile causes. But many in the nonprofit world also know that no matter the size of the contribution, every dollar has the same worth—whether it comes from individuals who donate \$1 million or \$1.

By disincentivizing itemized deductions, there is a real concern people will give less to the organizations that do the most with the least amount of resources.

This could result in a big loss to charities. In fact, a recent study showed that similar tax reform changes could reduce charitable giving by as much as \$13.1 billion per year.



Assemblymember Monique Limon

The Republican tax plan and the goal of maintaining incentives that encourage greater charitable giving are at odds. Several proposals have attempted

to make the charitable deduction more accessible and equitable to tax filers.

Congress could consider allowing the charitable deduction to be tak-



Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas

en "above-the-line" (i.e., available to both itemizers and those that take the standard deduction) or could convert the charitable deduction to a tax credit

equal to a percentage of the amount donated.

Both of these options would provide a benefit to any person making a charitable contribution, irrespec-

tive of how that person chooses to file.

A tax credit would also make the tax benefit more equitable in that every person would receive the same benefit irrespective of income and would also not overly complicate tax filings.

Congress should rethink the serious implications this tax plan will have on charities, and more importantly, the impact this plan will have on the ability for charities to do important work in each of our communities.

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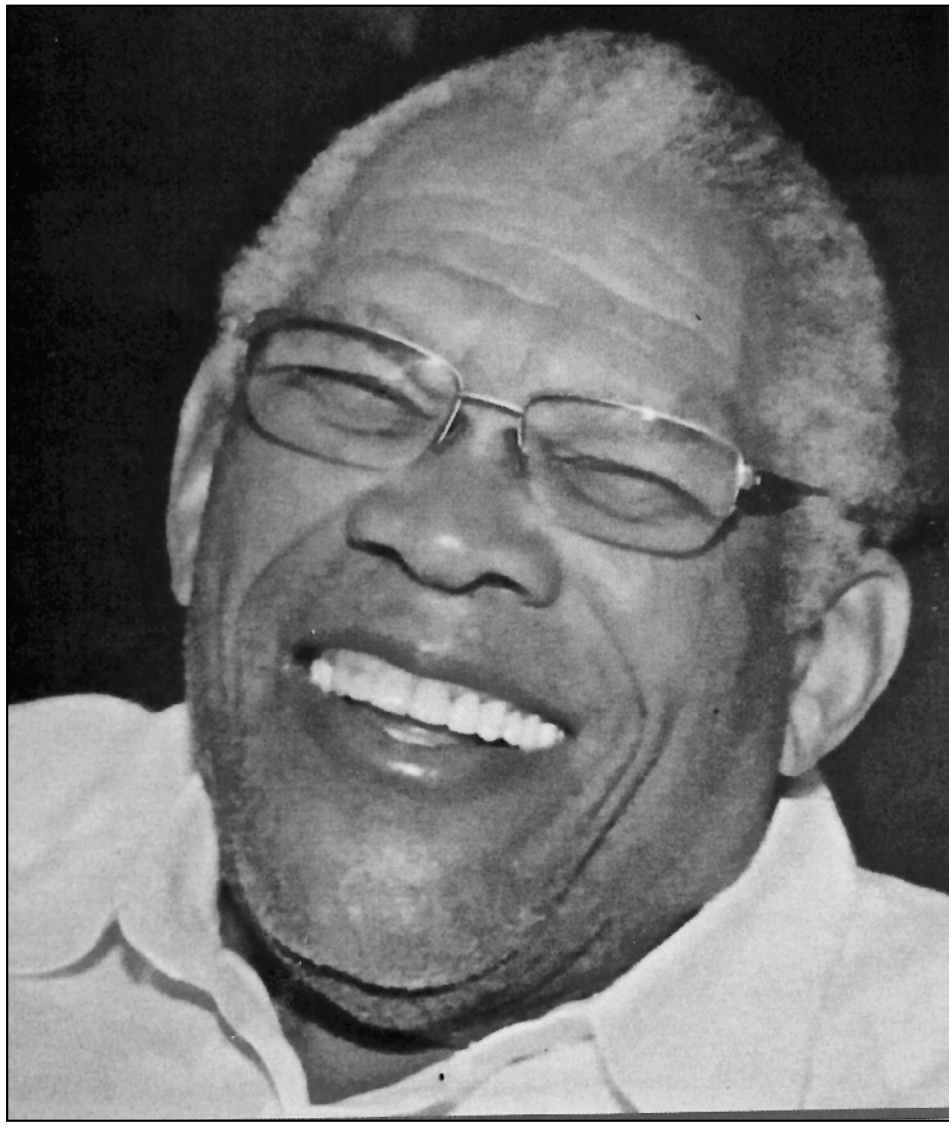
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Dave S. Cunningham, Jr., A Community Giant Passes On



David S. Cunningham Jr. served three terms as a L.A. City Councilman and leaves behind a legacy of civil and community activism.



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David S. Cunningham, Jr. (Dave), was born on June 24, 1935, in Chicago, Illinois, the second of three children, to David, Sr., and Eula Mae (Lawson) Cunningham. David, Sr.'s first-born child from a previous marriage, Elnora, was a loving older sister to both Nancy and David, Jr., and a sweet stepdaughter to Eula Mae, but the precocious namesake son was outnumbered and outmaneuvered by the powerful female caucus. The birth of his younger brother, Ronald (Ron), in 1936, provided a welcome respite from the dollhouse brigade, and a much-needed ally, forging a lasting bond of brotherhood which cemented the tightknit family through several relocations resulting from David, Sr.'s calling to a career as an ordained minister in the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church.

Life as a Preacher's Kid or 'PK' for short-presented young Dave with several interesting challenges: a strict upbringing, rigorous household chores, disciplined school lessons and constant moves to new hometowns. By the time Dave graduated in 1952 from Sumner High School in St. Louis, MO, the Cunningham Family had lived in Freeport, IL, for four years beginning in 1939, fol-

lowed by a three-year stint in Decatur, IL which began in 1943, and finally, the sojourn to St. Louis, beginning in 1949. Along the way, Dave collected fond memories of his days attending Gatsman Elementary School while studying piano and bass fiddle at the Conservatory of Music at Millikin University, developing a lifelong passion for jazz and classic music.

Later, Dave would often speak of his pride growing up as a PK, remembering how his mother kept him nattily dressed, how his mother gave him a love of singing hymns, watching his father eloquently orate before his parishioners, joining his parents in service to the congregation and the community, inspired by his parents' courage and commitment to civil rights and economic justice. As a result, Dave was honored with a prestigious Danforth Scholars Award in 1952, enabling him to briefly study at Washington University.

Completing an Associate of Arts Degree from Stowe Teachers College in 1954, Dave served in the United States Air Reserve, later joining the United States Air Force, deploying to England, serving as a cartographer. Not wanting his tall, nearly 6'4" frame to go to waste, the US Air Force quickly recruit-

ed Dave to play basketball for the West Drayton Wildcats. A frequent fixture in the Stars & Stripes sports section, Dave consistently averaged 29 points per game, leading his team to frequent tournaments. He remained an avid basketball fan, often heard yelling above the din at frequent L.A. Lakers games during his tenure as a Los Angeles City Councilman.

In 1954, Dave met a comely, charming young lady, the former Bessie M. Cosey (Tiki). The couple soon married and in 1955, became first-time parents to a son, David S. Cunningham, III. While Dave and Tiki began adjusting to military life at March AFB in Riverside, CA, Dave joined a band, playing bass fiddle and occasional jazz piano at popular venues around Southern California. Life as a touring band musician and military specialist left the young husband and father stretched beyond the needs of his fledgling family. Tiki returned with her toddler son to live in St. Louis with David, Sr., and Eula Mae, embarking on what turned out to be a long and successful career in Early Childhood Education.

Newly single, Dave threw himself into his mu-

sic and military careers. Encouraged by his parents, Dave returned to his love of active community service, quickly immersing himself into Civil Rights activities with the local NAACP. A change in bandmates brought Dave into frequent contact with their older sister, a cute and effervescent school teacher named La Fern R. Harris (fern). The couple married in 1960 and produced two daughters, Leslie and Robyn. That same year, Dave was selected for the first time as a delegate to the historic 1960 Democratic National Convention, inspiring him to pursue a later career in politics. He decided to enroll at the University of California at Riverside, graduating in 1962 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Political Science. Following completion of a Coro Foundation Fellows Program in Public Affairs in 1963, Dave moved with his family to Lagos, Nigeria, West Africa as the West African Regional Manager for the DuKane Corporation.

The Nigerian Civil War forced DuKane employees to leave Lagos. Nigeria in 1967. Dave traveled through Europe with his family, returning to Los Angeles, taking a position

as a Manager of Community Relations with the Hughes Corporation. In 1968, Dave founded Cunningham, Short and Berryman and Associates, providing management consulting services to government and small business entities. Dave went on to earn a Master of Arts degree from Occidental College in Urban Studies in 1973.

In 1973, Dave campaigned against a large field of candidates, succeeding Tom Bradley as Councilman of the 10th District. Newly single, Dave transformed the landscape of the 10th Council District, mentoring young politicians and consulting with states across the nation as a foremost authority on grantsmanship. Dave increased his international travel activities. Authoring several landmark pieces of legislation, Dave served as State Chairman of the California Delegation to the Democratic National Committee in 1976.

In 1977, Dave married his lovely wife, Sylvia A. Kapel, celebrating 40 years of marriage, producing three children, Amber, Sean and Brian. Following his retirement from the Los Angeles City Council in 1986, Dave joined Cran-

ston Securities as Senior Vice President of Public Finance. From 1988 to 1991, Dave served as Senior Vice President of Community Housing Equity Corporation.

In 1991, Dave formed Dave Cunningham and Associates. Since then, he has served on numerous boards and commissions, including the UC Riverside Board of Trustees, Chair of BAPAC, Chair of Board of Governors of The City Club, member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and much more.

David S. Cunningham, Jr., passed away Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at the age of 82 at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Los Angeles. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Nancy Jane (Cunningham) Freeman and Elnora (Cunningham) Hammond. He is survived by one brother, Ronald, his wife Sylvia, three sons, David Surmier III, Sean Kingsley and Brian Alexander, three daughters, Leslie June, Robyn Elaine and Amber Brittany, two grandchildren, Christiane Chanel and Surmier Telafaro, two great-grandchildren, Lola Elise and Lily Pearl Chanel, cousins, nieces, nephews and a host of loved ones.

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many newspapers. "Walter Smith made a difference in so many lives of Black readers and Black publishers in the Northeast, and America, in general."

As CEO of the Smith Haj Group, Smith published New York's premier weekly, New York's Beacon and the Philadelphia Observer. Like Black newspapers across the country, both publications catered to a loyal Black readership that made Smith a prominent figure in the Black community. For 26 years, he led the Beacon, an edgy publication that shared America's largest Black media market with several Black newspapers that included the venerable "New York Amsterdam News."

NNPA members, colleagues, friends and family are mourning the loss of a publisher who never forgot his humble beginnings.

Walter Smith, Jr. was the seventh of 10 children born to Walter Smith Sr. and his wife Belle. He was raised in Badlin, N.C. where his father, a prominent civic leader, worked for ALCOA, an aluminum company. When

he was 18, Smith was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served in Korea.

Upon his return, Smith completed a degree in business from the University of North Carolina. He landed a job in New York as a founding employee with ADP (Automatic Data Processing), a newly created company known for processing employee payrolls for companies across the country. Today, the ADP has \$10 billion in revenue and serves 570,000 clients.

During a 2013 interview with the "Stanly News & Press" in Albemarle, N.C., Smith said he had been working for ADP for less than a year, making \$75 per week, sometimes \$100 with overtime, when he suddenly noticed something about his pay.

"I looked at my paycheck one week, and \$15 a week was coming out for stock options. I said, 'I can't afford this,'" Smith told the newspaper.

His boss replied, "It's stock. I'm giving you an option to buy stock," Smith remembered.



Walter "Ball" Smith

"He said, 'You keep that and pretty soon it will be worth some money.'"

Smith's boss was right. On paper Smith learned he was \$2 million richer, later, when he was trying to buy a house on New York's Long Island in 1964.

"I'm struggling to get to work and back and was a millionaire and didn't know it," Smith said. "It was just a real Cinderella story."

It was the beginning of an auspicious career that

took Smith from being an ordinary American to a successful businessman, who purchased a small Black newspaper and built a powerful Black media empire, becoming a beloved community institution in Black neighborhoods in two of America's largest cities, New York and Philadelphia.

In 1980, Smith met Bill Underwood, who was operating the "Big Red," a numerology tip selling sheet that sold 100,000 copies per

day. He later renamed it "Big Red News" and the advertisers started coming. "Big Red News" became one of the largest ABC audited Black weeklies in the country.

In 1981, Smith purchased the paper to gain full control of the operation. In 1983, the paper changed its name to "The New York Beacon."

"You have to say something to the readers," he said at the time.

"The New York Beacon" gives the news to readers in New York City's five boroughs—Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island. In 2006, Smith acquired "The Philadelphia Observer."

To have a stronger voice in the region, Smith founded the Northeast Publishers Association, which united New York's Black newspapers in their fight to boost advertising revenue in their publications.

Smith was also one of the regional directors for the NNPA.

"One thing that we can rest assured of, is the

news that we gather and the news that we present is just as relevant today as it was in the 80s," Smith said in the Beacon.

Over the years, Smith received many awards and proclamations for doing what he loved best.

"The NNPA mourns profoundly the passing of beloved publisher Walter Smith," said Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., the president and CEO of the NNPA. "At a time that we are celebrating the 190th year of the Black Press, we pause to salute the outstanding contributions of Walter Smith to the Black Press. We will keep Miatta Smith and the Smith Family in our sincere prayers, as we express our condolences."

In his spare time, Smith lived the American dream and enjoyed hobbies synonymous with people of wealth and affluence. An avid golfer, Smith enjoyed swimming, fishing, yachting, traveling and spending time with his wife, Miatta, their children and grandchildren. Smith maintained homes in

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viduals that have made significant contributions in their respective industry and made an impact in the community through improving the quality of life for youth and families through education, advocacy and community building.

The theme for this year's event is "Be A Champion For Success" to highlight the impact that every donation of time, funds, mentoring and opportunity counts towards making an impact in the Brotherhood Crusade's work to bring relief and empowerment to the community.

This year's highly esteemed honoree, Jim Hill, is one of the nation's most respected sports directors, who has been a fixture on CBS 2 in Los Angeles. He appears on the station's weekday 6 and 11 p.m. newscasts and also anchors the weekend editions of "Sports Central" – Southern California's most comprehensive sports newscast.

Hill, who played defensive back in the National Football League, draws upon his experience as a player, his talents as a broadcaster and relationships with top athletes and coaches to deliver his award-winning sports reports.

In May 2006, Hill received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame during a ceremony that was attended by a Who's Who list of Hall of Fame athletes, entertainers and government leaders.

Hill was inducted into the Southern California Sports Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2010. The same organization has named Hill and his CBS2 and KCAL9 colleagues the best television sports anchor

staff in the Los Angeles area numerous times. In addition, he has been honored by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, Los Angeles Press Club, Associated Press, United Press International and many other organizations.

He has also been recognized many times as Southern California's best sportscaster by a number of local newspapers. In addition, *USA Today* named him the best sports anchor in Los Angeles.

Hill has been actively involved with several community and fitness organizations, including the city of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Boy Scouts of America, California Governor's Board for Physical Fitness and Sports, the President's Council for

Physical Fitness, Los Angeles County's "Just Say No" anti-drug program, Watts Summer Games and Athletes for Kids. He is a member of the board of directors of the Los Angeles Urban League and a member of the Boy Scouts of America Advisory Board. On October 1, 2017, Hill became a member of the UCLA Health System board. The hospital is ranked number one in the state and number 6 in the country.

