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Oakland Entertainment Veterans Emerge From COVID-19 With New Mission



Oakland Business Collective members, from L to R: Henry Royal, Marcus King, Lionel Bea, Kyle Newport, Tony Spires, Geoffrey Pete. Photo credit: Carlos Wilborn.

By Tony Spires

Oakland, like many major U.S. cities, has been severely impacted by recent unprecedented events. The COVID-19

pandemic leads the procession of crises that have shaken the city's economic foundation and uprooted individuals, communities and businesses. Arguably, one of the industries

hit hardest has been that of arts and entertainment as those venues have been shuttered for well over a year.

The Oakland Business Collective (OBC) is a new-

lyformed group of longtime friends, all arts and entertainment professionals who decided to join forces, combine re-

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Youth UpRising Serves Young People in East Oakland



Y'Anad Burrell

By Tamia Lane

Youth UpRising is a Black-run youth organization located in East Oakland. The focus of the organization is on transformative

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Special Guest Elihu Harris at Assembly Candidate Janani Ramachandran's Meet and Greet

By Emma Sullivan

Oakland needs a representative who is committed, has integrity, and will walk the walk, says former Oakland Mayor and Assemblymember Elihu Harris. At the age of 29, Harris first ran to represent the 18th district in the California State Assembly.

Forty-three years later, he joined Oakland residents in supporting Janani Ramachandran, 29-year-old social justice attorney, community activist, and candidate for California State Assembly in the June 29 special election.

Addressing a crowd of 50 community members in the Glenview community on June 18, Harris introduced Ramachandran, emphasizing the importance of the state Legislature.



Former Oakland Mayor Elihu Harris and assembly candidate Janani Ramachandran at a meet and greet for her on June 18.

"We need someone who will connect the State Capitol with Oakland, making sure that our homelessness problem is going to be addressed, our water issues are going to be addressed, our air quality is going to be addressed," he said.

Janani is the only Oakland

candidate running for this seat. Having served Oakland communities through legal services, legislative advocacy, and as a Public Ethics Commissioner, she will bring a community-oriented perspective to the Assembly.

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June 19, 1982: When Beating Victim Vincent Chin Became a Martyr in the Asian American Community



By Emil Guillermo

People talk so much about intersectionality these days, I like to joke, "Is that where MacArthur crosses Broadway in Oakland?"

But when it comes to Juneteenth, we have a genuine opportunity for Black and Asian solidarity.

Have you ever thought about Juneteenth and Vincent Chin's June 19th?

On June 19, 1982, Ronald Ebens, a white auto worker in Detroit, got in a fight with Chin that ended up with Ebens striking Chin twice to the head with a baseball bat. Chin was in a coma until he died on June 23.

Ebens' murder of Chin is considered the most infamous

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individual hate crime in Asian American history, mostly because the murderer has done no time for the crime.

Still alive at 81, Ebens has not only skirted prosecution in the criminal matter; he has skillfully used bankruptcy and homesteading laws in Nevada to avoid a wrongful death civil suit settlement. Ordered by the court in 1987 to pay \$1.5 million to Chin's family, the Chin estate has received nothing for the last 34 years.

That sense of delayed justice is no less than the extension of the crime itself—one thing the Chin case has in common with Juneteenth. Blacks in Texas were working as slaves for more than two years after

the Emancipation Proclamation. Nobody bothered to tell them that overtime for slavery was now illegal in the United States.

Once you understand the purposeful ignorance that allowed slavery to be extended beyond its time, you understand how those subjected to this and their descendants deserve a whole lot more than a federal holiday.

Asian Americans don't need a holiday, but they should appreciate the irony of the coincidence with Juneteenth.

After his attack on June 19, Chin was in a coma. On the 23rd Chin didn't wake up.

But an entire generation of Asian Americans did.

For those born in the era of the Civil Rights Movement, Chin was the cue for a

new wave of Asian Americans ready to take part in the coalition for social justice.

Since then, the Asian American population has grown to more than 23 million people. And now, a new generation is discovering the impact and the importance of the Chin case in a time when more than 6,600 hate incidents have occurred fueled by a scapegoating Republican administration during a pandemic.

Much has been made of viral images of Black perps attacking mostly older Asian Americans. Don't be fooled into making a knee-jerk generalization.

The University of Michigan's Virulent Hate Project reviewed 4,337 news articles between January 1 and December

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Editor-in-Chief Kiki and Governor Gavin Newsom, Photo by Kiki.

Post News Group Exclusive Interview with California Governor Gavin Newsom

By Kiki

Editor's note: This article was edited for brevity and clarity.

On Thursday, June 18, Gov. Gavin Newsom came to Oakland to talk about small businesses and the "largest small business relief program in the nation." Dubbed California Roars Back, it's the governor's \$100 billion "comeback plan".

Newsom toured Beastmode Barbershop and Graffiti Pizza, both Black-owned businesses and held a press gaggle with the business owners, local politicians and community business leaders.

The Post News Group was granted an exclusive one-on-one sit down interview with Newsom.

Post: "Thank you for your

time. Why was it important for you to come to Oakland to talk about the comeback plan?"

Newsom: "Oakland has been described by some of my San Francisco friends as what San Francisco used to be. It's a compliment(since) many aspects of San Francisco have been lost to sort of a universal sameness in certain neighborhoods where you see the same eight nine chains, and the neighborhoods begin to lose their sense of community.

"You come to Oakland, and you see this thriving small business network, just remarkable diverse creative artists who happen to be entrepreneurs, literally in some cases, not just figuratively.

"And so for me it's really...the

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Historic Child Tax Credit Will Start Delivering Checks to East Bay Families in July, Barbara Lee Says



Congresswoman Barbara Lee

By Alex Katz

On Monday, Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA-13) began to urge East Bay families to apply for the new Child Tax Credit—a provision of the American Rescue Plan that will start delivering checks to eligible families as soon as next month.

Congresswoman Lee held a press conference Monday at the Unity Council at 1900 Fruitvale Ave., in Oakland's Fruitvale neighborhood to provide information about the tax credit and the application process.

"Even before the pandemic,

2 out of 5 people in this country—about 140 million of us—were poor or low-income, just \$400 or less away from financial ruin," Congresswoman Lee said. "It doesn't have to be this way. Poverty is a policy choice, and we can choose to end it. This historic tax credit is one step towards dismantling poverty in America and ensuring the basic needs of all children are met."

