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## Black Lawmakers and Educators Highlight Importance of AP African American Studies

By Antonio Ray Harvey

The California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC) and the College Board brought together educators, students, and lawmakers at the State Capitol to celebrate the progress of the Advanced Placement African American Studies program.

The AP African American Studies program is available to 117 schools across the state and is implemented in 42 states nationwide. It was launched nationally in the Fall of 2024 and over 500 colleges and universities now provide college credit for it.

Sen. Akilah Weber-Pierson, the chair of the CLBC, stated that Black lawmakers are "committed to expanding its reach" to all high schools in the state to ensure "every student has the opportunity to engage

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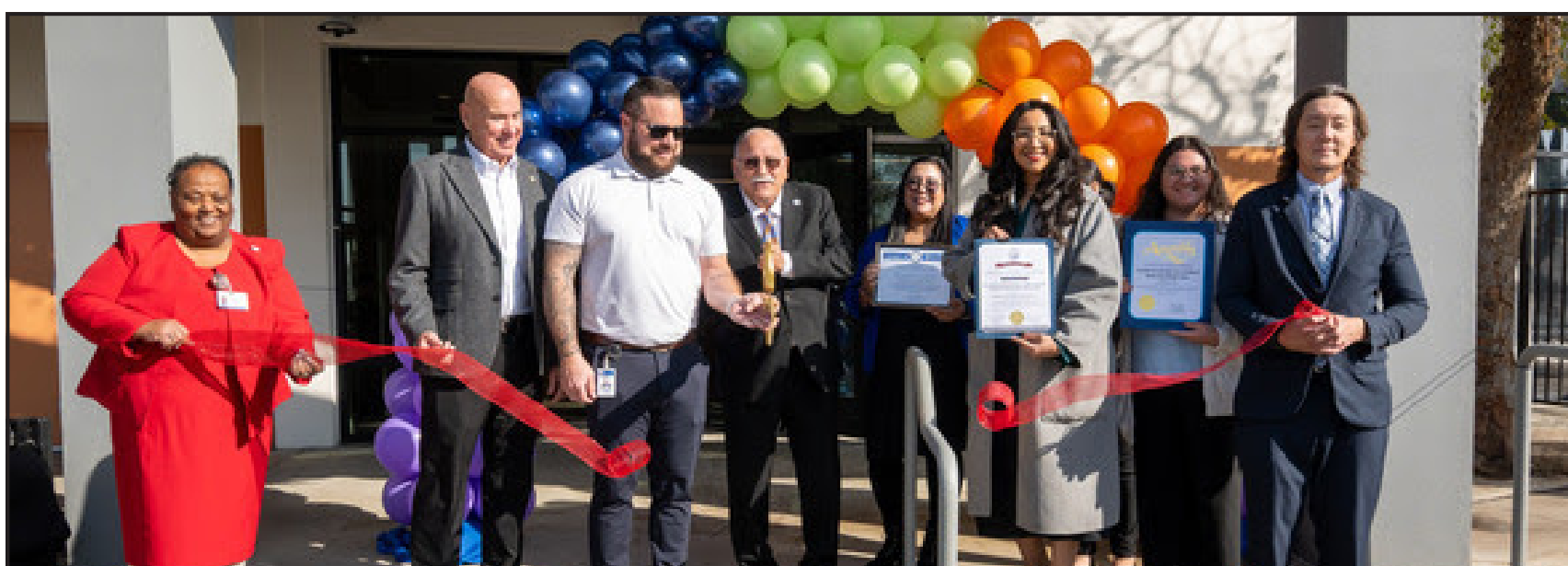


## Opening of New Franklin Residential Care Facility & Behavioral Health Clinic Expands Critical Services

RIVERSIDE, CA — Local leaders and behavioral health advocates joined the Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH) team for a ribbon-cutting event celebrating the Franklin Residential Care Facility & Behavioral Health Clinic. The 84-bed Adult Residential Facility fills a critical gap in behavioral health and recovery services for adults who need structured support.

Located at 3021 Franklin Ave. in Riverside, the newly renovated 42,000-square-foot

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The ribbon-cutting ceremony, led by First District Supervisor Jose Medina, celebrated the opening of the new Franklin Care Facility & Behavioral Health Clinic.

# Saturday, February 22: Santa Ana River Trash Cleanup with CSUSB for Coyote Cares Day



SAN BERNARDINO, CA--- Inland Empire Waterkeeper, a nonprofit protecting local water quality, will guide over 50 students, alumni, faculty, and staff from CSU

San Bernardino on a trash cleanup in honor of Coyote Cares Day, the university's annual community service event. The goal of the cleanup is to remove debris and pollution from

Rutland Park, Hole Lake, and the Santa Ana River Trail to restore the health of the Santa Ana River watershed. The City of Riverside will assist Waterkeeper in hosting the

event. Schedule: 9:00 - Volunteers check in at Rutland Park 9:30 - Waterkeeper staff provides environmental lesson and safety infor-

mation 9:45 - Attendees are split into 3 groups and sent to 3 cleanup locations 11:30 - Weigh-in of collected trash begins 11:45 - Volunteers return

to Rutland Park 12:00 - Final trash weight reveal and closing remarks WHERE: Rutland Park - 7000 Rutland Ave, Riverside, CA 92503

## CA Republicans Call on Trump Admin to Help Beat Back State's Natural Gas Restrictions

By McKenzie Jackson | California Black Media



California Republican leaders are pushing back against state and local initiatives across the Golden State aimed at preventing Californians from buying or installing gas appliances in their homes.