Brotherhood Crusade President and CEO Charisse Bremond Weaver said, "The Brotherhood Crusade is so proud to salute and recognize truly one of the pillars of our community, Jim Hill. He has been a champion to our young people and leads by example in his professional and personal accom-



Iconic R&B Singer, Jeffrey Osborn is known for creating hit songs such as "On the Wings of Love" and many more.

plishments. Whenever we have a Brotherhood Crusade event for the youth, many, many times, even if we don't ask, Jim Hill is there to support. He has a heart for the community and we are honored to present him this year's Pioneer of African American Achievement Award."

Hill said, "I can't believe this tremendous honor has been afforded to me. And I want to thank the Brotherhood Crusade for giving me one of the greatest honors I've ever had."

Veteran broadcasters Chris Schauble, Morning News Anchor for KTLA TV5 and Pat Prescott, Morning Show Personality for 94.7 FM THE WAVE, will serve as the event Master and Mis-

stress of Ceremonies.

Bremond Weaver said, "We are excited to welcome back our event emcees Chris Schauble and Pat Prescott. Each year having them as hosts makes the event that much more special, because they have a heart for our work and make the evening so much fun for the guests and honoree. We are so looking forward to having Chris and Pat return this year to host what will be a very magical evening."

The incomparable multiple Grammy Award nominated R&B singer and songwriter, Jeffrey Osborn will be the featured performer for the evening.

Bremond Weaver said, "We are thrilled to welcome Jeffrey Osborn as

this year's performer for the event. Many of us have loved his music for years and are excited to have an artist of his caliber as our featured entertainment for what is going to be a fun and exciting holiday experience."

Hundreds of corporate and community leaders are expected to attend the award ceremony this year. Platinum sponsors include: Comerica Bank and JPMorgan Chase.

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Bremond Weaver said, "We are deeply grateful to our sponsors, donors and partners, who not only support this fundraising event, but are engaged year round and in many cases for many years partnering with Brotherhood Crusade to make a significant impact on the communities we serve. We are thankful for our longtime partners, as well as new friends who have embraced our mission."

The Beverly Hilton is located at 9876 Wilshire Blvd, Beverly Hills, CA 90210.

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says and will be a champion for Californians in the fight against destructive Trump-era policies."

Throughout their careers, the two leaders have worked to increase education and career opportunities in disadvantaged communities to help working families and at-risk youth find a path to economic equality.

"I'm honored to have the support of my good friend and former colleague, Council President Herb Wesson – someone I have tremendous respect for," said Villaraigosa. "We share a common goal to help end the education and economic disparities that exist across Califor-

nia. As Governor, I will work with the Council President to ensure economic equality and opportunity because when we stand together we win, when we unite we all prosper."

Antonio recently released "Life Stories" video that shows his upbringing in a poor, high-crime neighborhood just east of downtown Los Angeles. He discusses the challenges kids face in disadvantaged communities that don't have resources because he was one of those kids. As Mayor, Antonio Villaraigosa worked to improve schools, increase after-school programs and reduce crime.

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of being human and sharing good in the world.

Dr. Maulana Karenga, Professor and Chair of African Studies, California State University-Long Beach; Executive Director, African American Cultural Center (Us); Creator

of Kwanzaa; and author of *Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture and Essays on Struggle: Position and Analysis*, www.AfricanAmericanCulturalCenter-LA.org; www.OfficialKwanzaaWebsite.org; www.MaulanaKarenga.org.

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of the Black Community, Clergy and Labor Alliance (BCCLA) is partnering with LAUSD to better assist parents, teachers and administrators in helping to close the achievement gap for African American students and monitor the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) which is designed to allocate funds equitably to schools most in need.

It is critically important

the Black community vigorously supports the legitimacy of Black students' home language, constantly demand that school boards allocate adequate resources for SELs and adopt and implement culturally and linguistically responsive curriculum throughout the entire school district.

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Rev. Jesse Jackson releases statement regarding battle with Parkinson's disease

"On July 17, 1960, I was arrested, along with seven other college students, for advocating for the right to use a public library in my hometown of Greenville, S.C. I remember it like it was yesterday, for that day changed my life forever. From that experience, I lost my fear of being jailed for a righteous cause. I went on to meet Dr. King and dedicate my heart and soul to the fight for justice, equality, and equal access. In the tradition of the Apostle Paul, I have offered myself – my mind, body and soul – as a living sacrifice.

"Throughout my career of service, God has kept me in the embrace of his loving arms, and protected me and my family from dangers, seen and unseen. Now in the latter years of my life, at 76-years-old, I find it increasingly difficult to perform routine tasks, and getting around is more of a challenge. My family and I began to notice changes about three years ago. For a while, I resisted interrupting my work to visit a doctor. But as my daily physical struggles intensified

I could no longer ignore the symptoms, so I acquiesced.

"After a battery of tests, my physicians identified the issue as Parkinson's disease, a disease that bested my father.

"Recognition of the effects of this disease on me has been painful, and I have been slow to grasp the gravity of it. For me, a Parkinson's diagnosis is not a stop sign but rather a signal that I must make lifestyle changes and dedicate myself to physical therapy in hopes of slowing the disease's progression.

"I am far from alone. God continues to give me new opportunities to serve. This diagnosis is personal but it is more than that. It is an opportunity for me to use my voice to help in finding a cure for a disease that afflicts 7 to 10 million worldwide. Some 60,000 Americans are diagnosed with Parkinson's every year.

"I will continue to try to instill hope in the hopeless, expand our democracy to the disenfranchised and free innocent prisoners around the world. I'm also spending



Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.

some time working on my memoir so I can share with others the lessons I have learned in my life of public service. I steadfastly affirm that I would rather wear out than rust out.

"I want to thank my family and friends who continue to care for me and support me. I will need

your prayers and graceful understanding as I undertake this new challenge. As we continue in the struggle for human rights, remember that God will see us through, even in our midnight moments.

"KEEP HOPE ALIVE!"
Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.

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Congresswoman Maxine Waters

arrest, is scheduled to be arraigned on the indictment on December 7.

An indictment contains allegations that a defendant has committed a crime. Every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

If he were to be convicted of making the threat against Rep. Waters with the intent to interfere with the Congresswoman while she engaged in

her official duties, Lloyd would face a statutory maximum sentence of 10 years in federal prison.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which received assistance from the United States Capitol Police, Threat Assessment Section.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Veronica Dragalin of the General Crimes Section.

Statement Regarding Coroner's Report on Gemmel Moore

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

The follow statement is from Justice4Gemmel + All of Ed Buck's victims in response to Gemmel Moore's coroner's report:

Gemmel Moore was found dead of a crystal meth overdose in Ed Buck's West Hollywood home on July 27.

His death was immediately classified as an accidental methamphetamine overdose by the coroner, but after his personal journal was published and other young men stepped forward recounting similar stories about a man who they say has a Tuskegee Experiment like fetish which includes shooting drugs into young Black men that he picks up off the street or via dating hookup websites, the L.A. County Sheriff's Department's opened a homicide investigation.

"The coroner's report on Gemmel Moore's



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death corroborates Gemmel's chilling words from his journal describing the violence he experienced at the hands of Ed Buck.

"In his journal, Moore wrote, 'I honestly don't know what to do. I've become addicted to drugs and

the worst one at that,' a December entry reads.

"Ed Buck is the one to thank. He gave me my first injection of crystal meth it was very painful, but after all the troubles, I became addicted to the pain and fetish/fantasy."

"My life is at an all-time [sic] high right now & I mean that from all ways. I ended up back at Buck [sic] house again and got manipulated [sic] into slamming again. I even went to the point where I was forced to doing 4 within a 2day [sic]

period. This man is crazy and its [sic] sad. Will I ever get help?"

"His last entry, dated Dec. 3, 2016, reads: 'If it didn't hurt so bad, I'd kill myself, but I'll let Ed Buck do it for now.'

"The L.A. Times' article on the coroner's report also validates the accounts of Buck's other victims including being a sexual predator, kidnapping, forced drug use, injecting unconscious Black gay men with crystal meth, filing false police reports to cover his crimes, coercion and pimping and pandering.

"These men's experience have been ignored because of their race, class and sexual orientation.

"The details of the coroner's report incinerate the lies being peddled by Ed Buck and his attorney.

"Ed Buck was not a friend of Gemmel Moore's or the other men. Buck is a devious predator, using his wealth, sta-

tus and drugs to prey on vulnerable young, Black gay men.

"If Buck were not a wealthy white Democratic donor he would already be arrested and charged for Gemmel Moore's murder and other crimes.

"We know, and the sheriff's department knows, that Ed Buck continues to engage in this same criminal behavior even while under investigation.

"Perhaps now the California Democratic Party will take time during their Winter Executive Board Meeting in San Francisco this weekend to cut ties from Ed Buck and stop protecting him with their silence and divert all of the tens of thousands of dollars he's donated to their elected members to the fund set up to support Gemmel Moore's family in their quest for justice for Moore and all of Ed Buck's victims."

Compton Human Trafficking Sting Yields 39 Arrests

CITY NEWS SERVICE

A human trafficking sting in Compton resulted in 39 arrests and the rescue of a 13-year-old girl, authorities said last week.

The girl was released to the Department of Children and Family Services at the conclusion of the human trafficking operation, which was conducted on Nov. 15 by the Los Ange-

les Regional Human Trafficking Task Force, along with deputies from the L.A. County Sheriff's Department Compton Station.

Two women arrested identified as adult sex workers who solicited undercover deputies for various sex acts, authorities said.

Sixteen additional females were arrested on suspicion of loitering for

the purposes of prostitution, authorities said.

Each of the females were offered victim-centered services from the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking, and eight of the females were identified as victims of human trafficking and accepted ongoing services, authorities said.

Seventeen of those arrested were men who solicited undercover sheriff's deputies for various sex acts, authorities said.

Additionally, four men -- 18-year-old Alex Smith of Los Angeles, 22-year-old Roderick Bell of Carson, 19-year-old Marcus Beroit of Hawthorne and 33-year-old Tahji Tarpley of Long Beach -- were each arrested on felony charges of pandering after they separately attempted to have an undercover sheriff's deputy work for them as a commercial sex worker, authorities said.



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L.A. County Sees Spike in Hate Crimes

CITY NEWS SERVICE

Los Angeles County saw a spike of 67 percent in hate crimes in 2016 where there was evidence of white supremacist ideology, compared with the previous year, according to a report released Nov. 16.

The Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations 2016 Hate Crime Report tracked 482 hate crimes, one less than in 2015. Despite the total number of crimes remaining nearly identical, the 2015 numbers were a 24 percent increase from the previous year and the highest total since 2011. Because of this, the report concluded that hate crimes continued to be "elevated" in 2016.

The report also noted that for the first time in many years, the largest group targeted was people from the LGBTQ community, surpassing crimes against African-Americans.



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Officials involved in compiling the report noted the spike in white supremacist crimes among its most troubling findings, and some pointed to President Donald Trump as a top reason for the increase.

"He bolsters these groups to give them validation, and they feel emboldened and they can go out and march and organize. And you are seeing a rise," said Salam Al-Marayati, president of the Muslim Public Affairs Council, to City News Service after a news conference at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration. "I was at a law enforcement summit yesterday, and the whole talk was about white supremacists."

One documented incident after the election involved an Asian woman walking her dog in Woodland Hills being yelled at from a car by two white males, who called her a number of racist names before yelling "Trump town!" A family in Montrose found a swastika, anti-Latino graffiti and the word "Trump" spray-painted on their home, along with a threatening note filled with racist words and rhetoric.

L.A. County Supervisor Hilda Solis, who represents the 1st District, said the rise of white supremacist crimes "is of a particular concern to me because I see it in my southeastern part of my own district. In fact, over the last several months we have had to alert the sheriff's department because white supremacists and anti-immigrant groups have been disruptive in communities and disrupting the City Council meetings."

The L.A. County Commission on Human Relations has compiled the annual report since 1980, and although it concluded that hate crimes are elevated

compared to recent years, the 482 reported crimes were far fewer than in some previous years, such as the 1,031 reported in 2001 and the 995 in 1996.

Other noteworthy findings from the report included:

-- Hate crimes against African-Americans dropped by 19 percent, from 139 to 112, partly due to a drop in the number of hate crimes by Latino gang members targeting African-Americans.

-- The 118 reported homophobic crimes had a high rate of violence (81 percent), and included one murder of a gay man shot to death by his father, who has since been convicted in the killing.

-- Gender-based crimes spiked by 77 percent, from 22 to 39.

-- There were 101 religious hate crimes, with two-thirds targeting the Jewish community.

-- After jumping 69 percent in 2015, anti-Latino crimes increased slightly in 2016, from 61 to 62, and 77 percent of them were violent.

-- Anti-white crimes jumped from 11 to 27, a 145 percent rise, with the report noting that whites are 27 percent of the population and composed 11 percent of racial hate crime victims.

-- Youth under 18 continue to decline as suspects in hate crimes, and from 2006 to 2016 went from the largest age group of suspects to the smallest.

"We are extremely concerned that reported hate crimes remained at an elevated level in 2016," said Robin Toma, LACCHR executive director. "And major cities across the country, including the city of Los Angeles, have already reported increases in hate crimes during the first half of 2017."

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Truth Commissioners (from left) David Huerta, Jackie Goldberg (speaking) and Pastor William Monroe Campbell participate in the Nov. 9 hearing.



D'Wayne Wilson, California Cartage warehouse worker, testifies about the conditions at the Port of Los Angeles.

Truth Commission Investigates Workplace Abuse at L.A. Port

By CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT
Staff Writer

More than 100 community and faith leaders heard appalling stories of abuses and injustices from warehouse workers and truck drivers who move goods that flow through the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

During a Nov. 9 hearing of the Truth Commission to End Abuse at L.A. Ports, employees shared the many challenges they face while working to feed themselves and their families.

The Truth Commission

is a coalition comprised of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Southern California, the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE), Warehouse Worker Resource Center (WWRC), and Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE-LA). The group's goal is to increase awareness that many jobs at the port are insecure, low wage positions, instead of good jobs that benefit communities.

"Over 400 people work here, and most of us work through the temp agency. Every day we go to the

warehouse to find out if we have work," said Dwayne Wilson, a warehouse worker at California Cartage/NFI on Port of Los Angeles property.

"I support my entire family, rent just went up again, and once work slows down, I'll only get two or three days of work per week," said Wilson, who makes slightly more than minimum wage.

Offering similar comments, Domingo Avalos, a port truck driver for global logistics company XPO Logistics, lamented, "Drivers work 16-to-18 hours per

day with no benefits, we don't even own our trucks. If you get injured, you are thrown away."

Wilson also noted that despite his company's efforts "to pit Black workers against Latinos in order to keep us divided," workers of both colors have committed to remain united and focused on good jobs under acceptable work conditions.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission agreed to investigate further and ultimately develop a report on the conditions that will be provided Port

officials.

"These testimonies reflect the fact that the shareholder conditions are still operative under the guise of contractual law in the city of Los Angeles—and that is intolerable," said Truth Commissioner Pastor William Monroe Campbell of Mount Gilead Missionary Baptist Church.

Pablo Alvarado of the National Day Laborer Organizing Network insisted, "We have to send a very clear message to the mayor, this is happening in city property and consequently the city is in direct complicity with these violations."

In addition to Campbell and Alvarado, Truth Commission members include to End Abuse at LA's Port includes community leaders from across the city, including Jean Franklin, executive director of Anchor of Hope Reentry Ministry; Jackie Goldberg, chair of L.A. City's Targeted Local Hire Program; David Huerta, president of SEIU USWW; Jim Mangia, president of St. John's Well Child and Family Center and Emi MacLean of Immigrant Rights Clinic at the UC Irvine.