The expanded Child Tax Credit will provide \$3,000 for children ages 6-17 and \$3,600 for children under 6. For the first time, families can receive

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The Black Press: Our Trusted Messenger

By Dr. John E. Warren, Publisher, The San Diego Voice & Viewpoint



Dr. John E. Warren

Sometimes it's necessary to be reminded of who we are and who our friends are. It's also important to remember from whence we have come.

Such is the case this week with the Black Press. Our Black newspapers are now celebrating 194 years of being the keeper of the flame of liberty and the source of information in "our" struggle for freedom and equality.

With the advent of the recent pandemic and the visible disparity of Blacks dying at

greater numbers than others, getting fewer vaccines, working in the highest risk occupations and facing death at the hands of law enforcement, our need for a "trusted" source of

information is greater than social media, which has become an alternative for many.

At the same time, the interest in reaching our communities has increased on all levels. The question has become "who is in touch with the Black community" as injustice, murder and social disparity continue to grow among Blacks.

The NAACP and the Urban League gave the impression that they were in touch with the Black community. But the reality is neither organization has ever been in touch with the Black community without the Black Press. It is Black newspapers and not CNN, ABC, NBC or CBS that carries the articles and commentaries of these organizations to the Black community.

Yet, neither of these organizations ever mentions the Black Press when taking both credit and dollars for outreach to the Black community.

The African American and Black communities of America should not be duped into believing that social media has become a substitute for the Black Press. The Black Press is now both print and electronic, it's a newswire service as provided by the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), providing coverage of both news here in America and around the world.

It is the Black Press that has been the "Trusted Messenger" to our communities for 194 years, and that says a lot. Our newspapers are the rear guard, the battle ground against the efforts to resegregate America and return to "Jim Crow" racism.

As we celebrate Juneteenth, let us remember that we are not

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Learning Black History Year-Round

Florence Beatrice Price: A Classical First



By Tamara Shiloh

Eleven years into the Jim Crow laws, Florence B. Price (1888-1953) was born into a middle-class family in Little Rock, Ark. It was a time when anyone of African descent in North America, no matter their successes, was viewed as part of the underclass.

Price's mother was a music teacher, owned and ran a restaurant, worked in real estate and served as secretary of the International Loan and Trust Company.

Her father was an artist, a notable dentist and inventor of patented dental tools.

The family was considered among the "10 percenters," meaning people who benefited from a classical education and had the potential to lead American society.

They were known to host gatherings of the Black intelligentsia. Young Florence entertained those guests on the piano, a skill taught by her mother.

In 1903, Price attended the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. Knowing that race was a barrier for entry, she presented herself as being of



Florence B. Price was the first Black woman in the U.S. to have an original composition performed by a symphonic orchestra.

Mexican descent. In three years, she earned a soloist's diploma in organ and a teacher's diploma in piano.

Encouraged to compose, Florence studied composition and counterpoint. Her early works included pieces for piano and organ. She later returned to the South, teaching at the Arkadelphia Presbyterian Academy and later at Little Rock's Shorter College. She became head of the music department at Clark University in Atlanta (1910-1912), and then returned to Little Rock.

Despite her qualifications, Price was denied membership to the Arkansas State Music Teach-

ers Association. Refusing to give up, she established her own music studio and founded the Little Rock Club of Musicians.

At that time, racial tension in Little Rock was escalating. The numbers of Black men being beaten and lynched were on the rise. Price and her husband fled to Chicago for their safety.

The Prices divorced in 1931, leaving Florence a single mother. She then played the organ for silent film screenings and wrote popular songs for WGN radio. She forged friendships with like-minded musicians and artists and continued her composition studies. Eventually, Price's concert music came to the attention of one of her teachers, which led to her big break in 1932.

Price won several prizes at the Wanamaker Music Composition Contest. These successes attracted the attention of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's music director, who, soon after, conducted a performance of Price's First Symphony (1933).

At that moment, she became established as a composer of note and the first Black woman in American history to have a symphonic work performed by a major American orchestra.

"It is a faultless work, a work that speaks its own message with restraint and yet with passion ... worthy of a place in the regular symphonic repertory," the Chicago Daily News reported.

Despite her success, Price struggled, surviving mostly on the kindness of friends. She suffered from poor health and was often hospitalized. By 1953, her work was gaining a new momentum. While preparing for a promotion trip to Europe, she suffered a heart attack and died.