On February 10, they asked the administration of President Donald Trump to intervene. In a letter, the 28 Re-

publican members of the State Assembly and State Senate urged U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Christopher Wright to evaluate the policies and stop gas appliance restrictions wherever possible.

"As executive orders issued by the new Trump/Vance administration recognize, America's

prosperity and national security depend on an affordable, reliable, and sufficient energy supply," the letter reads. "Recent efforts to restrict natural gas use limit consumer choice and deny vulnerable communities access to an affordable and reliable energy source. Such

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## New Report Highlights Wage Gap for Black Women in California

By Bo Tefu | California Black Media



A new report, Disrupting Disparities: Ending the Black Women Wage Gap in California, reveals that Black women, particularly single mothers, continue to face significant

wage disparities, earning far less than White men in the state. At the current rate, the report highlights that California's Black women wage gap will take 100 years to close.

The report found that in 2022 Black women earned an average of \$54,000 annually, while Black single mothers

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# “Get Going... Walk if You Have to But Finish the Damned Race.”

—By Lou K. Coleman | WSS News Contributor



Lou K. Coleman

proud! Get going. Walk if you have to but finish the damned race.” [Gary Ryan Blair — Ron Hill] and get under the Umbrella of the Almighty God NOW! There is no time to waste.

Bible prophecy is quickly being fulfilled in rapid succession. One after another. The progression and convergence of all the fulfilled end time prophecies in our current generation is not by coincidence. This fast progression and convergence of fulfilled prophecy is revealing to us that we can appropriately say that we are extremely close to the Mark of the Beast crisis, Intense Persecution of the True Remnant, the Loud

Cry, and the Latter Rain experience. [Isaiah 58:1-9; James 5; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20; Revelation 12:17; Revelation 13:16-18].

We are being plunged into a period of time which the Bible talks about more than any other period in history, including the time when Jesus walked the shores of Galilee and climbed the mountains of Judea. [Matthew 15:29]. The Bible says that the end of this age will have distinct signs, telling us what would be taking place. [Matthew 24 and Luke 21]. I tell you; the proverbial writing is on

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“Destiny demands that you dig deep and finish strong. You didn’t come this far to only come this far. Dig deep, finish strong, and make yourself

## Black Caucus and Black Chamber Host Black History Event Recognizing Businesses



In celebration of Black History Month, the California Legislative Black Caucus (CLBC) and the California Black Chamber of Commerce (CBCC) recognized 16 honorees at the annual Black Business Brunch on Feb. 10 at the Citizen Hotel in Sacramento.

The small business owners from every corner of the state were recognized for their entrepreneurship, contributions to their respective communities, and vital roles in improving California's economic landscape.

The proprietors were chosen by members of the CLBC and CBCC. They were honored on the Assembly floor at the State Capitol later that afternoon.

“We gather here today to honor the incredible African American, small business owners of California,” Jay King, President and CEO of CBCC, told California Black Media. “We have to show them some love because they are the heart and soul of our communities. Their tireless work and unwavering dedication

show what it means to be leaders”

CLBC members Sen. Laura Richardson (D-Los Angeles), Sen. Lola Smallwood-Cuevas (D-Los Angeles), Assemblymember Tina McKinnor (D-Inglewood), Assemblymember Corey Jackson (D-Moreno Valley), and Assemblymember Rhodesia Ransom (D-Stockton) presented awards to respective honorees.



## Found It Again Reuse Store is Open on February 22



Ever heard the saying “One man’s trash is another man’s treasure?” That’s why the Department of Waste Resources created the Found It Again Reuse Store! Many items that come to the landfill are unwanted but still useful to resourceful residents. Creative staff had a great idea – to save good, working, and valuable items from the waste stream and make them available for purchase at a bargain rate. Come see for yourself this Saturday, Feb. 22 at Lamb Canyon Landfill (Beaumont) from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

While inventory varies from month to month, you may find bicycles, tools, lawn equipment, exercise machines, and other household goods. You get a great price, and we preserve valuable landfill space for future generations.

The Found It Again Reuse Store is open every last non-holiday Saturday of the month, with December closed. Purchases can only be made by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover accepted). Cash is not accepted. The store is located at Lamb Canyon Landfill (16411 Lamb Canyon Road).

- All shoppers must:
- Check in and out at the Gate Fee Booth/Scale House before entering the landfill.
  - Wear a high-visibility safety vest and closed-toe shoes while visiting the landfill.
  - Load any materials purchased at the

Found It Again Reuse Store.