City-County Partnership to Fight Homelessness Grows with Agreement on Supportive Housing

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Los Angeles county and city officials have reached a key milestone in their partnership to create 10,000 units of permanent supportive housing over the next decade.

Under a Memorandum of Understanding with the county, Los Angeles becomes the region's first city to formally join forces to increase permanent supportive housing, which combines housing subsidies with essential services

to help chronically homeless individuals and families stay housed, healthy and moving forward.

"We are not just building housing," said Board of Supervisors Chair Mark Ridley-Thomas, "we are rebuilding lives. This un-

precedented agreement will ensure that critical Measure H-funded services from the County will be swiftly provided to help people thrive in the thousands of units that will be constructed by the City under Proposition HHH."

The agreement was celebrated during a grand opening ceremony for the Silver Star Apartments—a 49-unit supportive housing community for formerly homeless veterans in the Crenshaw area.

"The fight to end home-

lessness belongs to everybody in Los Angeles," said Mayor Eric Garcetti.

"We're standing together at all levels of government to get people the shelter and services they need more quickly and efficiently than ever before."



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After young Black man is gunned down in South L.A., Black teens jailed while white teen out on bail

Special to the Sentinel
By JASMYNE A. CANNICK

After the news broke that a wealthy white teen from Palos Verdes had been released on \$5 million bail in connection with the Oct. 1 gang-related killing of 21-year-old African American Justin Alongino Holmes who was shot in the back in South Los Angeles, there was an immediate local and national backlash.

According to the L.A. County District Attorney's Office, on the morning of Oct. 1, 18-year-old Cameron Terrell was the getaway driver when he and two armed juveniles approached three males walking together in South Los Angeles near Western and 78th Street and shot at them multiple times.

Holmes, who was not gang-related, was shot in the back and died at a hospital. The two men with him were not hit and escaped.

In a statement the Los Angeles Police Department said that Holmes was walking with two other people when "they were confronted by two armed suspects."

"The suspects asked Holmes and his friends where they were from," according to the department. "One of the suspects fired multiple shots, striking Holmes. The suspects then fled the area in a vehicle. Neither Holmes or his friends were involved in gang activity."

Holmes, a native of Inglewood was buried Oct. 14 in Inglewood Park Cemetery. His death however has been overshadowed by the fact that Terrell made national news for making \$5 million bail for a gang-related homicide and for being a white

teenager who is allegedly a member of the predominantly Black Rollin' 90's crim gang. Terrell is currently charged with murder, premeditated attempted murder and enhancements that claim he committed the crimes to benefit his gang, the Rollin' 90s.

A representative for Terrell's attorney told the *L.A. Weekly's* Dennis Romero that the teenager "denies all charges."

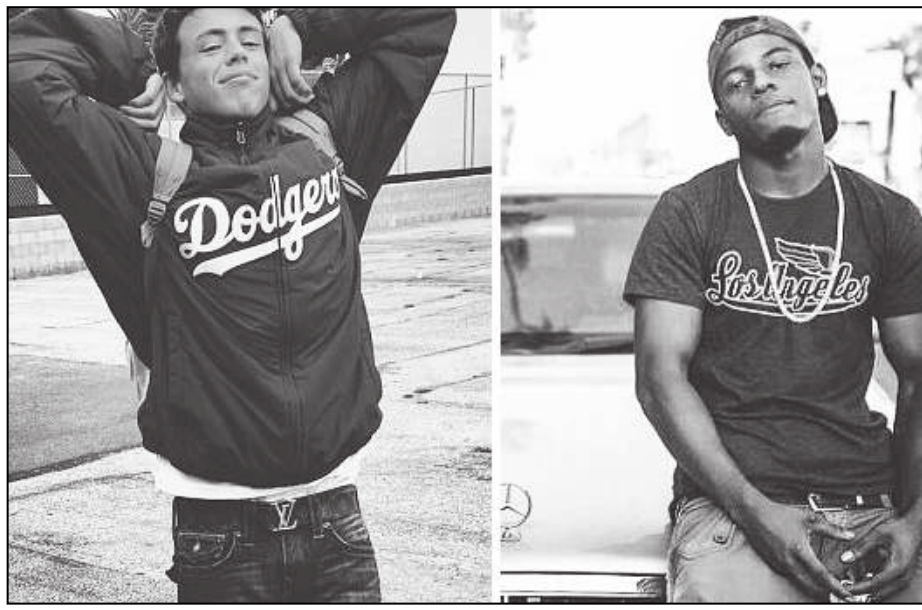
Terrell's two co-defendants are both African American juveniles and incurred the same criminal charges as their white friend. The two juveniles, ages 16 and 17, are currently being held without bail as is typical with minor defendants who are arrested and jailed.

Since Terrell has been freed on bail, he was photographed attending one of the World Series games at Dodger Stadium and initially was allowed to return back to Palos Verdes High School before parents protested and complained to the school which then placed him on home study.

Lawrence Bowie Sr., the father of one of the juveniles in jail for the killing said, "My son's going through hell in the juvenile system," he said. "He just turned 17."

"Because of the color issue, [Terrell] is able to walk the streets and be free go to school, go to baseball games," Bowie said. "He was in the same case with my son. He's free to roam the street and do whatever he wants to do."

Bowie also confirmed what others have said in the neighborhood adjacent to Jesse Owens Park, a known hangout for the Rollin' 90's.



From left-to-right: Cameron Terrell and Justin Holmes.

"Many occasions he pulled up at my house in his brand new Mercedes-Benz," Bowie said. "He's not the person so innocent like the people on the news are trying to pretend. He was down here. He was involved and he was out here with the same kids that's in this community. He didn't just pop up this one time only. Didn't nobody force him."

In 2015, Bowie lost his daughter and baby granddaughter in a fire in Inglewood on Queen St. "I know the pain and the hurt that they're going through," he said. "First of all, I'd like to apologize to their family. I'm sorry for whatever happened to their child."

A youth counselor at Jesse Owens Park with Rizilient Leadership Educational Development Program (LEDP) and former gang member known as "Nutt" explained that Terrell was a regular at Jesse Owens Park in 2017

and that he would drive around the neighborhood. He also alleged that the teen is "not as innocent as everybody would say."

"He was down here all the time hanging with these kids," the youth counselor said. "The streets are hard out here. Now the pressure is on, you flee back to Palos Verdes to a safe haven that you know."

"Nutt" went on say that it's typical for everyone in a car connected to a gang-related murder to be charged and not receive bail.

"It's not normal," he explained. "When people are involved in gang crimes, everybody in that car goes to jail. There's no bail for nobody in that car. So how that was arranged has to be white privilege."

California Money Bail Reform Act supporters are using Terrell as an example for the need for bail reform.

SB 10, the California

Money Bail Reform Act of 2017 introduced by Senator Bob Hertzberg and other lawmakers including Senators Holly Mitchell and Steve Bradford, if passed would reform California's money bail system by ensuring that people are not kept in jail simply because they cannot pay the bail to buy their freedom.

Longtime civil rights and

criminal defense attorney Nana Gyamfi added, "The fact that Terrell is out on bail demonstrates that the standards for bail in Los Angeles County are not whether a person is a danger to society or if they have the ability to flee, but rather about their financial status. The rich get out, the rest of us are caged."

It is expected at a future hearing that the DA's office will move to have the two juveniles tried as adults thus paving the way for bail to be set depending on the judge's discretion. However if bail is granted, it is highly unlikely for the boy's families to be able pay the amount that would be required to obtain their freedom until trial.

Terrell has a hearing scheduled for Nov. 29 where he could be taken back into custody if the DA's office attaches special circumstances to his charges.



A clip from Cameron Terrell's music video.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. SS029284
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Jeremy Marquis Pierce for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Jeremy Marquis Pierce filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Jeremy Marquis Pierce to Jeremy Marquis Arthur Harold Jupiter

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: December 20, 2017,
Time: 8:30 A.M., Dept.: WE-K, Room: A-203
The address of the court is 1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:
Los Angeles Sentinel
Date: SEP 8, 2017
Gerald Rosenberg
Judge of the Superior Court
11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14/17
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. LS029918
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: Jon Raphael Henderson for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner Jon Raphael Henderson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
Jon Raphael Henderson to Jon Funches-Walton

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: Dec-20-2017, Time: 8:30 a.m., Dept.: NW-O, Room: 620
The address of the court is 6230 Sylmar Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91406
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: LA Sentinel
Date: Nov. 8, 2017
HUEY P. COTTON
Judge of the Superior Court
11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7/17
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. SS028656
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of: James Anthony Moreno for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner James Anthony Moreno filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
James Anthony Moreno to James Anthony Connor
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: Dec 11, 2017, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept.: K, Room: Annex
The address of the court is

1725 Main St, Santa Monica, CA 90401

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Los Angeles Sentinel
Date: Oct 17 2017
GERALD ROSENBERG
Judge of the Superior Court
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2017324301
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Olaifa Center for Yoruba Heritage and Tourism, 1237 S Flower Street #8, Inglewood CA 90301, County of LA; Mailing Address: Registered owner(s): Lanre Dada Okemuyiwa, 1237 S Flower Street #8, Inglewood CA 90301
This business is conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ Lanre Dada Okemuyiwa, Owner

This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on November 9, 2017
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2017326182
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
(1) Sherie Howard & Associates, (2) Westview Real Estate, 8055 Manchester Ave., Suite 715, Playa Del Rey, CA 90293, County of LA; Mailing Address: 309 E. Hillcrest Blvd. #363, Inglewood, CA 90301
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: AI #ON: 4075953
Registered owner(s): Sherie Howard & Associates, Inc. 309 E. Hillcrest Blvd. #363, Inglewood, CA 90301; CA
This business is conducted by: a corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ Sherie Howard, CEO
S/ Sherie Howard & Associates, Inc.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on November 14, 2017
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2017328810
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
1. Beautifully Imperfect Transitional Housing, 2. Beautifully Imperfect, 4125 S. Figueroa St #412, Los Angeles, CA 90037, County of LA; Mailing Address: 2022 S. Figueroa St #742, Los Angeles, CA 90007
Registered owner(s): Nina Wellington, 4125 S. Figueroa St #412, Los Angeles, CA 90037
This business is conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 11/2017
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/ Nina Wellington, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on November 16, 2017
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2017320523
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Stickee Toes, 5831 Seawalk Dr., Unit 216, Playa Vista, CA 90094, County of LA
Registered owner(s): Gailotta Anthony, 5831 Seawalk Dr., Unit 216, Playa Vista, CA 90094
This business is conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ Gailotta Anthony, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on November 7, 2017
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CNS-3073943#
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2017325992
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Chumvi Enterprises LLC, 524 E Santa Anita Avenue Apt D, Burbank CA 91501, County of LA
Registered owner(s): Chumvi Enterprises LLC, 524 E Santa Anita Avenue Apt D, Burbank CA 91501
This business is conducted by: a Limited Liability Company
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 10/2017
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/ Camille Brown, Manager
Chumvi Enterprises LLC
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on November 14, 2017
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Original
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2017324111
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
The Okapuna Foundation, 3900 Virginia Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90009, County of LA
Registered owner(s): Kolani Williams, 3900 Virginia Rd., Los Angeles, CA 90008; CA
This business is conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ Kolani Williams, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on November 9, 2017
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Original
11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14/17
CNS-3073172#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2017326182
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
(1) Sherie Howard & Associates, (2) Westview Real Estate, 8055 Manchester Ave., Suite 715, Playa Del Rey, CA 90293, County of LA; Mailing Address: 309 E. Hillcrest Blvd. #363, Inglewood, CA 90301
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: AI #ON: 4075953
Registered owner(s): Sherie Howard & Associates, Inc. 309 E. Hillcrest Blvd. #363, Inglewood, CA 90301; CA
This business is conducted by: a corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ Sherie Howard, CEO
S/ Sherie Howard & Associates, Inc.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on November 14, 2017
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Original
11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14/17
CNS-3071833#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2017325033
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Crown Voila Hair Studio, 7820 Crenshaw Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90043, County of LA
Registered owner(s): Porsha Buchanan, 3956 Stevely Ave 10, Los Angeles, CA 90043
This business is conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ Porsha Buchanan, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on November 13, 2017
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Original
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CNS-3070937#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2017312434
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Imperial Plumbing, 1042 W. 84th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90044, County of LA
Registered owner(s): Solomon David Robinson, 1042 W. 84th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90044
This business is conducted by: An Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ Solomon David Robinson, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on November 3, 2017
NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code).
Original
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CNS-3069270#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2017323851
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
(1) 1st Professional Realty & Financial Services, (2) First Professional Realty And Financial Services, 15332 Antioch Street, Unit 516, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272, County of LA
Registered owner(s): Donecia Augustus, 15332 Antioch Street, Unit 516, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
This business is conducted by: an individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ Gailotta Anthony, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on November 7, 2017
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Original
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CNS-3071833#
LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2017313463
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Current File #No.: 2013182992 Date Filed: August 30, 2013 White Lotus Wellness Spa, 4428 10th Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90043
Registered owner(s): Edith A Pensamento, 4428 10th Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90043
This business was conducted by: a Married Couple.
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/ Edith A Pensamento, 4428 10th Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90043
This business was conducted by: a Married Couple.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2017326182
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
(1) Sherie Howard & Associates, (2) Westview Real Estate, 8055 Manchester Ave., Suite 715, Playa Del Rey, CA 90293, County of LA; Mailing Address: 309 E. Hillcrest Blvd. #363, Inglewood, CA 90301
Articles of Incorporation or Organization Number: AI #ON: 4075953
Registered owner(s): Sherie Howard & Associates, Inc. 309 E. Hillcrest Blvd. #363, Inglewood, CA 90301; CA
This business is conducted by: a corporation
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ Sherie Howard, CEO
S/ Sherie Howard & Associates, Inc.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on November 14, 2017
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2017325033
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Registered owner(s): Porsha Buchanan, 3956 Stevely Ave 10, Los Angeles, CA 90043
This business is conducted by: an Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
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S/ Porsha Buchanan, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on November 13, 2017
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 2017312434
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
Imperial Plumbing, 1042 W. 84th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90044, County of LA
Registered owner(s): Solomon David Robinson, 1042 W. 84th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90044
This business is conducted by: An Individual
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
S/ Solomon David Robinson, Owner
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on November 3, 2017
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Justice Dept. sues to stop AT&T's \$85B Time Warner deal

By TALI ARBEL
Associated Press

The Justice Department is suing AT&T to stop its \$85 billion purchase of Time Warner, setting the stage for an epic legal battle with the telecom giant.

The government claims that consumer cable bills will rise if the merger goes through, saying the deal would "substantially lessen competition, resulting in higher prices and less innovation for millions of Americans." AT&T would be able charge rival distributors such as cable companies "hundreds of millions of dollars more per year" for Time Warner's networks, the Department of Justice charged in a press

release. Those payments are ultimately passed down to consumers through their cable bills. The government also said the combined company would use its power to slow the TV industry's shift to new ways of watching video online. Web TV services are cheaper than traditional cable.

In an emailed statement Monday, AT&T general counsel David McAtee said the lawsuit is a "radical and inexplicable departure from decades of antitrust precedent" and that the company is confident that a court will reject the government's claims.

The government's objections to the deal have surprised many on Wall

Street. AT&T and Time Warner are not direct competitors; "vertical" mergers between such companies have typically had an easier time winning government approval than mergers of rivals.

AT&T CEO Randall Stephenson said earlier this month that he would not sell "key franchises" of Time Warner to get the deal done. A person familiar with the matter, who could not go on record, previously told the AP that DOJ wanted the company to sell either Turner — the parent of CNN, TBS and other networks — or DirecTV.