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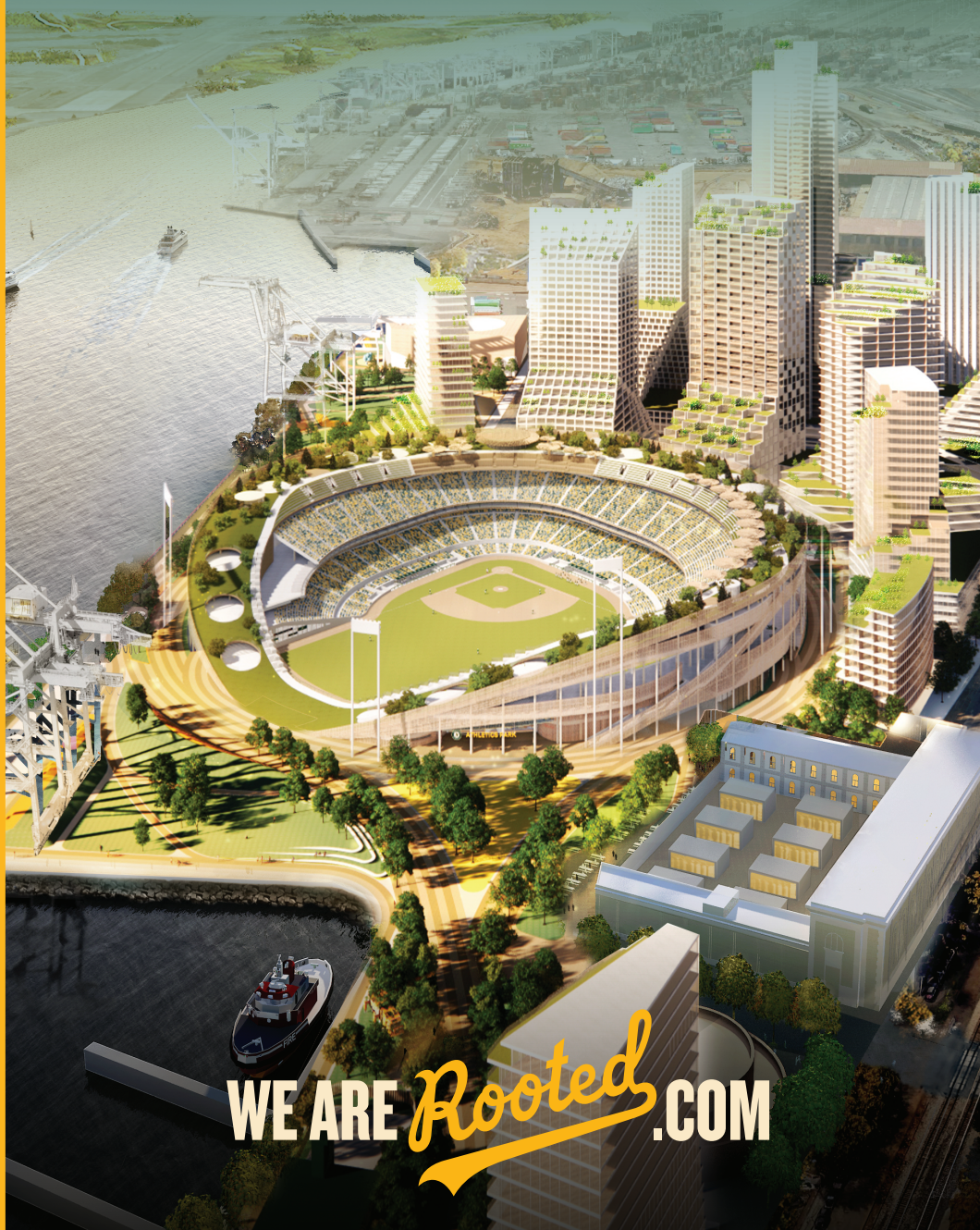
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Mills College Will Merge With Northeastern University Rather Than Close

The Oakland college reverses course and announces a new survival plan. Men will be admitted as undergraduates, changing tradition.

By Larry Gordon
EdSource

Mills College in Oakland, which had previously planned to close by 2023 because of financial woes and falling enrollment, has announced a merger with Northeastern University in Boston that would keep the campus open.

The new plan would allow the historic college campus to stay alive indefinitely but would cease its tradition of serving only women in its undergraduate programs and would end its independence.

The college, which last year enrolled about 960 students, would become known as Mills College at Northeastern University, and current Mills students could stay or possibly transfer to Northeastern's main campus in Boston, according to an announcement.

The deal is not finalized and much remains open to negotiations. The Mills College board has authorized the talks with Northeastern "because we share a vision of what education can and must be in the coming decades. The missions of Mills and Northeastern are aligned through our shared commitment to access, social justice and urban education," according to a statement from Mills President Elizabeth Hillman.

Northeastern already has satellite programs in San Francisco and San Jose. The university has five other satellite campuses, including two in Canada -- Toronto and Vancouver.

Men would be allowed to enroll as undergraduates, Hillman said. "Mills will become gender inclusive on the under-



Mills College President Elizabeth Hillman

graduate level, but will forever be shaped by our legacy as a historically women's college," her statement said.

Mills College began as a religious school in 1852 and moved in 1871 to its current location on 135 lushly landscaped acres. It kept its tradition of having a women-only undergraduate student body, although it admitted men to graduate programs.

In 1990, Mills leaders proposed to start admitting undergraduate men as a solution to financial problems. But Mills rescinded that attempt and undergraduate men were never enrolled after an uproar among alumnae and a two-week-long student strike.

Enrollment of Mills has declined more recently, falling 14% from 1,122 in fall 2019 to 961 in fall 2020.

Northeastern enrolls about 19,000 undergraduates and 8,600 graduate students. It is unclear how the announcement would affect its existing programs in Silicon Valley and San Francisco, where it offers graduate programs in computer science and biotechnology

and a semester in the West for undergraduate internships.

The university is known for its so-called cooperative form of education, which combines on-the-job experience and internships with classroom learning.

In March, Mills said it would stop enrolling new undergraduates after fall 2021 and that it would "most likely" grant its last degrees of any sort in 2023. That triggered protests from alumni and students who contended the value of campus land could help the college survive.

Three months later, Mills' governing board clearly has had second thoughts about totally shutting down. It was not revealed on June 17 whether Northeastern reached out to Mills first or the other way around or whether mergers with other universities were examined as well. Also undisclosed were financial details, including the fate of Mills' endowment, which was reported to be about \$190 million last year.

Soon after the March announcement about Mills closing, UC Berkeley said it would rent dorms and classroom space at Mills next fall. UC Berkeley, just nine miles away and crunched for space, announced plans for 200 freshmen to live on Mills' Oakland campus and take many of their introductory classes there.

That plan for UC to expand into Mills now appears to be dead. "While we have worked collaboratively over many decades with UC Berkeley, we have been unable to establish a public/private partnership

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Spoken Word Offers Aid to Black Men Facing Hardships

By Isabelle Price

According to a National Health Survey on Drug Use and Health conducted in 2019 for the African American community, 6.5 million African Americans had a mental illness and/or substance abuse disorder.

These numbers don't compare to the more in-depth statistics on those who receive treatment and who do not and how, specifically, Black men are affected. For a lot of Black men and men of color, access to resources that may aid in mental health or substance abuse treatment are slim because of the influence within their own communities and outside of it to turn their backs on things that are perceived as anything less than the strength they should possess as a man, especially a Black man.

Black Men Speak, INC. (BMS), an international speakers bureau, was founded in 2009 through the Alameda Pool of Consumer Champions with this very notion in mind, that the best way to connect to other Black men who were struggling with mental health and substance abuse was through storytelling of their own struggles.

Three years following Black Men Speaks' foundation, Men of Color(MOC) speaker's bureau was established, which allowed them to expand their reach in the community.

Their mission statement highlights that through sharing their lived experiences, members of Black Men Speaks and Men of Color "promote self and communal wellness, recovery, and freedom".