- Secure or cover their load in a manner which will prevent items

are non-negotiable, and items in dispute between shoppers will not be sold.

For more information, visit <https://rcwaste.org/>



from falling, spilling, or blowing out while the vehicle is in motion.

- Supervise their children.
- Note: All prices

found-it-again-reuse-store or contact the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources at 951-486-3200.

# Asm. Isaac Bryan Wants Incarcerated Firefighters to Earn More on Assignment

By Edward Henderson | California Black Media



Assemblymember Isaac Bryan (D-Ladera Heights) wants to amend the state’s penal code to increase the salaries incarcerated firefighters earn while they are ac-

tively fighting fires. Assembly Bill (AB) 247 would require inmate firefighters who have completed training for assignment to a state or county facility to be paid

an hourly rate equal to the lowest nonincarcerated firefighter in the state (around \$28 per hour). “I think every time we

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# City of San Bernardino Announces “Love Your Block” Grants to Encourage Resident Led Community Improvement Projects



SAN BERNARDINO, CA – On Valentine’s Day, the City of San Bernardino joined fifteen other cities across the nation to launch the “Love Your Block” initiative. The program, in partnership with the Bloomberg Center of Public Innovation, offers mini grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to neighborhood, student, and civic groups to organize local art projects and community cleanups. “San Bernardino is a city where neighbors connect with each other and take pride in their community,” said Mayor Helen

Tran. “These grants will allow residents to both showcase what makes their neighborhoods unique and take it up a notch with a community-based project.”

The Love Your Block program was established in 2009 by the Bloomberg Center of Public Innovation to fund resident-led neighborhood revitalization projects in U.S. cities. The City of San Bernardino is one of only sixteen cities in the nation and two in California that were selected last year to be a part of the program.

Selection of San Bernardino’s grant recipients will be made through a “Shark Tank” style competition called Pitch Your Block in April in which finalists pitch their project to judges from local community-based nonprofits. Eleven grant recipients will be chosen in April with the winner receiving \$5,000.

Local partners include AmeriCorps Vista, Music Changing Lives, Making Hope Happen, and Neighborhood Partnership Housing Services.

The city will accept project proposals through March 31, 2025. Since 2009, Love Your Block has taken place in 50 cities across 33 states while improving nearly 4,000 public spaces – including 800 art displays, cleaning 102,000 square feet of graffiti, and removing 6.7 million pounds of trash.

For more information or to submit a proposal, visit the City’s Love Your Block website at <https://www.sbcity.org/Love-Your-Block>.

# Calling All Veterans: Active Duty & Spouses



The Inland Empire Center for Entrepreneurship is honored to empower Active-Duty Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses through our FREE Veterans Entrepreneurship Program!

Ready to launch or grow your business? Join us for an action-packed 5-month program featuring hands-on training, dynamic peer workshops, and expert consulting—all tailored to your success!

Learn from top-tier faculty at Cal State San Bernardino’s nationally recognized School of Entrepreneurship (ranked among the Princeton Review’s Top 50!).

Location: Greater Riverside Chamber - 3985 University Ave Fully funded by Riverside County Economic Development

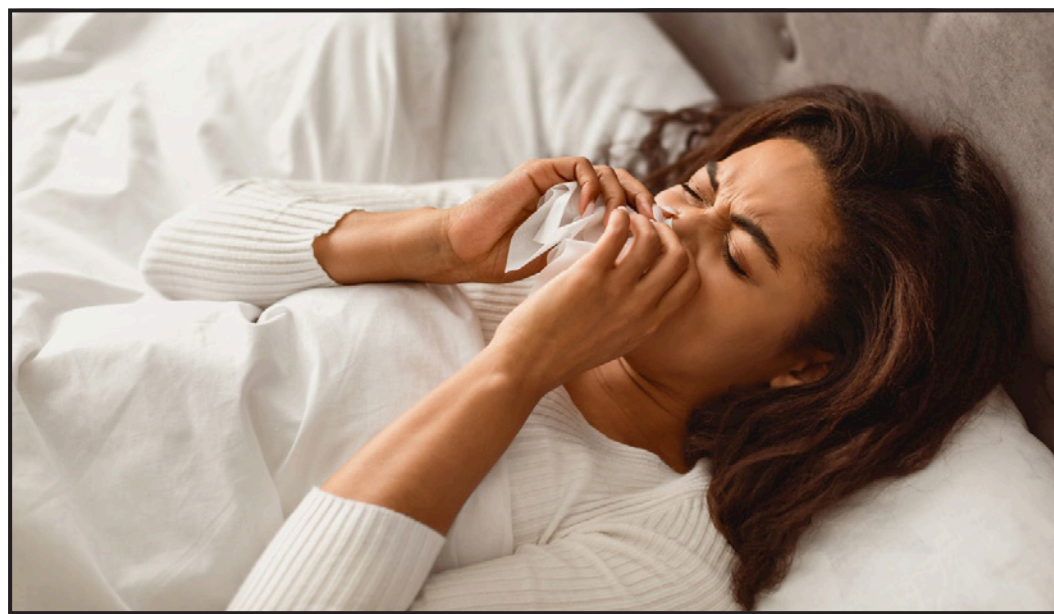
Phase One MARCH 15 - APRIL 5, 2025

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Week 1: Laying the Groundwork  
Week 2: One-on-one Consulting  
Week 3: Customer Discovery  
Week 4: One-on-one Consulting Phase Two Individual Consultations

The TOP Entrepreneur WINS a \$7,000 GRANT to Start their Business!