AT&T has argued that buying Time Warner would let it package and deliver video more cheaply, over

the internet, rather than in expensive cable bundles. It already has a DirecTV Now streaming service, which puts popular live TV networks online, and costs \$35 a month and up, cheaper than traditional cable bundles.

One potential complication in the government's case may be the role of the president and influence he may have exerted on the antitrust process. As a candidate, President Donald Trump vowed to block the deal because it concentrated too much "power in the hands of too few." As president, Trump has often blasted CNN for its coverage of him and his administration, disparaging it and its reporters as "fake news."

The White House and the Justice Department have both said that the president did not tell the antitrust chief, Makan Delrahim, what to do.

Consumers Union, an advocacy group that opposes the deal, applauded the Justice Department, saying there were "legitimate reasons" to block the deal to protect consumers, even though "reports of political pressures regarding this deal are concerning."

Many had expected the government to approve the AT&T-Time Warner deal because Comcast's purchase of NBCUniversal was approved in 2011, with restrictions on Comcast's behavior that were meant to protect consumers.

Makan Delrahim, the Justice Department's antitrust chief, has previously stated his preference for requiring companies to sell off assets rather than having the government monitor whether a company keeps its promises on how to behave to the government.

"So-called 'behavioral conditions' haven't proven effective in protecting competition, so the Antitrust Division is right to take stronger action to block this deal," Consumers Union said in its statement. Comcast has faced criticism for allegedly breaking some of its promises related to those conditions.

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91 Palms LLC
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statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Original 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30/17 CNS-3069259# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

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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). Original 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30/17 CNS-3069226# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2017290890 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Phone Accessories on the Plus, 3561 Chesapeake Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90016, County of LA Registered owner(s): Michael Wallace, 3561 Chesapeake Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90016 This business is conducted by: An Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) S/ Michael Wallace, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on October 6, 2017 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Business Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Original 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23/17 CNS-3065994# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

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to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/1995 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/ Olugbemiga Oladokun, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on October 4, 2017 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Business Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Original 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23/17 CNS-306999# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

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to Metro, and be filed at the reception desk of the Office of Materiel on or before 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 21, 2017 Pacific Time, at which time bids will be opened and publicly read. Bids received later than the above date and time will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened. Each bid must be sealed and marked Bid No. OP47781.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2017299315 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Unique Finds Los Angeles, 3818 Crenshaw Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90008, County of LA; Mailing Address: 3524 W. MLK Jr Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90008 Registered owner(s): Naimah Makor, 3524 W. MLK Jr Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90008 This business is conducted by: An Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) S/ Naimah Makor, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on October 17, 2017 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Business Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Original 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30/17 CNS-3069263# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2017314903 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Unique Intelligence Tutoring, 12123 So. Figueroa St, #6, Los Angeles, CA 90061, County of Los Angeles Registered owner(s): Sharon Hill, 12123 So. Figueroa St., #6, Los Angeles, CA 90061 This business is conducted by: an individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) S/ Sharon Hill, Principal This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on November 1, 2017 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Business Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Original 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30/17 CNS-3069254# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 2017307640 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: Oasis Hair Design, 5830 Overhill Drive, Suite 3, Los Angeles, CA 90043, County of LA Registered owner(s): Warren George White, 8701 Chessington Dr., Unit C, Inglewood, CA 90305 This business is conducted by: An Individual The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on N/A I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) S/ Warren George White, Owner This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Los Angeles on October 25, 2017 NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Fictitious Business Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. Effective January 1, 2014, the Fictitious Business Name Statement must be accompanied by the Affidavit of Identity form. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). Original 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23/17 CNS-306823# LOS ANGELES SENTINEL

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Bethany members register parents of the students who were selected to participate in the outreach program.



The Men of Bethany (MOB) formed an assembly line to pack the turkeys and food items in the boxes for the giveaway.



Bethany Pastor L.A. Kessee and Outreach Coordinator Rod Miles were on hand for the event.

Bethany Baptist and Bethany CDC Hold Thanksgiving Giveaway

By CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT
Religion Editor

More than 120 families received a complete dinner at the annual Thanksgiving Giveaway sponsored by Bethany Baptist Church of West Los Angeles and the Baldwin Bethany Community Development Corporation.

The outreach event, held Nov. 18 on the church campus, was presented in collaboration with Dr. George McKenna and LAUSD District 1, which selected students based on need, from Coliseum,



Jimmy Valentine of Bethany (left) and Hrag Hamalin of Bright Star pose with Audubon Middle School students Trineka Wade, Denzel Wade and Denson Wade.

Audubon, Hillcrest, and Baldwin Hills schools to receive food boxes filled with turkey, dressing and other ingredients for a full holiday meal.

Several contributors donated items for the giveaway including City Council President Herb Wesson of District 10, Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas of District 54, Los Angeles World Airports, Bright Star Charter School, UCLA Science Project and members of the Bethany Baptist Church.

Rod Miles, coordinator of Bethany's Outreach Programs, said the church

was pleased to help families enjoy Thanksgiving dinner and will continue its long history of sharing with others. "This program started with our organizing pastor, the Rev. Dr. Rocellia Johnson, who passed the baton to our senior pastor, the Rev. Dr. L.A. Kessee, who wants to move us to the next level in the area of outreach."

Bethany Baptist Church of West Los Angeles and the Baldwin Bethany CDC are located at 4115 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., in Los Angeles. For information, call (323) 296-7223.

Birdsong Shares Testimony of Redemption in New Book

By CORA JACKSON-FOSSETT
Religion Editor

Overcoming a disability takes lots of faith and determination. Fortunately, James C. Birdsong, Jr. possesses an abundance of both.

Born with a speech impediment, unable to speak until the age of three, enrolled in special education classes and bullied throughout his youth are factors that could have led Birdsong into a pit of deep despair.

But, his strong belief in God combined with his commitment to succeed propelled him above his circumstances and placed him on a road to triumph. After completing high school, he graduated from college and now he's working on his master's degree and pursuing a career as a gospel singer and songwriter.

Birdsong recounts his journey in his new auto-



(l-r) James Birdsong, Lillian Lilly, Rev. Calvin Bernard Rhone, LaCora Stephens and Yolanda Harris-Dancy participated in the program.

biography, "The Best Is Yet to Come: A Testimony of One Young Man's Redemption." Through his book, he hopes to inspire people of all ages and nationalities to maintain their faith in God no matter what hurdles they may face.

"I am truly indeed a living, walking miracle. Being born with a developmental disability that re-

sulted in fine motor delays, prayers went forth for me. A miracle happened and the rest is history," said Birdsong. "If God did this for me in the redemption process, then I know He can do the same for others."

In "The Best Is Yet to Come," Birdsong describes memorable moments and important lessons learned throughout his

life. He also gives insight on a wide range of topics such as disability advocacy, handling your parent's divorce, issues facing today's young people and the importance of faith.

"One of my favorite scriptures is Philippians 4:13 - 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me,'" noted Birdsong. "These words

helped me to overcome many obstacles as a child." A native of Richmond, CA, Birdsong hails from a family of notable singers, preachers, entertainers and educators.

His cousins include artist Cindy Birdsong of the Supremes, multiple Grammy Award-winner organist/keyboardist Edwin Birdsong and former

NBA All-Star Otis Birdsong. His great-uncle, the Rev. Sidney Birdsong, served as pastor of Solid Rock Baptist Church in Los Angeles from 1959, until his passing in 1976.

Encouraged by his family's achievements, Birdsong aims for his book to be one of many accomplishments he will fulfill in the {See BIRDSONG B-2}



Members of the family attend the book signing and lend support to James' (right) endeavors.



Pastor Mark Hardin (left) and Shirley Levingston welcome Rev. Dr. James Markham to Hays Tabernacle CME.

Hays Tabernacle CME Marks 70th Year

SENTINEL NEWS SERVICE

Hays Tabernacle Christian Methodist Episcopal Church observed their 70th Church Anniversary on Nov. 19, in their edifice at 10121 S. Central Ave., in Los Angeles.

Hundreds of people joined Pastor Mark Hardin and his congregation

for the celebration, which included a fellowship dinner and powerful preaching by the Rev. Dr. James E. Markham, pastor of Emmanuel Temple CME Church in Victorville.

Markham, a pastor for more than 35 years, is well known for emphasizing spiritual and church growth through the power of prayer.

Edgerly Begins Broadcasting on HBN-TV

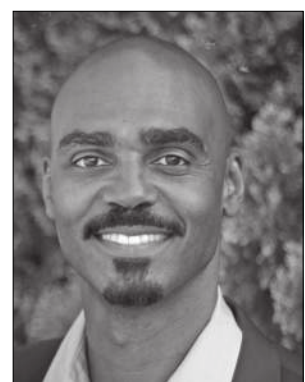
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Pastor Adam Edgerly of Newsong L.A. Covenant Church has joined the lineup at Hosanna Broadcasting Network (HBN).

HBN provides Christian programming to more than 4.2 million homes in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura and Orange counties.

The program format includes preaching, teaching of the word of God, worship programs, talk shows, fitness, travel shows and more.

Edgerly's program now airs on Thursdays at 7 a.m. on HBN-TV via DirecTV and Dish Network channel 20, and AT&T Channel 3. The program is also



Pastor Adam Edgerly

available online at hosannabroadcasting.com.

"We are excited and honored to have Pastor Edgerly partner with us in this great endeavor," said Tersit Asrat, HBN president. "His method of teaching the word of God is in line with the vision and mission of HBN and we

believe this will be a great partnership in our effort to advance the Kingdom of God."

Edgerly has led Newsong L.A. in Culver City since its inception in 2004. The multicultural ministry, which is committed to reconciliation in Christ, features an upbeat Sunday worship service as well as relevant inspirational and motivational messages focused on Jesus Christ. Their one-word vision statement is RECONCILIATION, with both God and each other.

Prior to Newsong L.A., Edgerly served the Evangelical Covenant Church denomination as associate director of Global Evangelism and regional direc-

tor of Church Planting and Community Transformation. In addition, he is the CEO of Culture Consultants, which helps senior executives achieve peak performance through executive coaching and leadership training.

He earned his M.A. at Biola University and his M.B.A. at Emory University.

For more information on Pastor Adam Edgerly and Newsong L.A., visit newsongla.net. To learn about HBN, visit hosannabroadcasting.com, which also contains information on its nonprofit, Hosanna House, a refuge for orphan girls who have lost their parents to the HIV/AIDS virus in Africa.

Words of the Week - Benefits of a Spiritual Retreat

BY HARRY TAYLOR, PH.D.
Contributing Writer

Recently, I attended an intensive two-day retreat for men to examine their personal spiritual relationship. I was an invited guest and this intensive experience was a first for me. I tell you, it was uplifting. A wonderful therapeutic experience that still resonates within me today.

At issue for me was the question, "Can a spiritual brotherhood retreat be therapeutic?"

If the experience causes the individual to improve their thoughts, feelings and actions in their daily lives, then the answer is an absolute yes.

The Peace Apostolic Church in Carson hosted the event at the Hyatt Indian Well Hotel. Approximately 100 men were asked to examine their spiritual life, to get inti-



Dr. Harry Taylor

mately closer to Christ and to grow in understanding and His knowledge by totally immersing in truth.

The theme was "Developing Maturity in Christ." Participants were asked to be transparent and honest as they reflected on their personal relationship with the Lord and to examine the individual "gift of the Spirit" within each of us. This process is enhanced when we gain wisdom and knowledge.

The entire retreat was fueled by a number of speakers uplifting God's goodness and reflecting on an array of scriptures, promoting brotherhood, life strategies and daily living skills to enrich spiritual maturity.

The first session was instructive, promoting a therapeutic mindset for the men to spiritually grow in their journey. At the onset, the speaker outlined that each person should give some thought as to their expectations. Again and again, it was preached and echoed time and time again to be open, candid, honest, transparent and prayerful.

Acknowledging and letting go of sinful ways was an early focus. Everything we did began with prayer. We, as a group, explored an array of sinful wrongs and each participant was instructed to privately write down those immoral ways and discard it into a trash bin. Let it go.

This symbolic act was powerful and I think it pointed out that sin is powerful and can give a false belief, it is a type of delusional belief and it is fulfilling a personal need.

It has been said that men, particularly African-American men, are reluctant to engage in self-disclosure and the therapeutic process. Culturally speaking, airing our "dirty laundry" is unsettling for

many. However, this was not evident at this retreat.

I observed men sharing about their past street activities, intimacy, relationships, parenting, financial difficulty, employment seeking efforts, etc. The holding hands and praying promoted a strong sense of brotherhood among the young and old men alike.

On the second day, we had small breakout groups consisting of six-to-eight individuals, which allowed more confidential engagement and personal disclosures.

The group I attended reflected men from diverse life experiences who were surprisingly open and candid about their past wrongs as well as looking at their blessings. I particularly enjoyed the group discussing examining the types

of barriers that get in the way of our Christian walk.

Behavioral strategies were explored by the participants, which actually offered direction and a type of customized emotional road map for the brothers to follow.

Each day there were wonderful songs with powerful lyrics of prayer. Song such as "Worship Him Christ the Lord," "The Lord is Blessing Me," "Thank you, Lord," and "I Need Thee."

All these songs had specific meanings to many of us as we called on Christ to come into our hearts. The brothers shouted and lifted up their voices with enthusiasm and it was truly contagious for me.

In retrospect, this spiritual retreat was indeed therapeutic for me. The setting

was comfortable, promoting safety and well-being.


Participants embraced feelings of brotherhood, individuals personalized their expectations with specific behavioral activities they could incorporate into their daily lives, and they acknowledged the necessary changes they need to make to move closer to Christ.

This was all promoted via honesty, prayer, self-examination, asking for forgiveness, expressing gratitude, and in the end, taking a serious look at how they are maturing in Christ. I benefited much and I felt truly blessed.

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Birdsong
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future. And if doubt enters his mind, he plans to turn to family for reassurance.

"My great-aunt and the matriarch of the Birdsong family, Gladys Birdsong-Murray, will be 93-years-old and still going strong," he said.

In fact, he recognized his great-aunt and many other family members during his inaugural book signing in Compton on Sept. 30. The honorees included his mother, Belinda Germany-Birdsong of Aus-

tell, GA, and his relatives Dr. Catherine Birdsong of Compton, Angela Birdsong of Inglewood, Annetta Birdsong-Burrough and Mary Lou Birdsong of Los Angeles, Lee Arthur Fields Sr. of Paramount, Terrence Birdsong of Redlands and Edwin Birdsong of Victorville.

The event included LaCora Stephens as emcee, commendations from L.A.-area elected officials and music by the Rev. Calvin Rhone and Lillian Lilly of the Mississippi Mass Choir.

Birdsong will begin his official book tour in 2018;

however, the publication is currently available on Amazon.com. Inviting readers to check it out, he said, "This book has something for everyone, from the young to the old, believers and non-believers, men and women that are dating or in a relationship or marriage, and people of all cultures.

"My prayer is that this book will be a blessing to millions of people around the world and I am thankful that God has allowed me to be on this mission to reach out and help others."

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Concerned Coalition of South Los Angeles Residents Rally for Future of South L.A.

As L.A. City Council considers updating community plans, residents call for their ideas for development without displacement to be put into action.

BY NIELE ANDERSON
Contributing Writer

Residents of South L.A. and the UNIDAD Coalition (United Neighbors in Defense Against Displacement) recently gathered on the steps of L.A. City Hall to call on the City Council's Planning and Land Use Management (PLUM) committee to stand with the community's vision for future development in their neighborhoods. Displacement, gentrification, and a lack of economic opportunities have become daily realities; yet the increased pace of investment in South L.A. by wealthy developers has residents and other stakeholders worried about the effects that unchecked development by billionaires, will have on rents and small businesses that serve the community.