The stories that are told are set in the present day and feature unique challenges of loss, trauma, social and family issues and community violence and



the importance of faith on the road to overall wellness & recovery. BMS offers resources that help with employment, housing, homeless

Besides aiding their fellow men through connection

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- June 28 - San Francisco and the surrounding areas, 6:30 p.m.
- June 29 - Solano County, 6:30 p.m.
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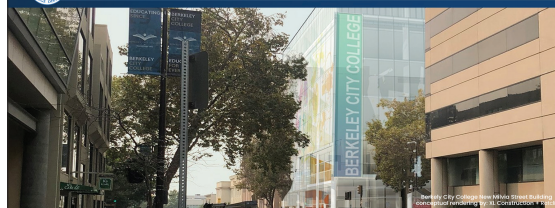
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Loaded With "Comeback" Support, Lawmakers OK California's \$267 Billion Budget

By Bo Tefu
California Black Media

The California Legislature approved Gov. Gavin Newsom's \$267 billion state budget for fiscal year 2021-22. It is packed with support for programs and policy initiatives intended to drive California's economy out of the downturn caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Cash that will be pumped into the general fund accounts for the major share of the budget, with a total of \$96 billion directed to K-12 education and community colleges. That amount is based on minimum funding requirements set by Proposition 98, a ballot initiative that voters approved in 1998.

Although California lawmakers approved the budget in time for the state reopening, "and while we proudly embrace the California comeback, this last year reminds us that we need to plan for the unexpected," said Gov. Newsom.

"We must maintain a strong fiscal foundation that does not overcommit the state to long-term spending it cannot afford, which could lead to future cuts," he said.

Newsom first proposed the budget in January of this year, and added some revisions in May, including funding to address issues affecting Black and Brown communities. Although lawmakers say they aim to prioritize long-term issues such as childcare and public health, Newsom says he wants to focus on reviving the job market by supporting the tourism industry and small businesses to amend California's economic crisis.

Newsom announced the full reopening of the state on

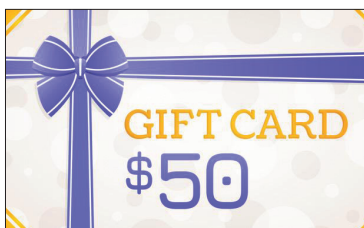
June 15 at Universal Studios Hollywood as nearly half of California's population is fully vaccinated. The state also lifted COVID-19 restrictions, including social distancing, mask requirements, and county tiers in most public settings statewide. The state continues to offer cash prizes to newly vaccinated residents as part of its "Vax for the Win" incentive program which started this month.

The state's fiscal year starts, "with the largest surplus in California history," Newsom said. "We're using this once-in-a-generation opportunity to create an economic recovery that will leave nobody behind — with money going directly back to Californians, the nation's largest small business relief programs, and unprecedented investments to address California's most persistent challenges such as homelessness, climate change and equity in our education system."

Assemblymember Chris Holden (D-Pasadena), who is a member of the California Legislative Black Caucus, shared the governor's optimism about the newly approved budget. He highlighted the economic inequality accelerated by COVID-19 and its impact on low-income families in California. Holden expressed confidence that the budget makes investments in priorities that will address the state's most important issues.

"This time last year, we feared the pandemic would destroy our economy and leave the state in a deep hole," said Holden referring to the Legislature's decision.

"Even though the outlook for beating the virus is in sight, we know families continue to struggle in this pandemic," he



said.

However, since the Legislature approved the budget, "we are in a much better position than we ever thought given the circumstances. We are making robust investments for priority issues including our economic recovery, education, and homelessness while contributing at a record level to our reserves," said Holden.

Most Democratic lawmakers gave the budget a thumbs up, but some Republicans remained hesitant about the certainty of California's economic recovery based on the newly approved budget.

Republican lawmakers claim that the state's budget is a "placeholder budget" used by legislators to take advantage of loopholes in California's Constitution.

California's Constitution mandates that the Legislature pass the budget by midnight each year on June 15 — or lawmakers forfeit their salaries.

The day before the state's reopening, Republican Sen. James Nielsen was vocal about his opposition to the newly approved budget in a Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee meeting.

"This is a fake budget. It's a feel-good budget. It's a 'let us get paid' budget. But, what we're voting on is not going to be the [real] budget," said Nielsen.

"We already know what

Aiming for a California Comeback: Tavis Smiley Returns to Radio

By Tanu Henry
California Black Media

Popular radio and television personality Tavis Smiley, whose career first began to skyrocket in the 1990s on Black Entertainment Television and proved its staying power until about four years ago -- is aiming to once again become a familiar face and name in American media.

This past weekend, Smiley re-entered the game on June-teenth. But, this time, not only as a talk radio host but also as an owner, putting his mark on a format that is both "unapologetically" progressive and African American.

Smiley owns the majority share in KBLA 1580 Los Angeles. Along with a group of investors, Smiley dropped \$7.5

million to purchase the radio station with a reach of about 12 million people in Southern California.

The station is expected to be on air 24 hours a day seven days a week.

"We just want to be a voice

order and the county tier system following the approval of the budget and the reopening of the state.

The California Department of Public Health also released a new order that removed restrictions in public spaces, including at schools and during major events.

As of June 15, people in California are no longer required to wear masks or social distance. But state officials recommend that non-vaccinated people still protect themselves in public places to prevent infection.

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"We just want to be a voice

for those who have been voiceless for too long in this city, speak a truth that is otherwise not being considered," Smiley said of the station.

In 2017, Smiley, who was

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Celebrating Juneteenth and Father's Day Around the Bay Area



From left to right: Bradley, Rhonda, Maurice & Micayla Brewster Savannah at Chanelle Vineyards, Saratoga, California.



"I celebrated Juneteenth carrying out the mission of Hey Carter! Books (HCB) in San Jose. The African American Community Service Agency held their 40th Annual Juneteenth Celebration at the San Jose Fairgrounds. HCB is committed to increasing representation for Black and Brown children and I had a great time connecting with the community and celebrating our history. It was such an amazing feeling to connect with families that I haven't seen since the 2019 celebration," says, Dr. Thomisha Booker, CEO of Hey Carter! Books



From left to right: Denise Bradley Tyson (close family friend), Yvette Hollingsworth Clark (President & CEO Hollingsworth Compliance Consulting LLC) and Biff Clark (spouse and co-Founder of Coefficient Technologies, a cyber security firm) at Stern Grove Festival, San Francisco, CA.