# California Flu Rates are Highest in 4 Years: Here is how to Protect Yourself

By Edward Henderson | California Black Media



Flu cases in California have surged to the highest levels the state has seen in years.

By the end of January, 26% of tests sent to state laboratories had come back positive for influenza. This is a significant increase compared to flu season peaks over the past 4 years, according to the most recent data captured by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) on respiratory viruses.

Flu-related deaths in California are also on the

rise. As of Jan. 25, 2.4% of deaths in the state (484 people) were attributed to influenza this season, compared to 1.6% last season.

California Black Media (CBM) spoke with Dr. Jerry P. Abraham, a Los Angeles-based Physician and Public Health advocate who currently serves as the Director & Chief Vaccinologist of the CDU-KEDREN Mobile Street Medicine program in Los Angeles. He explained why cases of the flu may be increasing and

preventative measures people can take to protect themselves until the flu season ends next month.

“Be fully vaccinated. It’s not too late to get the flu shot for this flu season. We stop giving it out about March every year,” said Abraham.

“Be fully boosted with COVID-19 vaccines as well. This is a very tenuous time because people are not fully vaccinated,” he continued.



## Police DUI Report: 2 Drivers Arrested



SAN BERNARDINO, CA – San Bernardino Police Department arrested 2 drivers on suspicion of DUI while conducting DUI patrols on February 15, 2025. 77 drivers were cited, and 17 were arrested for driving with no license or a suspended license. 9 were arrested for other crimes.

“We are committed to

taking impaired drivers off the road,” Sergeant Siems said. “Driving under the influence is not only dangerous, but also has major consequences.”

Drivers charged with a first-time DUI face an average of \$13,500 in fines and penalties, as well as a suspended license.

San Bernardino Po-

lice Department will be holding a series of DUI enforcement patrols throughout the year to keep our roadways safe.

Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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## State Senate Introduces Major Wildfire Package

By Bo Tefu | California Black Media



Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg) and a coalition of California Senators have unveiled the Golden State Commitment, a sweeping legislative package designed to strengthen California’s wildfire response and improve recovery efforts.

The package addresses wildfire prevention, recovery, and insurance issues, aiming to make communities safer from future wildfires.

Following the recent firestorms in Los Angeles County, the Senate has introduced 13 bills aimed at accelerating wildfire recovery and enhancing fire resilience statewide. Key measures include speeding up residential rebuilds, providing property tax relief, protecting consumers from price gouging, and expanding insurance protections for homeowners, tenants, and small businesses. The plan also includes support for rebuilding health facilities and school districts affected by wildfires.

In addition to recovery

efforts, the Golden State Commitment focuses on long-term fire prevention. Notable provisions include transitioning 3,000 CAL FIRE seasonal workers to permanent positions, establishing a community hardening insurance commission and implementing stricter fire-safety regulations for landscaping and construction in high-risk areas.

McGuire emphasized the urgency of addressing the year-round fire season.

“These bills are es-

sential to helping communities stabilize in the aftermath of a wildfire and ensuring California is more fire-ready and resilient for decades to come,” said McGuire.

Sen. Ben Allen (D-Santa Monica) highlighted tax relief measures for fire victims, while Sen. Angelique Ashby (D-Sacramento) pushed for protections against fraudulent contractors preying on disaster victims. Other provisions focus on criminal penalties for looting and ensuring defensible space around properties.

## New Report Highlights Wage Gap

earned \$50,000 compared to \$90,000 for White men. When factoring in total income, Black women earned \$60,000, while single mothers earned \$53,000, still well below their White male counterparts. This means Black women earn just \$0.60 for every \$1 a White man makes, with single mothers making only \$0.56.

The financial impact extends beyond paychecks,

affecting access to housing, childcare, and basic necessities. If paid equitably, the report states, a Black single mother in California could afford an extra year of rent or two years of childcare.

To address these disparities, the report recommends expanding pay transparency laws, increasing access to affordable childcare, investing in workforce development programs, and

implementing region-specific minimum wage increases. It also calls for enhanced workplace protections, leadership development initiatives, and a statewide task force to focus on Black women’s economic equity.

Advocates argue that closing the wage gap is critical not only for Black women and their families but also for strengthening California’s economy.

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## CA Republicans Call on Trump

efforts have created a difficult-to-navigate patchwork of local rules and impose costs on consumers, manufacturers, workers, and businesses, contributing to California’s affordability crisis.”