At stake are the Black and Latino communities who make up the historic cultural centers that make South L.A. special. With new zoning proposed, hundreds of billions of dollars will be added to the value of South L.A. land. The question that concerned citizens want to know is who will benefit from this windfall of billionaire development coming into the community?

LA Voice and UNIDAD member Ishmail Marcus Allgood stated, "we're not against development in the city. What we're against is the displacement of the working class, the middle class. We want our share of the pie; we want to be included in the development and planning of the city. This is not about race, it's about class. People that work every day, the people that's making your fries, making your shakes, the people that's cleaning your streets and taking your trash out. They should be able to afford to live in the city."

In a pro-active effort to make sure the people who live in these communities are not left out of the planning, residents of South L.A. have proposed zoning and programs that prioritize investment in the families and small businesses of South L.A. Their plan is called The People's Plan.

"City leaders have an opportunity to listen to what disenfranchised residents need, not just those with political capital and access to policy discussions," said Benjamin Torres, President and CEO of CDTEch. "Literally, hundreds of residents were engaged through dozens of meetings to create the People's Plan. That's

how important this is to folks like small business owners, tenants, students, and homeowners. They crafted a coherent vision and have made a strong case for being taken seriously."

At a recent press conference, community leaders and residents celebrated the early victories at the City Planning Commission meeting in June (when 31 out of 41 People's Plan recommendations were accepted) and called on the final decision makers on City Council to support the entire People's Plan, which includes specific policy recommendations to increase the affordable housing stock, protecting tenants and businesses from displacement, and investing in parks and green space.

Next the coalition of concerned citizens of South L.A. are gearing up the City Council PLUM Committee vote that will take place on November 21. The Committee will consider incorporating the People's Plan recommendations into the Community Plan updates for South L.A. and Southeast L.A.

Among the proposals in The People's Plan that have yet to be incorporated are those that address the 1,800 families who have been displaced in Council Districts 8, 9 and 10 through the use of the Ellis Act. The community proposals call for the city to set limits on the annual number of apartment homes that can be demolished or converted to condos. The use of the Ellis Act to evict ten-



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LA Voice and UNIDAD member Ishmail Marcus Allgood address rally regarding displacement, gentrification, and a lack of economic opportunities.

ants has seen a rapid increase in recent years. The coalition remains clear that anti-displacement is at the core of good development policy.

"South L.A. has seen the mass exodus of its Black residents over the past decade because of short-sighted

profit-driven development," said Cynthia Strathmann, Executive Director at Strategic Actions for a Just Economy. "The heart of its existing working class and low-income communities of color now have an opportunity to work with our city

leaders to pass good land-use policy that creates more affordable housing through incentives, and keeps residents in their communities."

For more information about UNIDAD and the People's Plan visit www.unidad-la.org.

Join the Energy Conversation with Edison International

BY DARRALYNN HUTSON
Contributing Writer

While some may say that our government isn't doing enough for climate changes, there are those that are having the conversation on a daily basis. Experts here in Los Angeles, including Edison International and Southern California Edison, held a roundtable conversation on their efforts to make California cleaner. Moderated by Pedro Pizarro, president and CEO of Edison International and including Janet Clayton, senior vice president, Corporate Communications, Edison International and Southern California Edison with Caroline Choi, senior vice president, Regulatory Affairs, Southern California Edison, the conversation revolved around California's approach to transforming how energy is produced, used and the introduction of a planned strategy on how to make those changes. Held Friday November 3, at Edison International headquarters in Rosemead, Pizarro shared his vision and his

roadmap on how California could move faster towards cleaner energy.

During the exchange, Southern California Edison introduced a proposal entitled Clean Power and Electrification Pathway. The strategy significantly reduces health-harming air pollution in heavily-impacted local communities, largely affecting African Americans and Hispanics here in Los Angeles. "Climate change and air pollution are serious threats that will require the state to transform the way energy is produced and used," said Pizarro. "California is a global leader in addressing climate change and we will enable those efforts by leading the transformation of the electric industry to better serve our customers, protect the environment and improve public health."

The approach builds upon existing state programs by identifying cost-effective actions to increase clean energy in the electric system and to leverage that clean electricity in the transportation and building

sectors to achieve needed emissions reductions. California environmental goals include reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent as well as reducing nitrogen oxides and other health-harming pollutants in areas of the state with the highest levels of air pollution.

The Clean Power and Electrification Pathway calls for three closely linked efforts that support and build upon each other:

1. Doubling the use of carbon-free electricity.
2. Accelerating the use of electric vehicles, including passenger cars and medium- and heavy-duty vehicles.
3. Increasing electrification of commercial and residential space and water heating.

This proposal also ensures that electricity remains affordably priced for utility customers, while recognizing the importance of geographically diverse sources of renewable energy and regional markets that support affordable, zero carbon energy supplies.

New data: California counties lacking racial equity

BY SHAQUILLE WOODS
Contributing Writer

RACE COUNTS, the new initiative highlighting racial disparities in California, went live on Thursday Nov. 15 following a conference call from organizers.

The study was a collaborative effort by Advancement Project California, University of Southern California Program for Environmental and Regional Equity (PERE), PICO California, and California Calls. The study involved all fifty-eight California counties.

John Kim, executive director of Advancement Placement California, explained why RACE COUNTS benefits California.

"We see RACE COUNTS as a high definition MRI scan than can go deep beneath the surfaces and help us see the hidden mechanics of racial disparities in every county," said Kim.

RACE COUNTS used data analysis to associate the relationship between race and economic disadvantages. The tool ranked and compared counties across seven key issue areas: democracy, economic opportunity, crime and justice, access to healthcare, healthy built environment, education, and housing.

Megan McClaire, director of Health and Equity



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Advancement Project California Executive Director John Kim speaks about racial equity.

Advancement of California, provided a statistical overview of the study.

"First we identified forty-four indicators, which is the largest of any politically-driven data points for California, on seven key different areas. Looking at a mix of data, we were able to analyze the racial dynamics by viewing the performance, disparity, and impact," said McClaire.

The results showed the Bay Area had a concentrated amount of racial inequalities.

Marin County is one of the highest performing counties but has the highest level of racial disparities according to the study.

The Los Angeles County was rated average in terms of racial disparities however the county still has the highest incarceration rate.

"When you think about racial equity, throughout our measurements, you see the disadvantage on communities impacted. There is a wide body of research that metropolitan areas are not able to sustain racial equity over time," said Dr. Manuel Pastor of the University of Southern California Program for Environmental and Regional Equity (PERE).

"Measuring racial equity is important for everyone. If you don't measure something, people won't pay attention to it. Problems don't get addressed because there hasn't been a sophisticated way of capturing them," said Pastor.

The initiative hopes to use more research in the upcoming years. To read the full study, visit racecounts.org for further information.

Metro Partners with Ride Share Company to Offer Discounted Rides

CITY NEWS SERVICE

Metro announced last Friday it is pursuing a partnership with Via, a ride sharing company, to offer discounted rides to and from three of its key stations in an effort to close the "first/last mile gap" for its customers.

This project will be supported in part by a \$1.35 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration's Mobility on Demand Sandbox Program.

Using a mobile app similar to Uber and Lyft, customers will be able to book a seat in a shared vehicle going to or from three major Metro stations. Via specializes in pooled transportation by matching customers all headed in the same direction.

"We're making our sys-

tems more inclusive — because access to public transportation is a right, not a privilege," said Metro Chair and Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. "Everyone should be able to make a trip on Metro buses and trains, and these funds will help more riders get where they're going quickly and conveniently."

Metro said it will ensure that the rides are affordable for customers and will provide a payment solution for people who do not have a bank account.

The project is part of a two-region partnership between Los Angeles County, King County Metro and Sound Transit in Washington state where each region will be testing a new partnership with a transportation network company.

"Our goal at Metro is to grow our service to provide more options and connections," Metro CEO Phillip A. Washington said. "We think this project has the potential to help us reach out to more people and, hopefully, make their lives easier."

Metro said it is finalizing the agreement with Via with a goal of starting the project in summer 2018.

"Via's shared ride technology is perfect for connecting more people to public transit. Metro is committed to offering innovative services to the public, and we are excited to help Metro solve the first and last mile challenge and help millions of new passengers take advantage of other public transportation options," Via co-founder and CEO Daniel Ramot said.



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Student Athlete of the Week-Blake Shepherd

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK
Sports Writer

"Every time you step on the track, you're trying to push your body to a level that has never been pushed before," said Blake Shepherd, a junior sprinter from Cathedral high school. "You don't really get that same thing with football or basketball."

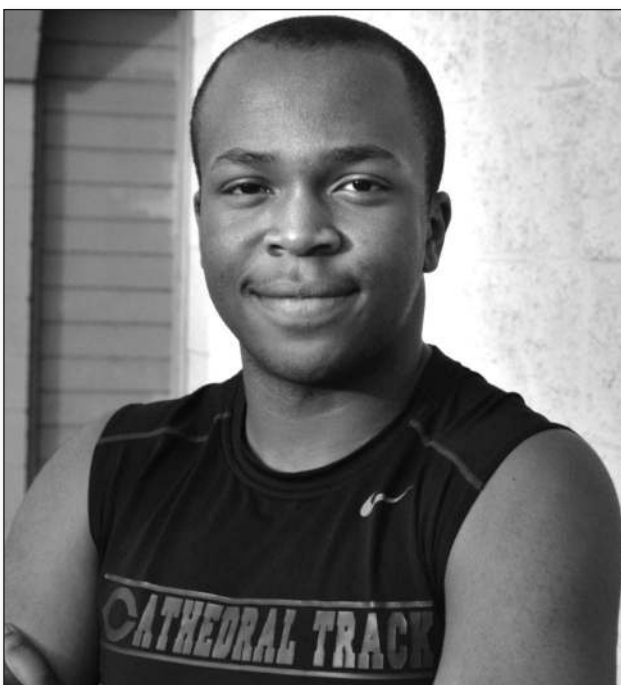
Running track helped Shepherd get comfortable with giving any task his all, especially in his academics. He is currently enrolled in five Advance Placement (AP) classes, including AP U.S. History and AP Calculus.

"I want to become an Aerospace engineer," Shephard said. "Any type of engineering is super heavy with math."

As a freshmen, Shepherd applied to become a member of the National Honor Society, the Math Club, and the California Scholarship Federation. He currently is vice president of the National Honor Society and is in his second year of being on the council of the other two groups.

During his sophomore year on the track team, Shepherd had a 10.89-second time in the 100m. For the 200m, he ran a 21.89-second time and in the 400m, Shepherd had a 50.10 second time. An injury put Shepherd on the sideline during his sophomore year.

Shepherd mentioned how track is a technical sport; a sprinter has to decide how they want their form to be and how they



AMANDA SCURLOCK/L.A. SENTINEL

Blake Shepherd is enrolled in five AP classes.

want to race. His knowledge of math aides him in the sport.

"The track coach that trains me, he's super analytical about things," Shep-

herd said. "It's a lot more than 'go out and run.' I think that analytical part of it kinda connected with my math side."

Shepherd also volunteers for School on Wheels, an after school tutoring program that helps homeless children.

"It's just a blessing, really. It's great to see all these kids that are so dedicated," Shepherd said. "Whether they know it or not, they kind of understand that to get out of that circle of poverty, they need a good education."

Being a leader and maintaining straight A's in AP classes requires "a lot of sacrifice" for Shepherd.

"During the week, I don't really go out places very much or play many video games," he said. "I

devote most of my time to high school studying and stuff like that. It works just like a balancing act."

Track came into Shepherd's life in sixth grade, when he qualified for the California state games.

Advice that Shepherd gives to young athletes is to set a goal and to keep said goal in mind no matter what they do.

"At the end of the season, you want to be able to say 'I accomplished that goal,'" Shepherd said. "Hiccups are here and there, hurdles are here and there, but everyone has those."

Do you know an athlete that assists the community and scores high in the classroom? Email amanda@lasentinel.net to nominate your student-athlete.

Trojans Conquer Bruins, Remain Undefeated at Home

BY AMANDA SCURLOCK
Sports Writer

The Pac-12 championship-bound USC Trojans clung onto the victory bell for the third season in a row after defeating the cross-town rival UCLA Bruins 28-23.

Sophomore quarterback Sam Darnold completed 17 passes for 264 yards, and running back Ronald Jones II helped USC offense with 28 rushes for 124 yards. Senior wide receiver Steven Mitchell made four catches for 56 yards and senior safety Chris Hawkins made four solo tackles and one sack for seven yards.

"Beating UCLA, keeping the victory bell here and just staying undefeated at home for the last two years, it's a huge accomplishment," Darnold said.

UCLA senior quarterback Josh Rosen made 32 passes for 421 yards and three touchdowns. Soso Jamabo had nine carries for 64 yards and Jordan Lasley had 10 receptions for 204 yards and scored three touchdowns.

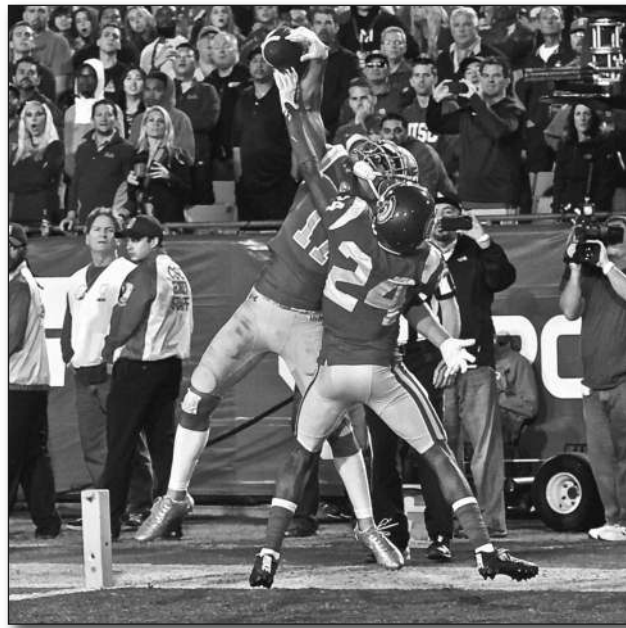
The grudge match displayed talents on both teams; UCLA racked up 421 passing yards, almost doubling the amount of the Trojans. The Trojan specialists made big plays, earning 89 punt return yards and the defense made four sacks.

The Trojans became first to score when the Bruins punted to a wide-open Michael Pittman Jr., who returned the ball for a 48-yard touchdown. USC cor-



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Trojan quarterback Sam Darnold (14) racked up 264 passing yards.



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Trojan corner Isaiah Langley (24) defends against Bruins wide receiver Christain Pabico (17) in the endzone.

ner Ajene Harris fooled the Bruin specialists into believing that he was going to receive the punt.

"It's something that we've been working on, I just had to be a good actor on that to help my teammate Michael Pittman get in the end zone," Harris said. "It was a great scheme drew up by coach [John] Baxter and it was successful."

A 41-yard pass to Jordan Lasley put the Bruins in Trojan territory. Rosen connected with Lasley again for a 11-yard touchdown play. With 6:48 left in the first, the game was tied at seven.

Senior wide out, Velus Jones, moved the Trojans into UCLA territory with a 59-yard return. Donald rushed the ball into the red zone. After a passing play via junior wide receiver, Deontay Burnett, Jones II rushed for a two-yard touchdown. Rosen converted third and fourth downs into 1-and-10 opportunities through the air, reaching the USC 35-yard line by the end of the first quarter.

Early in the second period, running back Bolu Olorunfunmi rushed in a touchdown that was nullified due to an illegal block by Najee Toran. The Bruins were unable to earn a field goal, but personal fouls also hindered the Trojans in their next possession.