Legislative Black Caucus Celebrates Juneteenth

By Antonio Ray Harvey, California Black Media and Post News Staff

The California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC) continued last week's celebration of Juneteenth, America's newest federal holiday, with the group's first in-person event since the state reopened on June 15 -- and since the COVID-19 shelter-in-place order took effect in March 2020.

Billed as "CLBC Juneteenth Black Family History Event" the commemoration focused on Black miners and the integral role they played during the California Gold Rush era of the 1850s. Family members of the miners, serving as historical experts, assisted CLBC members and research staff with information for the celebration.

The event was held at the Constitution Wall Courtyard in the Secretary of State's office in Sacramento where California's first Black Secretary of State Shirley Weber made her first public appearance at the facility since she was sworn in to serve in that role.

Weber, whose parents were sharecroppers in Hope, Ark., shared that there is "another side of California" that should be historically told in full context.

"We think of California as a free state yet there are many examples that took place where people were brought to California as slaves and were made to stay in California as slaves," Weber said. "And then, when there was opportunity for them to stay in California, they wanted to remain. But the government and others decided that they would pass the Fugitive Slave Act. So, if you came here (as an enslaved person) you were sent back to Mississippi or Alabama. So, it becomes important when we talk about reparations that we have a full picture of California and what took place here."

Much like the story of Juneteenth, the California Black miners' experience is largely excluded from texts and research. But one of those stories of servitude was told by the event's keynote speaker Jonathan Burgess from the California African American Gold Rush Historical Association.

He talked about how his Black family's land was taken from them. He also said that the "true history" of California has not been fully explained and, to him, it is a "miscarriage of justice to teach our kids incorrect history."

"My goal is to educate and



Women being helped by representatives to trace her family tree.

enlighten those who are not informed and believed that slavery did not exist in California," said Burgess last week as he celebrated Juneteenth as a federal holiday for the first time in its 156-year history.

"I also want to share some of the tactics that were used to take land. This has been occurring since individuals came to what supposedly was a free state but hasn't been completely free," Burgess said.

Like Burgess, many Black leaders, celebrities, and activists here in California -- and around the country -- registered their approval of Juneteenth becoming America's 12th nationally recognized holiday. But they cautioned Americans of all backgrounds to resist the

impulse to reduce, arguably, the most significant historic moment in Black American history to an annual marketing event. Last week, President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law after most of the U.S. House and every member of the U.S. Senate who voted on the bill approved it. Juneteenth, or June 19, marks the day in 1865 when Major General Gordon Granger of the

anti-slavery Union Army traveled to Galveston, Texas, to let enslaved Black people there know that two and-a-half years before President Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed all slaves in the United States -- on paper.

"Great nations don't ignore their most painful moments. They embrace them," the president said, celebrating the end of slavery and honoring African American history.

State Senator Brian Dahle said, "We should not be afraid of learning about our history. The more truth we bring to light, the better we are at making decisions as we take on the challenges of our time. Events like this are a positive way to move forward together".

Genealogists and members of the Sacramento African American Genealogical Society welcomed Black legislators and staff and set up laptop computers to help guests find the

path to their ancestors. Black history resources were provided by FamilySearch International, a nonprofit organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Millions of formerly hidden records have been made available for free by the Church as a tool to help the world understand that all people are connected as brothers and sisters of God.

Mixed Reactions to Juneteenth Holiday

Other Black leaders took to social media, group chats and in-person discussions to both celebrate and "crack" on the Biden's decision to make Juneteenth a federal holiday. Some complained that while the symbolism of the holiday is important, substantial current issues such as voting rights, police violence, adding Black History to the educational curriculum, and reparations needed to be included in the legislation.

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Sha'Carri Richardson Bolts Into History and into Tokyo Olympics



Sha'Carri Richardson's victory came in just 10.86 seconds – amazingly, it was an eye-lash slower than her head-spinning performance in the semifinal heat, where she crossed the finish line in just 10.64 seconds. Screenshot: NCAA YouTube

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Senior National Correspondent @StacyBrownMedia

With lightning-like quickness and a will to dominate, Sha'Carri Richardson is on her way to the Olympics in Tokyo.

The 21-year-old native of Dallas, Texas, won the women's 100-meter final during the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials.

Richardson's victory came in just 10.86 seconds – amazingly, it was an eye-lash slower than her head-spinning performance in the semifinal heat, where she crossed the finish line in just 10.64 seconds.

Many are comparing the Olympic-bound track and field star to greats like Florence Griffith-Joyner and Gail Devers. Richardson has remained humble, and she credits her grandmother, Betty Harp, for much of her success.

"My grandmother is my heart, my superwoman," Richardson told Runners World. "To have her here at the biggest meet of my life, it's just amazing. That probably felt better than winning the races, just being able to hold her after becoming an Olympian."

Already turning heads in and around the sport, Richardson further raised eyebrows when she dominated the U.S. Olympic

Track and Field Team Trials in Eugene, Ore.

Jumping out to a fast start, Richardson appeared to purposely slow down toward the end of the race and point toward the clock, which registered her dramatic timing.

"Nobody knows what I go through," Richardson said in a post-race interview with ABC.

"Everybody has struggles, and I understand that. But y'all see me on this track, and y'all see the poker face I put on. But nobody but [my family] and my coach know what I go through... and I'm highly grateful to them. Without them, there would be no me."

Black LGBTQ+ Leaders and Allies Applaud 3 California Bills

By California Black Media

June is Pride Month and lawmakers in California are advancing a number of bills to make life safer and less difficult for people who are LGBTQ+.

Some of the proposed laws aim to address challenges that impact various segments of the African American LGBTQ+ community – either directly or circumstantially.

The first is Senate Bill (SB) 357. If the Legislature approves it, the law will repeal California Penal Code Section 653.22, which penalizes loitering with the intent to engage in sex work. This particular bill, if approved, supporters say will significantly reduce the risks and dangers many LGBTQ+ people at the lowest ends of the socioeconomic ladder face.

Many of them are young people who turn to sex work because of a number of reasons, including being unsupported by their families or the social structure because of their sexuality; trauma brought about by sexual or physical abuse; drug addiction; unemployment, among other factors.

Based on English Elizabethan "poor laws," loitering laws in America were developed as a part of the Black Codes in the late 1800s as a means to arrest Black people in order to sell their labor in a practice called convict leasing.

"These laws were created to eradicate us," said Dr. Jon Paul Higgins, a California-based social justice advocate and writer who is African American.