In a statement Assembly Republican Leader James Gallagher (R-Yuba City) said energy policies initiated by Democrats are hurting family budgets and escalating the state’s cost-of-living crisis.

“Working Californians already face some of the highest electric rates in the country - they can’t afford to have out-of-touch bureaucrats ban more affordable energy sources,” Gallagher said. “If California’s leaders won’t stand up for consumers, the federal government should.”

There has been an ongoing effort to decrease the use of natural gas appliances in California in

recent years to improve indoor air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The California Air Resources Board approved a plan three years ago requiring homes and businesses to transition to zero-emission alternatives like electric heat pumps instead of gas-powered water and space heaters by 2023.

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT:** FBN20250000588. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: SOCALE EXOTICS, 720 E. MADRONA ST., RIALTO, CA 92376. Business Mailing Address: 720 E. MADRONA ST., RIALTO, CA 92376. County of Principal Place of Business: SAN BERNARDINO. Number of Employees (Optional):1. This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. Name of corporation or limited liability company as shown in the Articles of Inc./Org./Reg.: BRITT MOTOR COMPANY LLC, 720 E. MADRONA ST., RIALTO, CA 92376. State of Inc./Org./Reg.: CA. Inc./Org./Reg.No. (Optional): 202356112932. Registrant commenced to transact business: JAN 22, 2025. By signing, I declares all information in this statement is true and correct. Signature: /s/ JOSEF BYRON BRITT. Printed Title of Person Signing: CEO. Date: 01/22/2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 01/22/2025. I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. COUNTY CLERK DEPUTY SAN/K1583

**NOTICE - IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION 17920.** THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (B) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411, ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). Original Run Dates: 01/30/2025 - 02/06/2025 - 02/20/2025. WSS# 25-010

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - CHANGE OF NAME** CASE #: CIVSB 2500337 PETITIONER OR ATTORNEY: VERA RODRIGUEZ MORALES, 13798 ROSWELL AVE., UNIT C-168, CHINO, CA 91710. Telephone: (562) 972-1894 Fax: E-Mail Address (OPTIONAL): emoralescmt@gmail.com ATTORNEY FOR (name): SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO STREET ADDRESS: 247 WEST THIRD ST., SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415-0210 MAILING ADDRESS: SAME BRANCH NAME: CIVIL PETITION OF: VERA RODRIGUEZ MORALES TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner VERA RODRIGUEZ MORALES has filed a petition with the clerk of this Court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: VERA RODRIGUEZ MORALES to Proposed name: ELVIRA VERA MORALES. 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: 03/12/2025 Time: 8:30 A.M. Dept: CIVIL ROOM: S-26 The address of the court is the same as noted above. A copy of this ORDER to Show Cause must be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county (specify newspaper): WESTSIDE STORY NEWSPAPER Date: JAN 29, 2025 Sign: GILBERT G. OCHOA, Judge of the Superior Court Run Dates: 02/06 - 02/13 - 02/20 - 02/27/2025. WSS#: 25-014

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT:** FBN20250000724. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: KG CONTRACTOR, 12457 MONTE VISTA AVE., CHINO, CA 91710. Business Mailing Address: 12457 MONTE VISTA AVE., CHINO, CA 91710. County of Principal Place of Business: SAN BERNARDINO. Number of Employees (Optional): This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Name of Individual Registrant: GEOVANNY A MANCIA. Registrant commenced to transact business: JAN 13, 2025. By signing, I declares all information in this statement is true and correct. Signature: /s/ GEOVANNY A MANCIA. Printed Title of Person Signing: Date: 01/27/2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 01/27/2025. I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. COUNTY CLERK DEPUTY SAN/K3379

**NOTICE - IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION 17920.** THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (B) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411, ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). Original Run Dates: 02/06 - 02/13 - 02/20 - 02/27/2025. WSS# 25-011

**ESTATE OF: EDWARD LEE PETERSON** PETITION FOR PROBATE LETTER OF ADMINISTRATION / AUTHORIZATION TO ADMINISTER UNDER THE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES ACT CASE#: PROV2400391 ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY: JEFF GROTKE, THE LAW OFFICE OF JEFF GROTKE, 22 NORTH 6 TH STREET, SUITE C, REDLANDS, CA 92373 TELEPHONE #: (909) 659-5730 FAX#: (909) 494-5514 E M A I L : J E F F - GROTKE2000@YAHOO.COM ATTORNEY FOR: PETITIONER, ANNETTE JUAREZ STEWART SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO 247 WEST THIRD STREET, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92415 BRANCH: SAN BERNARDINO - PROBATE HEARING DATE AND TIME: Date: 06/20/2024 Time: 9:00 A.M Dept: S35P Publication will be in: WESTSIDE STORY NEWSPAPER - 577 N. D STREET, 112H, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92401 TEL NO: (909) 384-8131 PETITIONER: ANNETTE JUAREZ STEWART requests that: DECEDENT'S WILL AND CODICILS, IF ANY, BE ADMITTED TO PROBATE. ANNETTE JUAREZ STEWART be appointed ADMINISTRATOR WITH WILL ANNEXED. FULL authority be granted to administer under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. Bond not be required for the reasons stated in item (3e): Decedent died on 10/24/2023 at (place): SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA 3(1) a resident of the county named above. 3(c) Street address, city, and county of decedent's residence at time of death (specify): 3149 NORTH CALIFORNIA STREET, SAN BERNARDINO, CA 92407. 3(D) -Character and estimated value of the property of the estate:

- (1) Personal property: \$000
  - (2) Annual gross income from
    - (a) real property: \$400,000
    - (b) personal property: \$0
  - (3) Subtotal (add (1) and (2)): \$0
  - (4) Gross fair market value of real property: \$0
  - (5) (Less) Encumbrances: \$ UNKNOWN
  - (6) Net value of real property: \$400,000
  - (7) Total (add (3) and (6)): \$400,000
- E. (3) All heirs at law are adults and have waived bond. (Affix waiver as Attachment 3e(3)).

F. (2) Copy of decedent's will dated: MAY 18, 2021 are affixed as Attachment 3f(2). (Included typed copies of handwritten documents and English translations of foreign-language documents). 3g(1): Appointment of personal representative: No executor is named in the will. 3g(2) Appointment of administrator: 3g(2)(c). Petitioner is related to the decedent as (specify): Administrator, with Will Annexed. 3h(1) Proposed personal representative is a resident of California. 3h(3) Resident of the United States. (4) Decedent's will does not preclude administration of this estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (5) Decedent was survived by: 5(2): No spouse as follows: (a) divorced or never married. 5(4) No registered domestic partner. 5(5) child as follows: (a) natural or

adopted. 5(8) no issue of a predeceased child. 8(b) Decedent was not survived by a stepchild or foster child or children who would have been adopted by decedent but for a legal barrier. 7(a) Decedent had no predeceased spouse. 7(2d) Decedent was survived by next of kin of the decedent, all of whom are listed in item 8. 7(2e) Decedent was survived by next of kin of the predeceased spouse, all of whom are listed in item 8. 8. Name and relationship to decedent: (1). Stephanie Holly Lee Peterson Manning. Age 37. Address: 1117 Vera Cruz Cir., Billings, MT 59105. (2). Eddie Lee Peterson Jr., Age 36. Address: 707 SE Y Hwy., Knob Noster, MO 65336. (3). Cody Ray Peterson. Age: 28. Address: 2004 E 152 nd Ter., Olathe, KS 66062. (4) Justin Lee Peterson. Age: 28. Address: 22491 De Berry St., Grand Terrace, CA 92313. (5) Tiffany JoAnn (Peterson) Chavez. Age: 27. Address: 2265 Cahuilla St., Colton, CA 92324.

Date: December 26, 2023. Attorney: JEFF GROTKE, ESQ., Date: December 26, 2023. ANNETTE JUAREZ STEWART, PETITIONER WSS WSS 25-053- (B) Run Dates: 12/19 - 12/26/2024 - 01/02/2025

**ESTATE OF: EDWARD LEE PETERSON** LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION WITH WILL ANNEXED CASE#: PROV2400391 ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY: JEFF GROTKE, THE LAW OFFICE OF JEFF GROTKE, 22 NORTH 6TH STREET, SUITE C, REDLANDS, CA 92373 TELEPHONE #: (909) 659-5730 FAX#: (909) 494-5514 E M A I L : J E F F - GROTKE2000@YAHOO.COM ATTORNEY FOR: PETITIONER, ANNETTE JUAREZ STEWART LETTERS: (1). The last will of the decedent named above having been proved, the court appoints(name): ANNETTE JUAREZ STEWART (b) administrator with will annexed. (3) The personal representative is authorized to administer they estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act WITH FULL AUTHORITY.

**AFFIRMATION:** (2) INDIVIDUAL: I solemnly affirm that I will perform the duties of personal representative according to law. (4) Executed on: JANUARY 2, 2024, at California. Signature: Annette Juarez Stewart. WSS 25-053- (C) Run Dates: 12/19 - 12/26/2024 - 01/02/2025

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT:** FBN20250001173. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: DEEDRA'S DELIGHTS, 273 S. 7TH STREET, COLTON, CA 92324. Business Mailing Address: 807 WEST BLAINE ST #304, RIVERSIDE, CA 92507. County of Principal Place of Business: SAN BERNARDINO. Number of Employees (Optional):1. This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Name of Individual Registrant: DEEDRA F. THOMAS. Registrant commenced to transact business: FEB 05, 2025. By signing, I declares all information in this statement is true and correct. Signature: /s/ DEEDRA F. THOMAS. Printed Title of Person Signing: OWNER. Date:

02/05/2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 02/05/2025. I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. COUNTY CLERK DEPUTY SAN/K1583