Safety Jaleel Wadood intercepted a pass from

Darnold. UCLA rolled down the field through the air, collecting 46 passing yards in the possession.

At USC's 17, Rosen was sacked by Malik Dorton and fumbled; The Trojans took control of the offense, but could not score a touchdown before time ran out in the first half. The Trojans were ahead 14-7 at halftime.

UCLA had reached the Trojan red zone, Rosen send a strike down the middle for a touchdown play to have it picked off by junior safety Marvell Tell III. Trojan defenders were thirsty for blood on the next Bruin possession when Rosen was sacked in two consecutive plays.

USC offense returned in Bruin Territory and scored seven-points after five plays. UCLA responded with a nine-yard touchdown pass to Lasley. USC still had control 21-14 by the end of the third quarter.

In the final period, Rosen sent a strike to Lasley, creating a 42-yard play. Denied a touchdown, JJ Molson made a good field goal kick to notch the Bruin score up to 17. The Trojans countered with a two-yard touchdown rush by Jones II.

The Bruins continued claw back, Rosen sent a 27-yard pass to Lasley to score a touchdown, after a failed two-point conversion, UCLA were down by five with 23 points.

National Sports Beat

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

BY BRAD PYE, JR.
Sports Editor Emeritus

I still would like to know if that trio of UCLA

the Green Ones to be called the Debit Credit Card.

And the beat continues!

James Franklin has to be considered one of the

It's a done deal! UCLA has pulled the plug on Head coach, the hand writing was on the wall for months.

Would you believe since the end of last season? UCLA's Athletic Director Dan Guerrero is gutless and a coward by firing Coach Mora on his 56th birthday. And turning over the team for the last game for Friday night's at the Rose Bowl is a low-down dirty shame. This will not earn Guerrero a place in those heavenly gates.

Ohio State smothered Illinois 52-14 and QB J.T. Barrett scored his 100th



UCLA basketball players

Players are going to return to play with their basketball teammates in 2017.

QB Josh Rosen will probably call it quits after Saturday's 28-23 loss to



Josh Rosen

USC. Rosen had three TDs. All three went to Jordan Lansley.

Coach David Shaw's Stanford Cardinals are still



David Shaw

in line to win or share the Pac-12 title. Stanford is 8-3 overall and 7-2 in the Pac-12. Stanford can make it to the championship, if No.14 Washington State loses to No. 18 Washington.

The L.A. Chargers beat the Buffalo Bills 54-24 to emerge as the team to beat in the NFC West,

The college football game of the week is No. 1 Alabama Crimson Tide vs. highly rated Auburn in the Iron Bowl. Alabama is paced by its Heisman Trophy nominee QB Jalen Hurts. No one will be mad, if Jalen Hurts wins everything.

Auburn will make enough of those pretty Lit-

best coaches in the Big 10. Franklin has won one Big Ten title in the past three years.

Another Big Game Of The Week is at Stanford vs. Notre Dame. USC lost 49-14 to Notre Dame.

Now Hear This!

L.A. Rams QB Jared Goff was reportedly calling audibles thusly: "Elvis," "Tupac" "Obama" and Ric Flair."

Now that's something!

Coach Doc Rivers, L.A. Clippers isn't putting his team on any pedals today, You can't blame him for wanting to throw them away. At this writing, the Clippers have lost 10 of 11 straight in their defeat by the Charlotte Hornets.

Now Hear This!

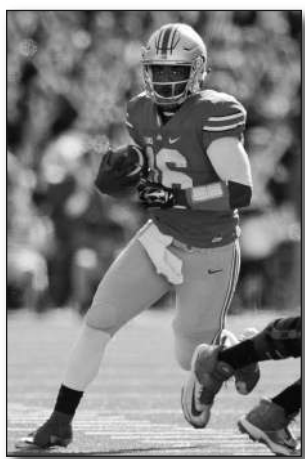
The Dallas Cowboys appeared to be helpless vs. the Philadelphia Eagles' running attack. The Cowboys played like Pop Warner Leaguers trying to stop the Eagles. For the record, the Philadelphia Eagles are Super Bowl favorites.

Bottom Line: The Eagles on Sunday night en route to the Super Bowl with 37-9 victory over the Cowboys. The For Help Sign should have gone up for the Eagles.

Actually, the Cowboys didn't earn their pay Sunday night.

Are Russell Wilson and his Seattle Seahawks on Thursday and Sunday nights on TV? I think so!

The Rams were knocked off their high porch and it doesn't seem as though the 7-3 Rams can stop the tailspin.



J.T. Barrett

career TD pass. Barrett scored two touchdowns and ran for one as Ohio State clinched the Big Ten title. This was Ohio State's ninth straight win over Illinois.

Thankfully, Jim Mora can cry all the way to the bank with his \$12-million payout. Bottom Line: Jim Mora should be place on a slow boat to China.

Lonzo Ball is back in the good graces of the L.A. Lakers today after scoring the second career triple double of his career in a 127-109 victory vs. Denver.

Lonzo hit for 11 points, 16 rebounds and a pair of blocked shots. Julius Randle (24), Brandon Ingram (13), Kyle Kuzma (17), Brook Lopez (211), Kentavious Caldwell-Pope (15) and Jordan Clarkson (18).

That's the end!
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Della Reese, of TV's 'Touched by an Angel,' has died at 86

By LYNN ELBER
Associated Press

Della Reese, the actress and gospel-influenced singer who in middle age found her greatest fame as Tess, the wise angel in the long-running television drama "Touched by an Angel," has died at age 86.

Reese's co-star on the series, Roma Downey, said in a statement that the actress died peacefully Sunday evening in her home in the Los Angeles area. No further details were included.

Before "Touched by an Angel" debuted in 1994, Reese was mainly known as a singer, although she had costarred on "Chico and the Man," "Charlie and Company" and "The Royal Family" and hosted her own talk show, "Della."

"Touched by an Angel" was a gamble for CBS from the start. The story of an apprentice angel (Roma Downey) and her supervisor (Reese) being sent to Earth to solve people's problems appeared to have little chance in a TV world dominated by sitcoms and police dramas.

The first season brought mediocre ratings, but slowly the show's audience grew until it became one of television's highest rated dramas.

It lasted until 2003.

"Through her life and work she touched and inspired the lives of millions of people. She was a mother to me and I had the privilege of working with her side by side for so many years on 'Touched By An Angel,'" Downey wrote in a statement. "I know heaven has a brand new angel this day."

Reese had been ordained by the Universal Foundation for Better Living and performed the ceremony when co-star Downey married.

Reese's singing career began in church, when she joined the junior gospel choir at the Olivet Baptist Church in her hometown of Detroit. Soon she was singing at other churches, at civic events and on the radio.

When famed gospel singer Mahalia Jackson came to Detroit, she needed a singer to replace a member of her troupe and turned to Reese, who was only 13.

Jackson was so impressed by the teenager's voice that she enlisted her for a summer tour, and Reese went on to tour with her for five summers. In later years she would remark that she would never forget what she learned from the legendary gospel singer, including "how to communicate with people through

song."

Her love of music drew her to singing at local clubs, where Deloreese Patricia Early adopted a new name. New York agent Lee Magid recognized her talent and in 1953 booked her to sing with Erskine Hawkins' orchestra.

A recording contract followed, and she quickly turned out two hits, "And That Reminds Me" and "Don't You Know?" Soon she was singing in the country's best night spots and appearing on TV variety shows.

In 1979 she was taping a segment of "The Tonight Show" when, as she recalled later, "I hit a horrendous note—the flattest I've ever sung."

Her left knee buckled and she fell to the floor, having suffered a brain aneurysm. She underwent surgeries that allowed her to resume a busy career as a TV actress, although she later was diagnosed with diabetes.

Over the years, she appeared on shows including "Night Court," "L.A. Law," "Designing Women," "Welcome Back, Kotter," "The A Team," "MacGyver" "The Love Boat" and, more recently, "That's So Raven." She appeared in the 2005 movie "Beauty Shop" and



DOUGLAS C. PIZAC, FILE/ASSOCIATED PRESS

This October 1991 file photo shows actress Della Reese. Reese, the actress and gospel-influenced singer who in middle age found her greatest fame as Tess, the wise angel in the long-running television drama "Touched by an Angel," died at age 86. A family representative released a statement Monday that Reese died peacefully Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017, in California. No cause of death or additional details were provided.

had a prominent role in the 1989 film "Harlem Nights."

In one memorable "Harlem Nights" scene, Reese and Eddie Murphy face off in a bare-knuckled brawl after Murphy's character accuses Reese's Vera of stealing.

"C'mon sucka, let's get it on," Vera snarls, then decks him.

Reese complained in her

1997 autobiography, "Angels Along the Way," that until "Touched by an Angel" she had difficulty avoiding being typecast for TV.

"There were usually only three types I was ever considered for — the singer, the aunt or the mother (or) neighbor," she said. "God knows how I wanted to break out of those three

categories and show what else I could do as an actress."

In 1997, Reese went public with a salary complaint, claiming CBS had reneged that season on an agreement to match her "Touched by An Angel" pay increases to those of Downey. CBS said at the time it was "puzzled" by her comments.

"I'm trying not to believe it's because I'm Black, 'cause I was Black when they hired me," Reese said at the time. "They knew what age I was. ... I don't know what it is."

After previous marriages ended, Reese was wed to Franklin Lett, who became her manager and producer. She remained Della Reese as a performer and took the name Della Reese Lett for church matters.

Reese never won a major award but she did accomplish something in her career that was the envy of many performers — longevity.

"I've had a hard climb, but I was meant to have longevity," she once said. "People don't have to stop and say, 'Whatever happened to Della Reese?' Here I am."

Reese is survived by her husband and three children.

Interview with 'Mudbound' composer Tamar-Kali

By DARRALYNN HUTSON
Contributing Writer

On November 9, the annual eight-day AFI FEST opened up its festival with a screening of hugely anticipated Netflix "Mudbound" just days before the official debut on November 17 in theaters and on Netflix. Directed by Dee Rees, ("Pariah", HBO's "Bessie") "Mudbound" is a gritty post-World War II drama co-written by Virgil Williams and Rees about two farming families and their relationship to each other and their land. Set in the rural South, the film stars Jason Mitchell Carey Mulligan, Jason Clark, Garrett Hedlund, and Mary J. Blige. Set in the Mississippi Delta, the period drama features a captivating score by Brooklyn-bred composer Tamar-Kali who was in Los Angeles this week promoting the release of the film.

Tamar-Kali discussed the making of the score and the importance of this film with



PHOTO CREDIT: TAMAR-KALI

Tamar-Kali joins the director and cast for the AFI screening of Mudbound, in Los Angeles, November 9, 2017.

the Los Angeles Sentinel.

Los Angeles Sentinel: Describe your style as a composer.

Tamar-Kali: I come from a family of musicians; actually 2nd generation.

My dad is a bass player and I grew up in a household where all kinds of music was played. In school, I participated in classical choir and was trained and educated in music composition; yet, as a performer, I found my voice in hardcore punk rock. I've been a musician since I was a child and I found my voice in different styles of music.

LAS: Describe the film for those that haven't seen it?

TK: "Mudbound" is a beautiful testimony of our history, routing in the foundation of race relations. You'll see two parallel moments being played out that closely relate to how we're living right now.

LAS: What was your process in creating the "Mudbound" musical score?

TK: I came into the process during post-production, when the film was already in the can (complete.) We started writing the main theme of the film and then had several spotting sessions to see the best

place for music to be included. Because the music is a character, it was dry and muddy as if stuck.

LAS: This is now your 3rd film with director Dee Rees, tell us about her style of storytelling.

TK: Dee is a strong leader because she's such a visionary who inspires you and respects your voice. It's unique and I really cherish it. I look at how she's developed and it's always been about setting a standard of excellence. She hand picks her team and puts us all together, yet letting us do our thing. She knows what she wants and has a very distinct voice.

LAS: What were her instructions when she gave you the film to score?

TK: Dee has a clear vision and wanted lots of strings. Because she wanted scenes to feel very intimate and because the nature of the film was muddy and heavy, she wanted strings and strings only. We were able to write around the actor's perform-

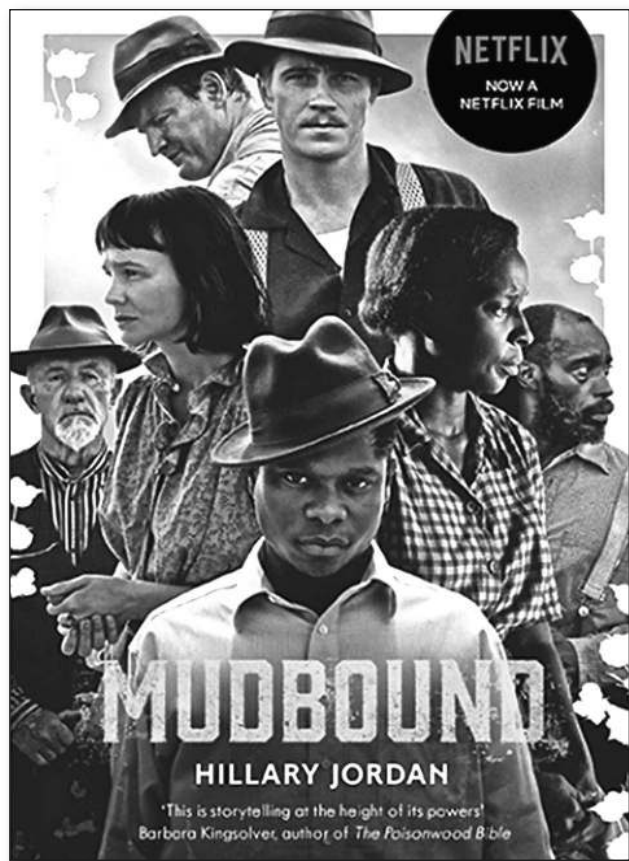


PHOTO COURTESY OF NETFLIX

Movie poster for Mudbound, a pre and post WWII film starring Jason Mitchell and Mary J. Blige, premiering on Netflix and in select theaters on November 17, 2018.

ances and translate that in the music. You'll have different reactions to this film depending on your lot in

life but you'll also be able to see someone else's humanity. This film is epic and still independent.

New Movie 'The Star' Delivers the Birth of Jesus From the Animal Perspective

Executive producer DeVon Franklin hosted an exclusive brunch on the rooftop of NeueHouse in Hollywood to present movie to gospel trendsetters.

By NIELE ANDERSON
Contributing Writer

In Sony Pictures Animation's "The Star", a small but brave donkey named Bo years for a life beyond his daily grind at the village mill. One day he finds the courage to break free, and finally goes on the adventure of his dreams. On his journey, he teams up with Ruth, a loveable sheep who has lost her flock and Dave, a dove with lofty aspirations. Along with three wisecracking camels and some eccentric stable ani-



PHOTO CREDIT: MIKE MELENDY

Gospel artist Marvin Sapp and DeVon Franklin

mals, Bo and his new friends follow the Star and become unlikely heroes in the greatest story ever told—the first Christmas.

Celebrities and gospel's

son and daughter, celebrity choreographer Laurieanne Gibson, celebrity stylist Goo Goo Atkins (sister of Erica and Tina Campbell of Mary Mary), Demetrius Shipp, Jr. ("All Eyez on Me"), Pastor Marvin Sapp, Rev. Jamal Bryant, Bishop JJ Wilkins, Pastor Addison Canidy, and more.

After brunch concluded, DeVon met his guests downstairs in the screening room, where they were treated to sneak preview footage and an intimate conversation with moderator, OWN Music Supervisor



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DeVon Franklin and guest celebrate "The Star"

Angela Jollivette. DeVon's motivational words and encouraging spirit filled the room with a light of hope,

leaving guests feeling inspired. All were excited to spread the word about "The Star", in theaters now!