"So, when you talk about the importance of repealing these laws, it's not even just about the law, it's about getting to the root of what's creating these laws," Higgins explained.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, "many persons who exchange sex may have a history of homelessness, unemployment, incarceration, mental health issues, violence, emotional/physical/sexual abuse, and drug use."

In California – and across the United States -- a disproportionate number of African Americans are impacted by those challenges -- all of them considered social determinants of good health by Public Health professionals.

Because of the vagueness of these loitering laws, many critics have noted that they gave police a wide range of arresting powers to target "undesirables" like Black people and people in the LGBTQ+ community, Higgins explained.

California State Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco), author of this bill, says it would help make the streets safer for sex workers who are a part of a marginalized community.

"Sex workers are workers, and they deserve respect and safety," Wiener said. "We must work toward a future where people – especially the most marginalized – aren't criminalized because of who they are and what they look like. Anti-



Jon Paul Higgins



Jasmynne A. Cannick

sex workers loitering laws are deeply pernicious, and they need to be repealed."

SB 357 also allows those convicted of California Penal Code Section 653.22 to seal their records.

SB 357 was passed by the Senate Public Safety Committee 4-1 and has now been referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Another bill concerned with safety is Assembly Bill (AB) 1094, which would require the State Department of Public Health to establish a three-year pilot program in up to six participating counties to collect gender identity and sexual orientation data in violent death cases to get more accurate counts about hate crimes.

According to the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations 2019 Hate Crime Report, Black people accounted for 9% of the county's population but 47% of the total racial hate crimes.

The report also stated that 2019 saw a 64% increase in hate crimes targeting trans people, many of whom were Black or Brown, according to the Human Rights Campaign.

"Yet another year with alarming levels of bias-motivated crimes underscores just how urgent it is to address this hate crimes epidemic," said Alphonso David, Human Rights Campaign president. David is the first African American to lead the organization, the largest advocacy body for LGBTQ+ people and issues in the United States.

"This year, we saw a tragic new record of fatal violence against transgender and gender non-conforming people in this country, particularly against Black and Brown transgender women," he said.

Following the Stonewall riots in New York, Black trans women like Marsha P. Johnson and Miss Major Griffin-Gracy became influential figures in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights at the time when discrimination and hate crimes against people like them were much more commonplace.

Assemblymember Joaquin Arambula (D-Fresno), author of AB 1094, explained why he feels the bill is crucial.

"I deeply appreciate the overwhelming support that my Assembly colleagues gave today to AB 1094," Arambula said in a statement. "This legislation may be centered on data, but its purpose encompasses compassion and empathy to better understand what is happening in our LGBTQ+ community – particularly among

the youth – when it comes to violent deaths, including homicide and suicide. AB 1094 is an important and humane step in ultimately preventing these deaths."

AB 1094 has passed in the Assembly and is now on its way to the State Senate for consideration.

Senate Bill (SB) 379, which has now been referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee, would ensure the University of California Health System [UC Health] only contracts with healthcare facilities that provide LGBTQ+ inclusive healthcare services, such as gender-affirming and reproductive care.

According to Blue Cross Blue Shield, Black mothers' maternal mortality rate is 63% higher than white mothers while Black men are 70% more likely to die from a stroke as compared to non-Hispanic White men.

People in the LGBTQ+ community are less likely to have access to competent healthcare, largely due to issues with discrimination, according to Cigna.

Higgins spoke from personal experience about the intersectional nature of being both Black and in the LGBTQ+ community.

"For me, being a Black non-binary person and meeting a provider who has all of these bias ideologies or stereotypes about Black people... there are all of these preconceived notions about who I am as a Black person and then you add on the nonbinary-slash-trans part of it, there's just a lot of underlying stereotypes and bias," Higgins said.

Jasmynne Cannick, founder and CEO of Empowerment Justice Strategies, praised this bill for moving with the tides of progress.

"In 2021, it makes absolute sense for UC Health to contract with healthcare facilities that provide LGBTQ+ inclusive healthcare services given the population that it serves," Cannick said.

"We are moving towards a more inclusive society, and these are the types of bills that will ensure that members of the LGBTQ+ community can receive healthcare they need," she continued.

Higgins, Cannick and other advocates say it means a great deal that California lawmakers are making an effort to ensure that these "warriors" can continue to do so safely, and that those who just wish to live their lives without fear for being who they are may do so more boldly.

Mills College Will Merge With Northeastern University Rather Than Close

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that would further expand our association at this time," a statement on the Mills College website said.

Under the merger being negotiated, Northeastern would honor scholarship and financial aid commitments already

made by Mills to current students, and "a significant number" of Mills faculty and staff would be offered continued employment at the Oakland campus or other Northeastern locations, the announcement said.

The news of the college's

survival, albeit as a satellite of a larger university, may be encouraging to small, private nonprofit colleges. Some of those schools have struggled financially for decades, and the pandemic has worsened those difficulties, experts said.

The Black Press: Our Trusted Messenger

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Walmart is continuing to review the facts and circumstances surrounding this matter and is evaluating whether additional safeguards can help prevent this type of incident from occurring in the future.

Although Walmart has no reason to believe that the patient information has been misused, or is likely to be misused, Walmart is sending individual notices to affected patients regarding the incident. If you have any questions, we encourage you to call our dedicated call center at (855) 731-2986, Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:30pm CT, excluding major holidays. As a reminder, please be vigilant when reviewing explanations of benefits and other information pertaining to you and always be cautious about requests to provide any personal or financial information over the phone, by text, or by email and verify the source of any such requests.

Walmart places great value in its patients' trust and we are fully committed to protecting the privacy and security of patients' personal information.

Aiming for a California Comeback: Tavis Smiley Returns to Radio

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born in Mississippi and raised in Indiana, was fired from National Public Radio (NPR) and the Public Broadcasting Service for having romantic affairs with people on his staff.

For now, Smiley says he's focused on the launch of the station, its potential impact and the adventure ahead.

"The opportunity to have a Black-owned and Black-operated talk radio station in

this city, where talk radio for too long has been all day, all night, all white, is an opportunity that is begging for someone to take advantage of it. So, I'm dumb enough to try," Smiley said.

Spoken Word Offers Aid to Black Men Facing Hardships

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prevention, mentoring and peer support and training for presentation and public speaking.