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT:** FBN20250001329. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: PINEDA'S HAULING, 12457 MONTE VISTA AVE., CHINO, CA

91710. Business Mailing Address: 12457 MONTE VISTA AVE., CHINO, CA 91710. County of Principal Place of Business: SAN BERNARDINO. Number of Employees (Optional): This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Name of Individual Registrant: CARLOS A PINEDA. Registrant commenced to transact business: FEB 03, 2025. By signing, I declares all information in this statement is true and correct. Signature: /s/ CARLOS A PINEDA. Printed Title of Person Signing: Date: 02/07/2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 02/07/2025. I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. COUNTY CLERK DEPUTY SAN/J7527

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**NOTICE OF LIEN SALE** Notice is given pursuant Section: 21701-21715 of Business and Professional's Code; Section 2328 of Commercial "Code; Section 535 of the Personal Code. Storage Plus located at 2325 Foothill Blvd., San Bernardino, CA 92410 will sell units in arrears by competitive bidding, [March 3rd, 2025] at [10:00 A.M.]. Property to sell is as follows but not limited to Clothing, Household Items, Electronics, Refrigerators, Furniture, Equipment, Tools and Parts. The items belong to the following: JUAN ACOSTA PAREDES; VILMA AHUMADA; HOSZEL NEWMAN Run Date: 02-20-2025. WSS#: 25-017

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT:** FBN20250001225. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: JESSICA DARLING STUDIO, 1422 W 8TH ST., UPLAND, CA 91786. Business Mailing Address: 1422 W 8TH ST., UPLAND, CA 91786. County of Principal Place of Business: SAN BERNARDINO. Number of Employees (Optional):0. This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL. Name of Individual Registrant: JESSICA C IGNISABAN. Registrant commenced to transact business: JAN 21, 2025. By signing, I declares

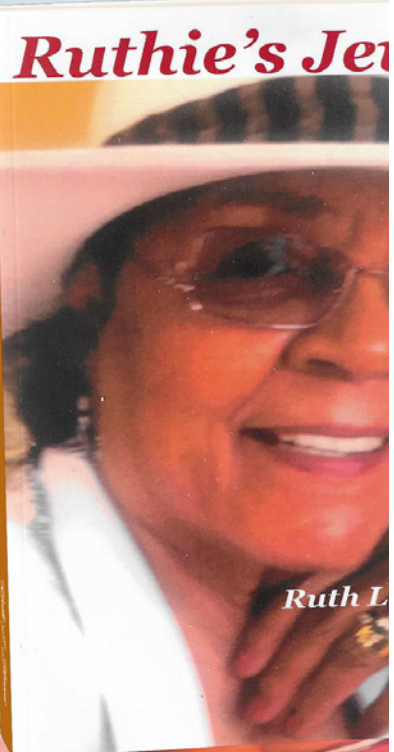
all information in this statement is true and correct. Signature: /s/ JESSICA C IGNISABAN. Printed Title of Person Signing: OWNER. Date: 02/06/2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Bernardino on 02/06/2025. I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office. COUNTY CLERK DEPUTY SAN/K3379

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Ruth Stevens grew up in a time and a place where the seeds of kindness, stability and caring were planted by her parents and shaped the expression of her identity in an environment that nurtured her beginnings so that today she enjoys the rewards of her journey. She created a smooth path to a life of love, despite traveling a rough road of hate-filled potholes. It was, and continues to be, ever-evolving onward and upward to the better yet to be.



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# Biddy Mason Charitable Foundation Opens 2025 Scholarship for LA Foster Youth



The Biddy Mason Charitable Foundation (BMCF) is proud to announce the opening of its annual scholarship application for current and former foster youth in Los Angeles. With awards ranging from \$450 to \$3,000, the scholarship offers financial support

for higher education or vocational training. Studies show that only 3-4% of foster youth earn a four-year college degree, and students of color face additional systemic barriers that make accessing higher education even more difficult. Dr. Cynthia Hudley, chair

of the BMCF Scholarship Committee, emphasized the importance of expanding scholarship aid to help these individuals harness the transformative power of education. "For foster youth, education is more than a degree or certificate—it's a path to healing, empow-

erment, and breaking cycles of hardship," she said. "Although foster youth often feel defined or restrained by their past, our scholarship is designed to propel them beyond those narratives." Named in honor of Biddy Mason, a formerly enslaved woman

who became one of LA's first Black entrepreneurs and philanthropists, the BMCF is deeply committed to elevating LA's foster care community. This scholarship upholds that mission by investing in those who have faced significant adversity so they can build lasting

legacies of their own. Applications are open now through May 16, 2025 at [biddymason.com/scholarships](http://biddymason.com/scholarships). For more information on applying or to make a gift to the scholarship fund, contact BMCF at [scholarshipinfo@biddymason.com](mailto:scholarshipinfo@biddymason.com).