Jason R. Moore: A Black Man in a Marvel World

BY LAPACAZO SANDOVAL
Contributing Writer

Jason R. Moore is a producer and a very lucky actor, currently playing the character Curtis Hoyle in Marvel's "The Punisher", now streaming on Netflix.

"The Punisher" series is about justice. After exacting revenge on those responsible for the death of his wife and children, Frank Castle (Jon Bernthal) uncovers a conspiracy that runs far deeper than New York's criminal underworld. Now known throughout the city as The Punisher, he must discover the truth about injustices that affect more than his family alone. Bernthal first appeared as "The Punisher" in the second season of "Daredevil". The series also stars Deborah Ann Woll, Ben Barnes, Ebon Moss-Bachrach, Michael Nathanson, Daniel Webber, Jaime Ray Newman and Amber Rose Revah.

Moore's character Curtis Hoyle first appeared in The Punisher #1 (Vol. 2), where Hoyle and Castle served in the same unit during wartime but Hoyle would eventually try to betray Frank. Through the first six episodes of the series, Hoyle



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had booked a Marvel series on Netflix?

Jason R. Moore: (Laughing) OMG. Everyone in my life. All my friends. First, all of my friends are actors and comic book fans. They were really hyped. Imagine they were teasing me; 'you're an adult and you get to play and you get paid for it?' I mean, you can't go wrong with that!

LAS: Is your character a good guy or a bad guy, or is he a bit more complicated?

JRM: Well, you do know that the Marvel universe is very secretive. What I can say, is that it's going to be interesting to watch as it

unable to see for themselves. It's a pretty interesting dynamic between that buddy triangle there. I don't want to give away any spoilers, but you know that somebody is going to get betrayed.

LAS: How do you feel being an African-American man inside the Marvel Cinematic Universe?

JRM: As a Black guy in this universe, I'm so glad to see that it has expanded outside of just comic books. The movies, television, Luke Cage, Black Panther ... all of this is just great. I'm happy to be a part of it and I really hope it continues to grow.

LAS: Why do you think these characters—coming from the Marvel universe—are so successful?

JRM: I have to speak to my generation. As a kid, comic books were a big deal. There were ones that we wanted but we could not afford and we talked about, even though sports were a big deal, too, comic books were always there. They were cartoon characters and they had all these big muscles, and they had superpowers and all these super abilities. Fast forward 20 years, and now we are adults and we see these characters coming alive in live action [movies], coming alive on screen.

Now they are tackling [in the movies] real-world problems, real-world issues. Now that nostalgic feeling comes with that. I mean, I still get that same feeling when I see [the character]

Wolverine's claws come out of his hands; I still get that same feeling, to this day, when I see that. When any of these characters with these ex-traordinary abilities do something that I felt was [helping fight evil]—these are the good guys. [These characters] help people get away from the real world and we can indulge in a fantasy and that can also take them back. It takes me back and I think, that it takes everyone back.

These are grown men and women who are die-hard fans of these comic book movies and these comic book characters.

It takes them back to a childhood where they were innocent, carefree and it's a good feeling, I think,

LAS: Where do they shoot "The Punisher"?

JRM: In New York. We're in New York, running amok.

The city has a pulse. The city is alive. I've lived in the city for a very long time. It's a heartbeat. Almost like it's racing, especially on the weekend. The city seems alive, something is always going on in the city. There are so many people there, it's high energy. So, I think that feeling manifests itself in film. That's why filmmakers gravitate to New York and the NYC aesthetic. It's an old city and yet it's still modern. Anything you want to shoot that's gritty, NYC has that feel like no other city.

LAS: Walk me through what it's like when you get

your Marvel script!

JRM: First, you have to sign all these NDA's (non-disclosure agreements). Then they set up an email system on their server. It's a Marvel server.

LAS: Cool! This is just like superhero stuff! Please, keep going.

JRM: No Gmail account here. We use the Marvel secure server. The script is then watermarked with your name on it.

Hard copies arrive if you request or if you are in production.

Now hard copies arrive, delivered by a very special courier. It's not just anyone. They will come and drop the script off wherever you are in the city. The fans are so hungry for this stuff ... I can understand why they protect their universe.

They want to satisfy their fans. They take their fans very seriously, they

JRM: I understand the business of show business. I think that prepares an actor for some level of success in this industry. That's the part they don't teach you in acting school.

LAS: Do you have any veterans in your family? Your character, Curtis Hoyle, served in the same unit, during wartime.

JRM: Yes, I do. My sister is a veteran. She was in the Army and a sniper. She's the only one in the family.

LAS: Growing up, did you think that your sister would grow up to join the military?

JRM: Quite the opposite; in fact, I tried to talk her out of it. A lot of going into the military is for financial reasons, to give themselves opportunities and that was part of the reason [my sister] did it.

LAS: Are you also a writer? I am getting that



Jason Moore and Daniel Webber in "The Punisher"

is a most ardent and trustworthy friend who is adept at keeping Castle's secrets.

Who's to say where Curtis Hoyle will land, everything about the Marvel universe is top secret. Here is a brief excerpt from a conversation with Jason R. Moore

Los Angeles Sentinel: Who was excited, in your world when you shared that you — Jason R. Moore —

unfolds. I can say that my loyalty is with both camps. Something about Frank is more immediate. Billy is successful; he has been able to act in the interest of society and is doing well for himself. The relationship with Frank is more secretive. My character is a bit more of a counselor on the show. So, I can see things about people that they're

Commodores Legend Talks Reunion, New Book

BY STACY M. BROWN
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Thomas McClary, the legendary founder of the super group, the Commodores, has a new book that takes readers on a journey through Motown, the Civil Rights Movement and a backstage war for the ages.

McClary, who co-founded the group with Lionel Richie, recently released "Rock and Soul," a stirring autobiography where readers also learn about his activism.

"I kept getting questions as to when are the original Commodores going to do reunion and, after hearing that for the 'umpteenth' time I realized that people wanted to know," said McClary. "So, I started to think about it and started writing things down."

The book details McClary's recruitment of Richie, one of the biggest selling artists in the history of Motown Records.

"When I met Lionel, he was a very shy guy and I had to convince his grandmother and parents to allow him to play in the band," McClary said. "I pushed him out to become

the lead singer after our initial lead singer was drafted into the Vietnam War. I overheard Lionel singing in the shower one day and I said, 'hey, you can sing.'"

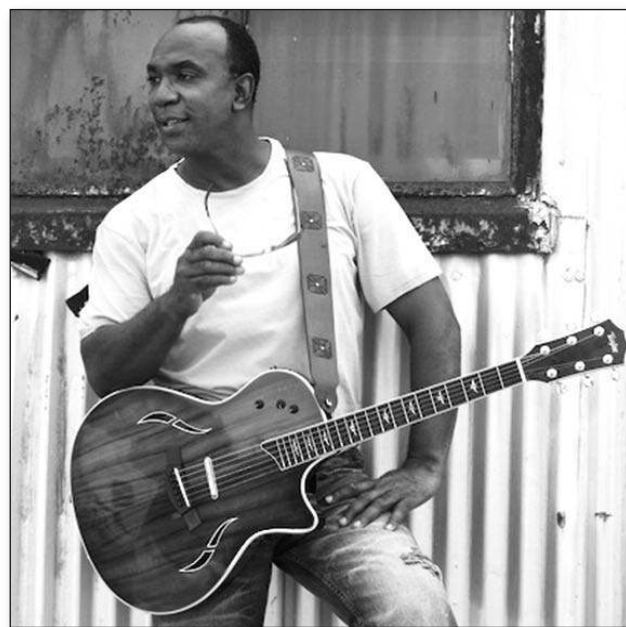
When the book begins, McClary is in a courtroom.

One of the members secretly trademarked the Commodores name, barring McClary's use, while performing separately.

"I think readers will be surprised at how perseverance played a role in our success and they will also be surprised to know that, even though we had a very united front, behind the scenes things weren't so kosher," he said. "I'm the founder and all of us were equal as it relates to corporate ownership and the name. One of the guys decided he was going to take it on his own to trademark the name and I'm still handling it."

The singer, musician and songwriter is credited along with Richie for writing nearly all of the Commodores music, a bevy of hits that's led to multiple Grammy nomination and induction into the Vocal Group Hall of Fame.

In addition to his musical prowess, McClary counts as one of the Civil Rights Movement's unsung



Commodores Legend Thomas McClary wrote a new book about his time with the iconic band and his activism during the Civil Rights Movement.

heroes.

The first African American to integrate Lake County Public Schools in Eustis, Fla., amidst formidable racial tension, McClary walked with boldness when entering the doors of the all-White school.

He also fought to open doors of opportunities for other African Americans and he continues to work to help others overcome racial bigotry and other obstacles.

McClary said it's as important today as ever before.

"Man, I never thought I'd be appreciative of a president like George W. Bush," he said. "To compare him to what we have in office today, I never thought I'd long for a George Bush."

McClary said fans have repeatedly asked about a possible reunion of the original Commodores, a group that turned out such iconic and time-tested hits as "Brick House," "Easy," and "Just to be Close to you."

"It's going to happen. I've spent 30 years trying

respect their fan-base.

LAS: Do you get to meet the writers of "The Punisher"?

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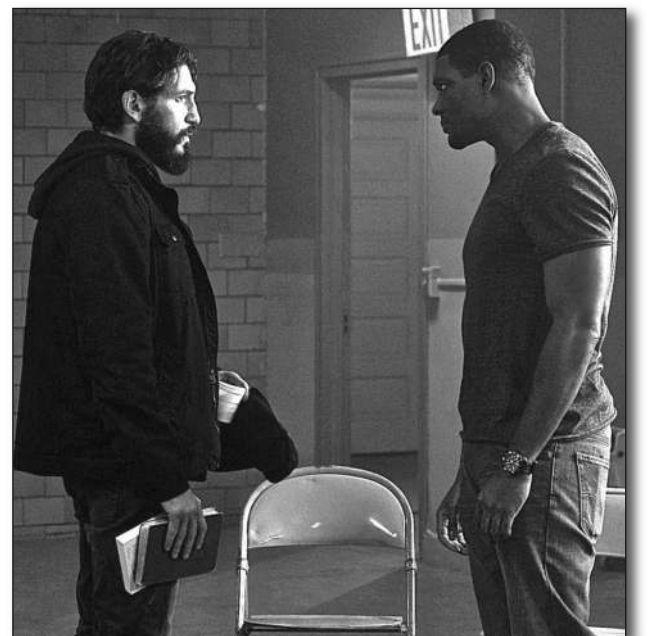
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Moore takes up a scene in "The Punisher" with a fellow cast member.

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to make it happen and Lionel and I recently performed together in New Zealand and at the Superdome, so I'm optimistic that a reunion with the five living original members will happen," said McClary, whose recollections about the great "Motown Sound" is recorded in the new book that has others taking notice.

"It's captivating and awe inspiring," singer Ray Parker Jr. said.

Kool & the Gang Founder Robert Bell wrote a moving review of "Rock and Soul" calling it "an emotion filled memoir of a cherished walk and a celebration of life, through the highs and lows of a natural born star. Thoroughly entertaining and moving."

Hall of Fame NBA Star Julius "Dr. J" Erving also praised McClary's memoirs.

"A resounding testament of the resilience of the force that is Thomas McClary," Erving said. "This book gave pure energy to my soul."

Riveting, rousing, and outright inspiring, "Rock and Soul" is an intimate portrait of McClary, said the book's publishers, 13th & Joan.

The 362-page book recounts the Civil Rights Movement, and McClary's early days of leaving home to attend Tuskegee University where he met Richie.

It highlights McClary's rise from the concrete of societal imposed standards to musical genius.

McClary relentlessly laid the foundation to form a sound and a family of talent that the world had yet to witness.

Countless hours with his guitar, and blood, sweat, and tears became synonymous with crafting a sound that intricately fused rhythm and blues, funk and rock, pop and jazz, and moved audiences to undeniable emotion with a language that knew no barriers.

"Obviously I have a lot of respect for Berry Gordy and what he did at Motown and for Black people," McClary said. "Stevie Wonder has always been incredible, as has Smokey Robinson and Suzanne de Passe. We learned a lot from all of them, the likes of Norman Whitfield and Marvin Gaye all of whom had an open door policy, where we could ask how they did what they did and what we could use to improve our situation."

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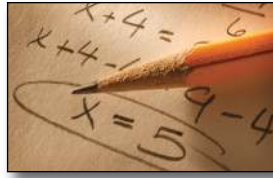
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SCLC of Southern California and Congregational Church of Christian Fellowship (CCCF) are offering free tutoring in Algebra 1 and 2; Geometry, Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus to Southern California students in grades 6 through 12. Ten openings are available. The classes are held Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at CCCF, 2085 S. Hobart Blvd., in Los Angeles. Trinity Moore, a junior at Maranatha High School in Pasadena, will tutor the students under the supervision of an adult. Apply online at www.tinyurl.com/sclc-sctutoring or call (213) 400-3489.



Nov. 29 Inglewood Park Cemetery Lecture Series

Inglewood Park Cemetery will present the second lecture in its new community resource educational lecture series TouchStones, which presents free programs that provide useful information in topics ranging from estate protection and preplanning final arrangements to a complement of timely lifestyle programs. Senior leaders of Inglewood Park Cemetery and Inglewood Cemetery Mortuary will present "Cremation: Your Questions Answered," which will be held at 2 PM, Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017 at Inglewood Park's Celebrations of Life Resource Center on its campus located at 720 W. Florence Ave. Information regarding upcoming lectures will be available at www.inglewoodparkcemetery.com.

Now-Dec Support Group PSA

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



Dec. 2 The Watts Christmas Parade

The Watts Christmas Parade returns Saturday, December 2, to usher in the holiday season. With legendary Watts raised singing group "The Sylvers" serving as Grand Marshall, the procession starts at 12 noon in front of the Watts Labor Community Action Center (WLCAC) 10950 S. Central Ave., proceeds down Central and ends at Markham Middle School, 104th and Grandee. The Grandstand is setup in front of Grant AME Church on 104th and Central Avenue. Entering its 52nd year, the festive celebration has entertained thousands of viewers along its route and remains a venerable institution and cultural icon in the Watts/Willowbrook community. Sponsors and supporters of the "51st Annual Watts Christmas Parade" include, the City of Los Angeles, SEIU Local 99, Watts HealthCare Health Inc., Macedonia Baptist Church, Charles Drew University School of Medicine and WLCAC. For more Information call (323) 563-3629.



Now-Dec. 17 Stage Play: ONE WAY TICKET TO OREGON

The World Premiere of ONE WAY TICKET TO OREGON written by B.C Caldwell, produced by BC Caldwell and Jeremy Aldridge, and directed by JJ Mayes is being presented as an Equity Approved Showcase at the The Promenade Playhouse. When Leigh Anne receives the diagnosis that her cancer has returned and spread to her pancreas, she's forced to confront her mortality and how it will affect her son Bobby, who relies on her stability, his unstable wife Eve, and her young grandson Duke, who has autism. As she wrestles with her faith, unresolved issues of race and heritage threaten to unravel the core of Leigh's fragile family, an emotional struggle taking place all too often around the world today. This stage play runs November 17 through December 17, 2017 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, Sundays at 2pm, with two shows on Sunday, December 3 at 2pm and 7pm. Please note there are no performances over Thanksgiving weekend or on Friday, December 15. Tickets are available at www.eventbrite.com. The Promenade Playhouse is located at 1404 3rd Street Promenade in Santa Monica, CA 90401.