Alongside these resources and mentoring, they make sure to do

their part in advocating and assertively addressing other issues within their communities that have a direct impact on the African American community. Black Men Speak is located

in Oakland at 303 Hegenberger Road in Suite 210. Hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 510-969-5086 or email 1blackmenspeak@gmail.com.

Oakland Entertainment Veterans Emerge From COVID-19 With New Mission

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sources and make a difference by revitalizing Oakland's arts and entertainment scene.

Their ongoing mission is to explore, identify and make strategic investments and create foundational opportunities that promote job creation and sustainable, generational wealth-building in Oakland's African American community.

The principals of OBC have logged well over 200 combined years of show-biz experience. The six seasoned African American men "of a certain age" specialize in television and film production, theatre production, all aspects of the music business, concert promotion, venue management, tour management, artist representation, hospitality, transportation, staff training and management, food and beverage, marketing, advertising, promotions, sales, radio production and programming, youth mentorship, community services and more.

With the development of five-year and long-term strategic plans in the works and extraordinary relationships in the African American media, small business, sports and community sectors, OBC is not only positioned to pilot the return of arts and entertainment to the city but to restore it to the front and center placement it former-

ly enjoyed in Oakland.

"I could not be more excited to be part of OBC. Working with five other distinguished professionals of this caliber is like being a part of the Bay Area entertainment dream team," said OBC member and Oakland native Marcus King. "I feel privileged to make history once again in the very place with the same people I started with the same people I started with to grow the Bay Area entertainment landscape while mentoring the next generation of entertainment producers and executives."

King is a veteran film and TV executive producer of vehicles like "The Jamie Foxx Show," "Hangin' With Mr. Cooper," "Ray," "Redemption: The Stanley 'Tookie' Williams Story," and numerous television specials. He's the co-founder of the Lafapoloza Comedy Festival and Foxhollo Radio. He's the former manager of Academy Award- and Grammy Award-winning superstar Jamie Foxx and legendary R&B recording artists, the Isley Brothers.

Tony Phruishun Spiers, is an executive producer of the TV show "Gimme Five," former talent producer of BET's "Comic View" and talent consultant on HBO's "Def Comedy Jam." He's a veteran

filmmaker, theatre artist, poet/spoken-word artist. He's the longtime manager of comedian/actor Don "DC" Curry and served as the manager of DL Hughley, Laura Hayes and Faizon Love. He's the founder of the legendary Bay Area Black Comedy Competition & Festival, which helped launch the careers of many notable artists. He's also co-founder and producing artistic director of the youth arts non-profit, Full Vision Arts Foundation.

Lionel Bea of Bay Area Productions, has been Oakland's and the Bay Area's leading African American concert promoter for more than three decades. Producer of the famed Stone Soul concert series and the Black Comedy Explosion, he has promoted concerts and tours by A-list artists such as Jamie Foxx, Beyoncé, Stevie Wonder and Earth, Wind & Fire.

Henry Royal has been an entertainment executive for more than 30 years. As the former proprietor of San Francisco's DAS Club and general manager of Oakland's Kimball's Carnivale he hosted icons such as Eddie Murphy and Paula Abdul and helped launch the careers of legendary Oakland artists: Rap superstar MC Hammer, R&B Sensation group Tony! Toni! Toné! And comedian Mark Curry. He's

managed tours for A-list artists including: Prince, Sheila E., Lionel Richie, Patti LaBelle, and Santana. He currently is the managing general partner of Royal Paramount Limousine.

Kyle Newport has been a strategic advertising and live event marketing professional for more than 30 years. He has served as an artist manager, tour manager and promoter representative. He has worked closely with artists such as: Frankie Beverly, Will Downing, Charlie Wilson and Cedric The Entertainer.

Geoffrey Pete owns Geoffrey's Inner Circle, the famed entertainment venue and multipurpose banquet facility in downtown Oakland where he has hosted such greats as Muhammad Ali, Michael Jordan, Congresswomen Barbara Lee and Maxine Waters, Beyoncé, Sean Penn, E-40, Too Short, Jay-Z, the late Congressman Ron Dellums, Alice Walker, former Senator Barbara Boxer, Johnny Cochran and Vice President Kamala Harris.

For several decades, Mr. Pete has been involved in direct political action to advance the cause of education and economic empowerment for African Americans. On his OBC membership Mr. Pete comments, "One God, one aim, one destiny."

OPD Chief Armstrong Speaks on Juneteenth Shooting Death in Oakland

By Kiki



Chief LeRonne Armstrong

Oakland Police Department Chief LeRonne Armstrong held a press conference Monday about the shooting death of a 22-year-old San Francisco man at Lake Merritt on Saturday, June 19.

"... We don't believe this was a random shooting," he said. "... We believe this was directly related to group and gang violence not related to the city of Oakland," but instead appeared to be related to the city of San Francisco.

OPD is working with the San Francisco Police Department and Armstrong announced that they have made a couple of key arrests.

Armstrong also talked about the shootings of eight other people -- five males and three females -- ranging in age from 16 to mid-60s. He added that there are too many guns in the city of Oakland and too many people willing to use them during events.

In a recap, he said that there were approximately 10,000 people around the entire lake on Juneteenth. About 5,000 people were around 2200 Lakeshore at 6:22 p.m. where the shooting occurred.

OPD had 28 officers assigned to the multiple events at the lake and additional side-show brought the detail to over 60 officers. There were also two helicopters.

Folks with any information about the shootings are encouraged to contact OPD at 510-238-3821.

Diamond Slice Pizza, a Gourmet Vegetarian Pizzeria



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Diamond Slice Pizza is a Black owned gourmet vegetarian pizzeria offering delivery and dine-in services, located at 2208 MacArthur Blvd. in Oakland, open Tuesday-Sunday from 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

You can check out the menu options at <http://diamondpizza.com/>

Youth UpRising Serves Young People in East Oakland

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work. Heading the organization since December 2020, she is in charge of programming, finances, fundraising and making sure that the envisioned mission is uplifted and being shown in the community.

Youth UpRising offers programs that are based on careers and education. The organization also focuses on community issues such as homelessness, crime rates, public safety, health, housing and economic development to rebuild the community and make deeper changes.

Y'Anad Burrell, chief executive Youth UpRising, is very passionate about her

work. Heading the organization since December 2020, she is in charge of programming, finances, fundraising and making sure that the envisioned mission is uplifted and being shown in the community.