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## Incarcerated Firefighters to Earn More on Assignment

have a major wildfire, we call in incarcerated firefighters who step in heroically to help suppress these fires. And every time that that happens, we have a long conversation about how they're risking their lives for subminimum pay," Bryan told California Black Media (CBM). "I refuse to let this moment where California and Los Angeles in particular, has experienced its largest wildfire, be an-

other moment where we just talk about this issue," Bryan continued. During the wildfires that raged in Southern California last month, more than 900 incarcerated firefighters were dispatched to battle the flames. Incarcerated firefighters work on teams called 'hand crews,' using hand tools to clear vegetation and create firebreaks that slow the spread of wildfires. During the emergencies, it's

common for responders to work in 24-hour shifts despite the grueling conditions. While the position is voluntary, the work can be dangerous and even deadly, says Bryan.



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## Get Going... Walk if You Have to

the wall, and it is telling us that the end of the Age of Grace is at hand and that the pause in Daniel's timeline that occurred at the 69th week is about to end.

The stage has been set, and the actors are in place.

What Prophecies Reveal —

(1) The Unification of Europe

Scripture Reference: "The ten horns you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but who for one hour will receive authority as kings along with the beast." [Revelation 13:1-7; Revelation 13:5-7]. A turning point in human

history that will dramatically change the course of world events. [Daniel 2:40-45; Daniel 7:8-24].

Fulfillment/Pending: The full unification under a single authority, which will affect the whole world as described in Revelation, is still pending. [Revelation 13:16; Revelation 17:12].

(2) The Rise of a Global Government and Economy

Scripture Reference: "He required everyone—small and great, rich and poor, free and slave—to be given a mark on the right hand or on the forehead." [Revelation 13:16].

Fulfillment/Pending:

The rise of a global government and economy, along with the implementation of a mark for buying and selling, has not yet occurred. However, the increasing push toward globalism and digital currencies suggests that this prophecy is nearing fulfillment.

(3) The Great Apostasy

Scripture Reference: "Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction." [2 Thessalonians 2:3].



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## Opening of New Franklin Residential Care Facility & Behavioral Health Clinic

facility will provide residential care, outpatient behavioral health services and short-term recuperative care to help individuals regain stability and transition toward independent living.

"This initiative strengthens our broader goal of creating a comprehensive range of support options," said First District Riverside County Supervisor Jose Medina. "We want everyone in our community to have

access to the help they need, when they need it."

The Franklin Residential Care Facility will offer housing, meals, personal care assistance, medication management and supervision to individuals who require structured support without the need for 24-hour nursing care. The facility provides recuperative care services for individuals recovering from hospitalization or behavioral health crises.

An on-site outpatient behavioral health clinic will provide therapy, medication services, and case management for both residents and the surrounding community. Medical oversight, transportation to follow-up care and assistance in accessing benefits and stable housing are among additional essential services.



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## Black Lawmakers and Educators Highlight Importance of AP African American Studies

with African American history in a meaningful way."

"We are thrilled to be able to celebrate the success and impact of the AP African American Studies course in California high schools," stated Weber-Pierson. "The success of this course is a testament to the power of representation in education. We are committed"

A not-for-profit organization founded more than

120 years ago, the College Board reaches over seven million students a year, helping them navigate their journey from high school to college and into their professional careers.

AP African American Studies provides students with the opportunity to explore the history, culture, and literature of African Americans and the larger African diaspora.

The special occasion at

the State Capitol included AP students and educators who have taught AP courses in California since the program's inception three years ago. It also combined an informational session about the program with a tribute to Black History Month.



## San Bernardino Public Library Offers Scholarships for Residents to Earn Their High School Diploma



The San Bernardino Public Library (SBPL) has announced it is offering scholarships to residents 19 years and older looking to obtain an accredited High School Diploma and Career Certificate online at no cost.

The initiative, in partnership with Career Online High School (COHS), is part of the adult education program at the Library's Jack L. Hill Lifelong Learning Center, which was designed to help adults gain the skills and credentials needed to advance in their careers or further their education.

The online program provides students with 24/7 virtual classrooms, personal academic coaches, and real-world career training.

"Libraries offer a safe, supportive environment to foster learning and community. Our online

education program for adults is a natural extension of library services that empower adults to learn and grow," said COHS Superintendent Dr. Howard Liebman.

To ensure students have the necessary resources to succeed, SBPL offers free public Wi-Fi at all its locations, and laptops are available for checkout at the Feldheim Library for use by cardholders in good standing.

Students that obtain their accredited high school diploma through COHS also receive a certification in their chosen career path along with a resume, cover letter, and other tools to start or advance their careers.

The initiative addresses a critical need in San Bernardino, where the U.S. Census Bureau reports that over 27% of adults over the age of 25 lack a

high school diploma. COHS has partnered with more than 1,800 library locations across the country and is accredited by Cognia/SACS/NCA/NWAC, and its diplomas are recognized by U.S. colleges and universities. The scholarship is covered by the State of California as long as the student maintains good standing with their work and assignments throughout the program.

To learn more about the diploma program, including how to enroll and available scholarship opportunities, visit <https://sbpl.mycareerhs.com/>.



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