Dec. 3 "Diamonds and Pearls – A Winter Wonderland" Benefit Brunch

The Pasadena-Altadena Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, in collaboration with the Pasadena Altadena Community Endowment Fund (PACEF), presents "Diamonds and Pearls - A Winter Wonderland" — benefit brunch, an afternoon of fun and entertainment, Sunday December 3, 11:00 am to 3 pm at The Imperial Palace in Pasadena, CA. The festivities kickoff at 11:00 am with a reception, followed by brunch starting at noon. Proceeds from "Diamonds and Pearls - A Winter Wonderland" will help fund a number of Links programs including: 29th Annual Isaac McClelland Memorial Scholarships for Pasadena Unified School District graduating seniors; "Links Up for Success" mentoring program for PUSD middle and high school girls; "Senior Talent Show"; and other community initiatives. Tickets are available for \$125 per person and both patron and sponsorship opportunities are available. For additional information please visit www.pasadenaaltadena-linksinc.org; Email: pasadenaaltadena@linksinc.org for tickets.



Now-Nov. 25 Friday Night Jazz @ LACMA

Listen to the jazz every Friday through the end of November, you can hear a free jazz concert at LACMA in the grand entrance. Bring the family early for great seats. And remember that the museum is free to all Los Angeles County residents after 5 p.m. on Fridays (Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays too!), so be sure to check out the latest exhibits. No outside alcohol or bottles are allowed. LACMA is located at Miracle Mile, LACMA, 5900 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA.

Nov. 23 Compton to Feed Families in Need for Thanksgiving

On Thanksgiving Day, dozens of volunteers will come together at Compton College to help assemble over 10,000 holiday dinners that will be distributed throughout Southern California from Compton to San Diego. In addition to the many volunteers, local elected officials and other civic, political, and religious leaders in Compton will be on hand assisting. The event is sponsored in part by Toyota of Capistrano, Major League Baseball, Compton College and Western Baptist State Convention President Dr. Joe B. Hardwick.



Nov. 23 Giving on Thanksgiving at Ward Villa Senior Complex

On Thursday, November 23, from 9AM-3PM, Mothers In Action (MIA) celebrates 22 years of serving turkey dinners at Ward Villa Senior Apartment Complex and delivering to senior citizens and sick and shut-in residents throughout the greater Los Angeles area. To help please drop or mail donations to Mothers In Action at 4401 Crenshaw Blvd., Suite 315 in Los Angeles, CA 90043. For more information, please contact (323) 290-0456 or email tracy@lasentinel.net or mothersinactioninc@aol.com. Ward Villa Senior Complex is located 1177 West Adams Blvd. in Los Angeles, CA 90007.

Nov. 24-25 Waste Management Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

Waste Management's trash and recycling pick-up schedule will be delayed by one day beginning on Thursday, November 23, and through the remainder of the week in observance of Thanksgiving. All local Waste Management operations will be closed on Thursday, November 23, with normal operations resuming on Friday, November 24. Residential customers who receive service in the following cities on Thursday are being asked to place their carts out for service on Friday, November 24 and those who receive service on Friday should place their carts out on Saturday, November 25. Carson, Manhattan Beach, South Gate and Los Angeles County communities served by Waste Management. Customer service is available at (800) 774-0222.

Nov. 28 Events at CAAM

On Nov. 16, from 7- 9PM, a program Conceived by Black Lives Matter Art + Culture and presented in conjunction with the exhibition, "We Wanted a Revolution: Black Radical Women", 1965-85, this TED Talk-style program aims to inspire and encourage makers to continue this practice. Artists from varied disciplines including Shamel Bell, Staceyann Chin, Lynnée Denise, Emory Douglas, Maren Hassinger, Sarah Jones, Miss Prissy, and author Walter Mosley share how they use their artistic practice to engage political or social concepts and challenge the establishment. On Nov. 28, from 7-9PM, TRANSflective: A Conversation on the Beauty of the Transgender Experience will present a place to hear trans women in the community and artist Lesley Saar discuss advocacy and authenticity. Panelists include city of Los Angeles Commissioner Ceri Zamora; Jazzmun Crayton, an actress and performer who works in social services; Ryka Aoki, an author and martial arts instructor; and Saar, whose work regularly alludes to individuals excluded from mainstream society. For more information, please visit <https://caamuseum.org/>



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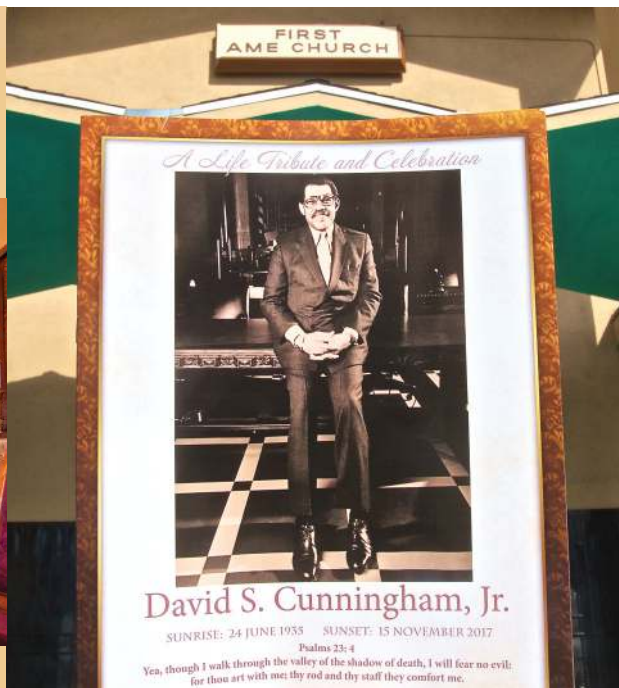


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A Life Tribute and Celebration: David S. Cunningham, Jr. Sunrise: 24 June 1925 ~ ~ Sunset: 15 November 2017

Psalms 23:4

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.



"David Cunningham was a great friend to my family and me. But more importantly, he was a friend to our community. Dave unapologetically always moved the agenda of Black people forward. Whether he was fighting for equality and access for African Americans in city hall or after he retired and was working as a businessman, lobbyist, or in his philanthropic works at UC Riverside, he always fought to insure African Americans were represented and had opportunities. He was a dedicated husband, father, grand-father, friend and mentor. He is and will always be loved and truly missed."

*— Danny J. Bakewell, Sr.
Chairman & Executive Publisher,
Los Angeles Sentinel & L.A. Watts Times Newspaper*



"Los Angeles has lost a great leader. I'm saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. David Cunningham, a champion for accessible, affordable housing and a true community leader. Among his major contributions to our city, Mr. Cunningham served on the Los Angeles City Council for 13 years in the 1970s and 1980s and represented many Angelenos, including myself, at that post. One of the first African American elected leaders in the city, Mr. Cunningham served his multiple terms in the City Council with distinguished honor and dignity, as he did as Chairman of the Black American Political Association of California. My thoughts are with Mr. Cunningham son, my friend Judge David S. Cunningham III, and the rest of Mr. Cunningham's loving family and friends. The guidance and community wisdom will surely be missed by not only myself, but also those fortunate enough to cross paths with Dave on his journey."

— Congresswoman Karen Bass



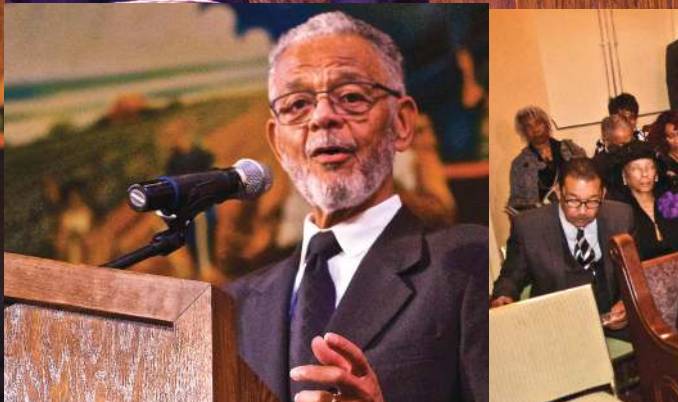
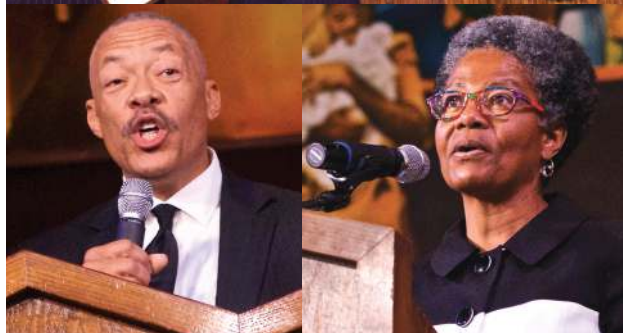
"Dave Cunningham served his community with passion and dedication — and never lost sight of why the people of the 10th District elected him to succeed Tom Bradley, and sent him to City Hall to represent them for more than a decade: to keep up the fight for equal justice, equal access, and equality in services. His strong advocacy made history in our city, and my thoughts today are with the councilmember's family and all who loved and admired him."

— Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti



"Dave Cunningham was a lion on the Los Angeles City Council and a mentor to every up-and-coming elected official. There will never be another statesman of his stature."

— Assemblymember Reginald Jones-Sawyer



Mothers In Action Thanksgiving: The Legacy Continues...

Celebrating 22 years of Mothers In Action bringing a holiday feast to seniors in the community and across the Southland

By BRIAN W. CARTER
Staff Writer

On Thursday, November 23, Mothers In Action (MIA) will celebrate 22 years of providing Thanksgiving Day meals to Ward Villas Senior Apartment Complex and to those in need throughout the greater Los Angeles area and surrounding communities. MIA's has a long list of elected officials, celebrities, law enforcement, and organizations that all come together to make this highly anticipated community service event work every year.

The Thanksgiving Day Senior Feed at Ward Villas is a traditional hot Thanksgiving dinner complete with turkey, cranberries, dressing, green beans, macaroni & cheese, salad, dessert and a beverage served and delivered to seniors or to those who are unable to leave their house because they are sick and shut in. Every meal recipient will receive a *Los Angeles Sentinel* Newspaper, a hot meal, a greeting card in a recyclable bag. Seniors that are served



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has brought a wealth of love and gratitude to the residents of Ward Villas and our community at large. Three years ago, Senior Pastor Kelvin Sauls and Holman United Methodist Church joined MIA as community partners. MIA extends their gratefulness to media partners, the *L.A. Sentinel* & *L.A. Watts* Times for their editorial support, ads, donations, and staff volun-

Tracy Mitchell. From monetary donations, sodas, salad, bread, centerpieces, turkeys to recyclable bags, clean up, serving or delivering meals, Tracy is extremely grateful to all the volunteers, donors and sponsors who come out to make this day happen.

Thanksgiving at Ward Villas was started by the late Brenda Marsh Mitchell and Lillian Mobley in 1995 to give seniors a holiday meal, who are surprisingly forgot-

West Los Angeles (Rod Miles), Bobbie Jean Ander-

son, Brandiva & Sir Jerk, Carolyn Fowler, Carrie Konjayan, Chef Marilyn, Dolores Spears, Fabian Wesson, Fred Childress, Girl Scout Troop 1565 along with their leaders and mothers, Glory Foods, Henrietta Perkins-Barkley, Howard & Associates, Isadore Hall, Joyce Jamison, LAPD South Traffic Division CTSU, LAUSD Board member Dr. George McKenna of District 1, Lisa Square, Mike Stringer, Mothers In Action staff, Mothers Nutritional Center, Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation, Renita Lorden, Richard Calhoun, Robert Torrence, Sharon Robinson, Shawn Newmann, The Randolph Family, The Starving Actor, Veneranda Toledo, Wayne

Francis, Yvonne Wheeler and all of our other donors and volunteers.

This year, MIA will serve 200 seniors onsite at Ward Villas Senior Complex and deliver 800 meals. Volunteers are needed to deliver Thanksgiving meals from 9:00am – 2:00pm

Ward Villas Senior Complex is located at 1177 West Adams Blvd. in Los Angeles, CA 90007

Follow Mothers In Action on Facebook and follow them on Twitter (@mothersinaction). For more information, contact (323) 290-0456 or email tracy@lasentinel.net or mothersinactioninc@aol.com

Tracy Mitchell contributed to this article.



A Family Legacy: Brenda Marsh-Mitchell's legacy continues through her daughters and grandsons (L-to-R): Pamela, Mitchell, Kennedy, Tamela & Tracy.

onsite are treated to a good meal, live entertainment, the company of their special guests, friends and loved ones.

For the last 22 years, MIA have forged an ongoing partnership with Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker of Ward Villas Senior Complex. This partnership

teers over the years. Ms. Mitchell and her sisters, Tamela and Pamela would also like to thank Danny Bakewell and their mother for teaching and showing the way to make a difference in the community.

The love that is poured out every year never ceases to amaze MIA president,

ten or neglected during the holiday season. It has been affirmed by both Brenda and Tracy that on Thanksgiving Day, that unfortunately sometimes the faces of the volunteers who deliver the meals to the seniors and shut-in are the only visitation the recipients of the meals receive that day.

"Words cannot express the depths of our gratitude for the elected officials and their continuous support of Mothers In Action: Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, Councilmember Curren Price of 9th District, and Councilmember Marquee Harris – Dawson of 8th District," said Mitchell.

Special thanks to Danny Bakewell, The Bakewell Family Foundation, Baldwin Bethany CDC of Greater Bethany Church of



Everybody gets in on serving at Ward Villas Thanksgiving Feed, even LAPD.

Success On "The Way" Ask Dr. Jeanette "Letter From Folsom Prisoner"



My initial title, "Joy and Peace" didn't sound interesting. As I began to write, thoughts flooded my mind, and materialized into the current title. I'm thinking... who wants to hear about joy and peace even though they are desirable. People want happiness and peace, but often times they don't know where to go to get it. I suspect if you do a survey, "Do you want a joyful life and peace in your mind?" They would answer, "Yes." It is a good thing to have. Some people don't even know what a joyful spirit means or to have peace of mind. Some have been in such mental turmoil all of their lives at home, in the neighborhood, at work and wherever they are and have no idea where it is to be found. With others, how do you achieve a joyful spirit and peace of mind. So much unrest wherever we look. Do we need to carry all of this weight with us? No! We can only do what we can do. Okay, back to the title, "Joy and Peace." Would you prefer a more exciting title, like "There ain't no joy and peace in this life!" or "Forget trying to live in peace with him or her or in this place." Or "Piece of what?" "You want a piece of my mind?" I received a letter from a prisoner incarcerated in Folsom State Prison. I will write him soon. I haven't forgotten and I respect all persons. Everybody deserves respect in one small or large way. We are made in His image. That's why even when a person is going to court, the person is called Mr. or Ms. In front of their names. My reader talked about navigating so people know what they are up against in life and not get caught up. I have to answer him. He took time to write me and I certainly will take time to write him with a respectful response. People are looking for a way to improve this society. It's difficult. The structure of the "system" is so complex trying to unravel its difficulties is challenging [to say the least]. The Folsom prison letter writer wrote a deliberate and well worded letter. When people begin to formulate opinions about people and not see them as individuals who warrant respect, that encumbers things. Where do we go from here? Who do we reach out to...or cry out to? What can you do? Where do you start? How do you make a breakthrough and be heard as a person of intelligence who can speak sanely and with calm and clear sentences. Seek peace, pursue it and you will have a more enjoyable life. Arguing, fussing and fighting will only set you up for high blood pressure and heart attack. Teach the children. Jeanette Grattan Parker; Ph.D. Founder-Superintendent of Today's Fresh Start Charter School 4514 Crenshaw BL, Los Angeles, CA 90043 [all writings are copyright. AskDrjeanette.successontheway@gmail.com. Will You Marry Me. Inquiring Minds Want To Know

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