Burrell says she loves working to empower youth, giving them leadership opportunities and resources to help them and families in the community.

She stresses the importance of the Black media, which gives Black people the chance to tell their own story and share their truth. "Without Black media our narrative is not our own," she said.

Historic Child Tax Credit Will Start Delivering Checks to East Bay Families in July, Barbara Lee Says

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the credit in monthly payments starting in July. Nearly all working families are eligible for the payments, even those who have not filed tax returns.

Experts say the tax credit could lift more than 5 million children out of poverty and cut childhood poverty in America in half -- if low-income families who don't usually file tax returns are aware of the credit and apply. Eligible families that already filed returns for 2019 or 2020 will automatically get the credit. However, more than 3 million children live in households that are at risk of missing out on the payments if they don't apply.

Parents can sign up at ChildTaxCredit.gov. The site will ask for social security numbers for the parents and children, a reliable mailing address, and an email address.

In Lee's East Bay district, an estimated 108,600 children stand to benefit from the tax credit. Congresswoman Lee's press conference is part of a national Child Tax Credit Awareness Day announced by the White House to spread the word about the tax credit and encourage families to apply.

Alex Katz is a communications director in Rep. Barbara Lee's press office.

Post News Group Exclusive Interview with California Governor Gavin Newsom

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manifestation of a vibrant small business community. It's also a manifestation of what we want to highlight, which is, while the economy in the macro is recovering from a GDP perspective in the aggregate, we don't live in the aggregate. There are people who have been disproportionately impacted.

"I want to make a point that we have your back, we want to be there for you when the lights turn off (and) the cameras go away. When we turn the page (on the pandemic), we want to make sure we're there for the medium- and long-term so everyone's back on their feet."

Post: "I heard you speak earlier about not only helping the businesses that have been struggling, but what about the businesses that have gone out of business. What are your plans for them now that we have reopened?"

Newsom: "We're working on the final proposal of a billion dollars in grants that allow people to utilize the training dollars to make entrepreneurial investments, meaning to actually use the money in a way where they can start up their business again."

"We're trying to be very creative. ... I read this case study about a model, ... tripartite agreements of labor, business,

and the Singapore government, and there's these portable accounts that they created, tax free accounts that can be used across the spectrum.

"They also have partnerships with business and small business loans and credit enhancements, and people are able to leverage (them) on the basis of their own skills and where they are in terms of their own workforce development."

"We took a version of that idea. And that's now currently in the final phases of negotiation with the Legislature. In addition, we're waiving fees for new startups. We are providing opportunities in terms of loans and grants and credits."

"We have a new credit capacity of close to a billion dollars... We're doing micro loans, not grants, for those that have no access to credit or traditional banking institutions. We call it the California Dream fund, emphasis on 'dream,' because it also doesn't regard your immigration status."

"We're writing these micro loans and grants across the spectrum for that subset of our entrepreneur population. We're trying across all these spectrums to create more support."

"We have all these regional Small Business Centers, 86 of them that are fully staffed, fully

functional, more engaged, more dynamic than ever... and supporting a lot of the Black chambers."

Post: "I understand why (you picked) Oakland. Thank you for taking time to speak exclusively with the Black press. But why was that important to you to specifically speak to the Black press and reach out to Black businesses in particular?"

Newsom: "I think, one of the things that kind of ticked me off a little bit -- I don't know if that's not gubernatorial language, but it's more personal -- I'm sick of the picture that's painted on some of the networks around the BLM Movement, around the Black community generally, the exploitation, and it doesn't tell any story. It's not even interested in telling a story. It connects to manufactured reality."

"And so for me, this is also an opportunity to counter that (artificial) reality and talk about the entrepreneurial spirit. Yes, talk about creativity, talk about just the culture identity and the competency. What makes life worth living is that diversity of expression, output and insight and meeting needs that you didn't even know existed."

"I think it's just incredibly important we talk about Black entrepreneurs. Democrats need to do that. I say, I'm a small

business guy. We have such a divided country. It's not just the right thing for Black-owned businesses in Oakland because, you know, we have a disproportionate number of Black-owned businesses in the Bay Area, but it's also part of a larger national trust."

"I'm just sick and tired of what I'm watching on the national news. And I want to highlight what I think is really one of the most under-expressed and under-communicated stories in America, like innovation, like entrepreneurship."

"Black excellence (exists) across all spectrums, it's not just about criminal justice reform, it's not just about police. There are other things we need to include in that conversation without neglecting our responsibilities to solve those issues."

Post: "And what importance does the Black press have in all that?"

Newsom: "I've been so inspired by how Black press perseveres. Talk about resiliency. We have gone to great lengths in the pandemic to support Black press in terms of our COVID efforts, testing efforts or vaccination efforts."

To read the full story, go to postnewsgroup.com

Assembly Candidate Janani Ramachandran's Meet and Greet

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sembly. Ramachandran has comprehensive plans to address the root causes of poverty, jobless-

ness, housing, environmental racism, violence, and other crucial issues impacting Oakland communities.

"We need somebody who

can go up there and provide leadership, make hard decisions, and be strategic as she's demonstrated," said Harris.

Read more at www.janani-

June 19, 1982: When Beating Victim Vincent Chin Became a Martyr in the Asian American Community

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31, 2020 and identified 1,023 incidents of anti-Asian racism.

The victims were across all AAPI ethnicities but were mostly women (65%) and people of Chinese descent (58%). The perps? The study showed "the majority of the offenders were identified as male and white."

Seven years ago, I wrote a column proposing that the

four days between June 19th and the 23rd be used by Asian Americans to reflect what it means to be Asian American now.

What does it take to stand up for a sense of ourselves? Our community? Our personal and public identity? What does real equality, real justice, mean today? Have we reached that place? Are we still far short? Why are some of us still asking

"Vincent Who?"

We don't need a federal holiday, but we do need time to understand what the Chin case and the last 39 years say about the state of Asian America. And how we are in solidarity with Black and Latinx communities as we seek to be seen and heard.

Setting aside the time when Chin was in a coma is a good time to reflect on it all. We

begin with the celebration of Juneteenth to give us hope. On the very same day, we begin our personal remembrance of brother Vincent.

When Chin died, Asian America came alive.

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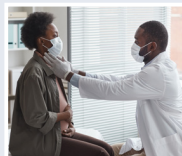
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